

# Lexicon: Ice Age/Alliances Edition

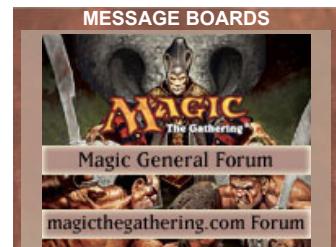
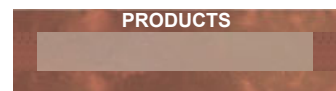
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Welcome to a special pre-*Coldsnap* edition of the [Lexicon](#), in which we revisit the *Ice Age* and *Alliances* sets and explore the meanings of some of the more obscure words we use in the names of those cards. While many offbeat names in **Magic** (like "Shyft") are simply made up, we often dig around dictionaries for real little-used and archaic words for inspiration.

## aur•ochs

*noun, both singular and plural*

1. European bison having a smaller and higher head than the North American bison.
2. A large, recently extinct long-horned European wild ox; considered one of the ancestors of domestic cattle.



## cy•lix

*noun*

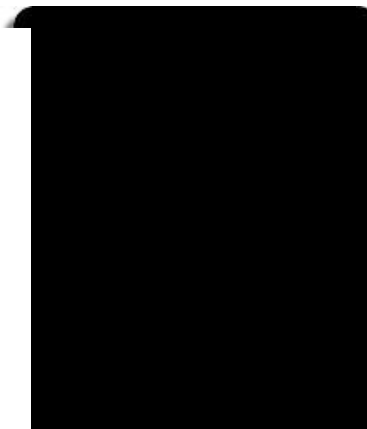
1. A shallow drinking cup with two handles; used in ancient Greece.



## fox•fire

*noun*

1. A phosphorescent glow, especially that produced by certain fungi found on rotting wood.





**fu•ma•role**  
*noun*

1. An opening in the Earth's crust, often near a volcano, that emits steam and gases.



**fyl•gja**  
*noun*

1. In Scandinavian mythology, a supernatural creature, usually in the form of an animal, who accompanies a person.



**hip•pa•ri•on**  
*noun*

1. An extinct genus of Tertiary mammals allied to the horse, but three-toed, having on each foot a small lateral hoof on each side of the main central one.





**jo•kul•haups**  
noun

1. A type of mudslide that occurs when a volcano erupts under a glacier, sending a mixture of glacial water, mud, and volcanic debris flowing downhill.



**ther•mo•karst**

1. A land surface that forms as ice-rich permafrost melts.



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