Names, animals and meanings (T)

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Tarsier. Any species in in family Tarsiidae and genus Tarsius. Small, nocturnal, tree-dwelling. Best primates at leaping because of a specialized tarsus (ankle bone). Long legs, feet, and tails. Large eyes. Councillor of the Ayuntamiento in charge of architecture and engineering.

Tartaros. In Greek mythology one of the five gods who came into existence at the time the universe formed out of Chaos (the others were Gaia (Earth), Eros (Sexual Love, Procreation), Nyx (Night), and Erebos(Darkness)). The meaning of his name is not known, and the word doesn't seem to be Greek in origin. In some legends Tartaros had a different origin. Sometimes he is said to be the father of Typhon and others with Gaia, and the the father of the eagle that tortured Prometheus, and Thanatos (Death) and the giants (some of these he might have fathered with Nyx). God of the deepest part of the underworld. Also the name of that location. The place Tartaros (or Tartara in the plural, which is also used) was as far below Haidou (Hades, the "upper" portion of the underworld) as Earth was below Heaven. It would supposedly take nine days to fall to Tartaros. It was the land of absolute darkness, sometimes said to be surrounded by a wall of bronze, brass, or iron, and also sometimes by one of the rivers of Hadou. Tartaros was used by the gods as a prison for their enemies, and as a place to punish the worst sinners (Haidou is not a place of torment, just imprisonment and unconciousness). Zeus imprisoned the Titans (the earlier generation of gods, the parents and relatives of the new gods) here, and had them guarded by the loyal Hekatonchires (the Hundred-armed giants). Supposedly Hemera (Day) lived here during the night and came out onto the Earth at night when her mother Nyx entered there. It later became thought of as a section of Haidou, or of the name of Haidou itself. After it was a name of Haidou, it became a name of Hades as well (the names of people and their realms tend to come together in Greek myths, especially Hades, who has no real name, because it would be unlucky to say it). Erebos also is also often used for Tartaros or Haidou. Major god. One of the Nine and of the Seven. God of darkness, night, crime, and commerce. Associated with owls, bats, moles, and black animals. Patron of the third day of the week. Supposed son of Typhon and Echidna. Blind.

Teasel. Any species of genus Dipsacus, especially Dipsacus fullonum
or Dipsacus sylvestris. Girl at the palaestra. Attacked by an inhumu.

Thelxiepeia. Greek for enchanting speech. In Greek mythology was one of the Seirenes (Sirens). Thelxiepeia was only given as the name of one of them when the source said there were either two or four Seirenes (when there were two named, they were Thelxiepeia and Himeropa (Gentle Voice); when three they were Leucosia (White One), Ligeia (Shrill), and Parthenope (Maiden Voice); when they were four they were Thelxiepeia, Aglaopheme (Lovely Speech), Peisinoe (Persuasive), and Molpe (Song). Their parentage was disputed in myths, usually they were the daughters of one of the Mousai (Muses) and either Phorcys or Acheloos. For more information on the Seirenes see the entry on Molpe. Major goddess. One of the Nine and of the Seven. Goddess of learning, magic, mysticism, and poison. Associated with poultry, deer, apes, and

monkeys. Patroness of the fifth day of the week. Supposed child of Typhon and Echidna. Apparently was a witch, a drug-addict, and poisoner.

Thetis. In Greek mythology one of the Nereides (Sea Nymphs of the Mediterranean), the fifty daughters of Nereus (sea god son of Gaia and Pontos (Sea)) and Doris (Doris was one of the Oceanides (Water Nymphs), the three thousand daughters of Oceanos and his siter Tethys). Thetis was raised by Hera on Mount Olympos. She loved Hera (like a mother, apparently), but saved her son Hephaistos when Hera cast him off the Mount for being lame. Thetis also felt she had to go against Hera when she, Poseidon, and Athena attempted to overthrow Zeus. She went to Tartaros and told Briareos, one of the Hekatonchires, who rescued Zeus. She was very beautiful, and both Zeus and Poseidon wanted to marry her. Prometheus, however, knew from his mother Themis (don't confuse these two) that Thetis' son would be greater than his father. Prometheus was able to get Zeus to free him for giving him this information (and thus ending the chain of son-overthrowing-father that began with Cronos castrating his father Ouranos (Uranus) and then with Zeus imprisoning his father Cronos in Tartaros). The gods decided to avoid disaster by marrying Thetis to a mortal, and chose Peleos, the king of Phthia. Thetis didn't want to marry him, however, and he had to catch her in a cave on the coast of Magnesia. He held on to her until she agreed to marry him, even though she took on monstrous forms. At the wedding all the gods were invited except for Eris (Strife), who was felt to be bad luck. Eris was the daughter of Nyx and first wife of Zeus, so she felt important enough to attend, and got angry. She came anyway and threw a golden apple among the guests inscribed "for the fairest." Hera, Aphrodite, and Athena all claimed it, and this began the events leading to the Trojan War. Thetis eventually bore Achilles to Peleos. There are many conflicting myths about how Achilles became invulnerable, and what Thetis and Peleos did after that. Later she saved the Argo, on which Peleos was sailing, and helped Achilles all she could until he was killed. Minor goddess. Goddess of lost travelers. Leads sacrifices to Scylla. The Whorl theology that she leads ships to be sunk is the exact opposite of what the Greek Thetis did to the Argo, and the many other lives she saved.

Thyone. Her name is probably not Greek, but if it is, it means raging, storming. In Greek mythology this was the name taken by Semele upon becoming a god. This is probably because of the joining of two different goddesses with similar appearances or functions into one in Greece (Semele is a Thracian name). The name Semele probably means earth in a non-Greek language. Zeus took on mortal guise to become the lover of Semele, and she conceived Dionysos (Diounsis in Thrace). Hera was jealous and appeared in disguise to Semele. She said that Zeus' claim to be a god might be false, and that Semele should ask Zeus to appear to her in his godly form to prove it. When he did, she died. Zeus saved Dionysos by cutting open his thigh, placing Dionysos within, and incubating him there until his birth. When Dionysos grew up, he took Semele out of the underworld and onto Mt. Olympos, where she became a goddess and called herself Thyone. Minor goddess. Invoked by those who tell fortunes by throwing wine. Thyone's son Dionysos was god of wine, and this is probably the connection to her function. There seem to be many gods in the Whorl with the first letters th, plus Typhon and Tartaros.

Tick. Any species of superfamily Ixodoidea. Larger than mites, suck blood, parasitic, carry disease, six legs, no outer segmentation. A catachrest.

Tiger. Panthera tigris. The largest of the great cats. Black stripes. Nocturnal, shy. Lieutenant under Oosik.

Titi. Any species of genus Callicebus. Small South American monkeys with hairy tails. Also the blue-footed petrel (Pterodroma cookii). Also a tree (Cyrillaceae Cliftonia monophylla) with white flowers. One of Spider's spycatchers. Titi can be either a plant or animal, and Titi is a transvestite.

Trematode. Greek for pierced with holes. Any species of class Trematoda. They are flukes and parasitic flatworms. They have adhesive suckers. A cuticle of chitin covers the body instead of skin. Vironese Commissioner in charge of ceremony, protocal, and diplomacy. Government officials don't seem to have very complementary names in Viron.

Trotter. A horse used in racing. Owner of a bar.

Tussah. An Oriental silkworm, the larva of the moth Antheraea paphia or Antheraea mylitta producing a brown silk. Also the fabric produced by these worms. Calde of Viron. Assassinated by the Ayuntamiento. Also Patera Tussah, a black mechanic.

Typhon. Greek for smoking one (if the name is Greek). In Greek mythology, Gaia became angry at Zeus either after he imprisoned the Typhons or defeated the Giants (both of these groups were children of Gaia). She mated with Tartaros and bore Typhon (also called Typhoeus; sometimes they are regarded as two different beings, Typhon being the child of Typhoeus and Echidna or vice versa). Typhon had a hundred heads that looked like snakes. Each had fiery eyes (or breathed fire) and smoke in its own voice, each different and terrible. Typhon attacked Zeus, who fought him with thunderbolts. During this fight, some stories say the other gods fled to Egypt and disguised themselves as animals. Typhon took Zeus' sickle and cut out his sinews. He gave the sinews (along with Zeus) to Delphyne (Wombed One) to guard. Delphyne is probably another name for Echidna, since they seem identical and Echidna is more associated with the womb than stories using the name Delphyne. Hermes rescued Zeus, who got more thunderbolts and attacked Typhon again. Typhon sought help from the Moirai (Fates), who said he should eat the food of mortals to gain strength. This actually weakened him, and Zeus shed his blood on Mt. Haimos (haima is Greek for blood) and threw Sicily on top of him, where he created Mt. Etna with his fiery breath. In other stories Typhon was sent down to Tartaros, and became father of the harmful winds. The Egyptians associated Typhon with Set. Typhon mated with the Echidna (who is his sister in some stories) and became the father of many monsters. Typhon was the Monarch of Urth and many other planets. He had the Whorl built. He took the name Pas to use on the Whorl, where he simulated himself on computers.

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