

# Glossary

## Caution: Spoilers Abound

**adronimata** [*ah-DRO-NEE-mah-tah*] - *n.* Big brother, as endearment. (Aelethe)

**adronyata** [*ah-DRON-YAH-tah*] - *n.* Little brother, as endearment. (Aelethe)

**Ael** (or Aelona) [*ĀL*] - *pr.* The first aelf; the first queen of aelves; "honored mother."

**aelf** [*Ālf*] - *n.* What elves of the Homelands call themselves. They differ from modern elves found in the Prime in that they have spent generations in a magic-rich environment, and thus have never needed to suffer the effects of the Drought. (Aelethe)

**Aelethe** [*Ā-ləth*] - *pr.* The spoken language of the aelves.

**Aelona'ti** [*ā-LONE-ah-TEE*] - *pr.* Name for the aelven Homelands. (Aelethe)

**Aithne**, aithne [*ah-EHN-ya*] - *pr.* An aelf of the House Silverlight, a.k.a. House Argent'claire, working in the Prime as a Hand of the Elders; *n.* Knowledge, literal: "wisdom of the tomes."

**Amakai** [*ah-mah-KĪ*] - *pr.* A dragon speaker or rider. (Aelethe)

**Am'Kaila** [*ahm-KĪ-lah*] - *pr.* A group of Amakai; the phenomenon of dragon speakers/riders as a whole. (Aelethe)

**armorplast** - *n.* A synthetic, flexible, bullet-resistant plastic that protects its wearer from firearm attacks and grounds against electrical weapons.

**ashou-ashou** - A comforting utterance aelves use to soothe infants and small children. (Aelethe)

**ashray**, asrai - *n.* A Scottish water fairy that appear as beautiful, young women and men with webbing between their fingers. They can only be seen at night, sometimes bathing in moonlight. A single ray of sunshine will turn them into puddles, so they avoid daylight as much as they avoid capture.

**Avery** - *slang.* Term used by hackers and computer programmers to describe the elite status of their hacking or programming skills; the best of the best. *pr.* Name of the person for whom the slang term is derived, the "Angel Avery," or simply, "Avery," has been the name of one or more hackers arranging numerous online stunts for more than half a century.

**blink** - *n.* A short range teleport using a certain type of magic; *v.* to teleport a short distance using a certain type of magic.

**borked** - *slang.* To find oneself in unfortunate circumstances.

**copperwire** - *slang.* Late 21st century term for someone who utilizes outdated skills or tools when dealing with technology, or someone whose methods are dated as compared to contemporary computer users.

**Cost** - *n.* Term used by chronomancers, a.k.a. time mages, describing the effects utilizing time magic has on a practitioner.

**Eila** [*EYE-la*] - *pr.* The main character of this story; a Seattle applied anthropology student at the University of Washington.

**Eildaichen** [*EYEL-dah-shen*] - *pr.* an unexplained name related to Eila.

**Ellese** [el-EES] - *n.* A late 21st century intentional language for elves; a simplified version of Aelethe.

**Forgotten, the** - *pr.* Umbrella term for all sentient and non-sentient beings considered to be purely mythical or otherwise unreal.

**fwaenshe** [*FWĀN-shah*] - *n.* The fuel empowering magic; mana. (Aelethe)

**ghitijan** [*ghi-tee-ZHAN*] - *n.* Gray close-fitting attire worn by those practicing the aelven martial art of stealth (see: Straeth'wenth), consisting of multiple strips of fabric laid across the wearer until obscuring all features except the eyes. (Aelethe)

**gkrahlg** [Pronounced as spelled] - *n.* A fermented drink made from cattail roots, lake weed, and swamp milkweed that creates euphoria and relaxation in orcs akin to moderate alcohol consumption. (Orc)

**glurhe** [*glur*] - *exclam.* An insult meaning "classless idiot." (Orc)

**hanzi** - *n.* Logogram characters used in writing Standard Chinese. Called *kanji* in Japanese, *hanza* in Korean, and *chữ Nôm* in Vietnamese. (Chinese)

**Homelands** - *pr.* A set of alternate realms where the Forgotten have lived since leaving the Prime.

**honeywhisp** - *n.* A fermented drink made from honeysuckle and wild pear that produces euphoric effects in elves akin to mild to moderate alcohol imbibement.

**huemant** - *n.* Human; a play on the English word. (Aelethe)

**Khraesch** [*krəsh*] - *pr.* An orc of specific lineage. Advisor to Aithne.

**kholsch** [Pronounced as spelled] - Hello. (Orc)

**kissel** or kisel - *n.* A Russian dessert consisting of sweetened, thickened juice made from tart berries.

**Mark** - *n.* A consciously designated moment in time in order for a chronomancer to return, if deemed necessary. *v.* to create a significant return point in time.

**Negoshall** - *pr.* The name of a corporate chain of businesses providing private, secure spaces for business discussions to take place both in person and across the globe. Especially useful for entrepreneurs and independent contractors who require a meeting room without having to maintain an office full-time. The company name is a portmanteau of "negotiation" and "hall."

**Portman** - *slang.* A portmanteau of "portal manager."

**Prime** - *pr.* The core realm of existence which connects the Homeland realms to one another. The origin of all life on Earth. (See: Tira no Vr'allan)

**Qǐng jìn** - "Come in." (Chinese)

**R'ellaith** - *n.* Sky. (Ellese)

**Return** - *pr.* A chronomancer term for going back to a Mark in time.

**saerlonihæ ta'haelin** [Don't bother, just point at the menu] - *n.* A mix of legumes, grains, and vegetables expertly wrapped in flatbread. Essentially, a vegetable burrito. Seriously. (Aelethe)

**senn e'ell** - "We have moved earth" said to a peer or subordinate. (Aelethe)

**senn eh'elle** - "We have moved earth," as said to someone in a superior position to oneself. (Aelethe)

**shalohe** - *exclam.* A curse used in times of frustration. Literally translates, "stress." Equivalent of the English words "damn" or "shit." (Aelethe)

**Straeth'wenth** - *pr.* Straeth's Wind School, martial art form used by some aelves. (Aelethe)

**t'Aireth** - *n.* Night. (Ellese)

**t'Elleth** - *n.* Dream. (Ellese)

**Tira no Vr'allan** - *pr.* The aelven name for the mortal lands. See: Prime. (Aelethe)

**tonneken** - *n.* A sentient humanoid species whose appearance and proportion are similar to humans, but are about half their height. Akin to Tolkien's halflings. Tonneken is the name for themselves. Other terms, deemed derogatory, have been used to describe them as a group, including "thumbkins," which modern tonneken have reclaimed for themselves. Archaeologists continue to debate whether tonneken are descended from *homo floresiensis*. No consensus has been reached, and no member of known tonneken will willingly submit genetic testing to compare with *h. floresiensis* fossils.

**vick** - *slang.* "Visual" + "peek" / "look"

**Vr'aeleth** [VRAYʔ-elth] - *pr.* Aelven written language. (Aelethe)

**vrai'ell** [VRAYʔ-el] - *n. neut.* Teacher or master. (Aelethe)

**What's on it all?** - *slang.* A general phrase akin to "What's up?" or "How goes it?"

**xama** [ZAH-mah] - *n.* A spiritual leader with power based in natural forces who utilize trance states, traditional rituals, and focus objects to obtain insight into other realms of existence, as well as foreknowledge. (Orc)

**zacken** - *slang.* A more polite alternative to "fucking," as an expletive, not the act.