

Lore Dump 2: More Lore

More Toss-Ups on the Cultures, Religions,
Sciences, Magicks, and Histories Within
Fictional Franchises

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explain :)

PACKET 6

1. *Note to players: description acceptable.*

During this time period, the Inquisition in Elgauld began executing people deemed “sin-plagued.” To defeat one kind of monster during this period, Rem Karolus advised his cathars “don’t stop chopping until the pieces stop wiggling.” The heretical Order of Saint Traft allowed willful possession during this time period. This time period saw the appearance of “cryptoliths” that directed mana leylines to a drownyard temple off the coast of **Nephalia, (nee-FALL-i-a), and the destruction of (*) Markov Manor as a “declaration in stone” left by the lithomancer Nahiri. This time period culminated in Liliana Vess leading an army of zombies against mutated hordes as the “last hope” of the plane. For 10 points, name this time period that began with the madness of the angel Avacyn.**

ANS: the **Travails** [accept answers that describe **Emrakul’s incursion on Innistrad**, or the **Eldrazi presence on Innistrad**, accept either **Shadows Over Innistrad** or **Eldritch Moon**]

<Magic: The Gathering | BD>

2. **The Scrolls of Aziz were written in this language and preserved over centuries by the secretive Keepers of the Journal, including Solon and Ben Franklin. This language’s **boustrophedon (boost-tro-FEE-din)** script was left unreadable since the MEH-behl-moak. A mistranslation from a Viking shield delayed the discovery of a text in this language, which was found not in Ireland but in Iceland. A riddle in this language about “lying in the eyes of the king” referred to a spiral pattern viewed from **Kashelim Nedakh’s (*)** throne. The central text to this language is the Shepherd’s journal. A Smithsonian scholar posits that this language was used before the Tower of Babel to explain why its current speakers can also understand French. That scholar of this language deciphered that a civilization’s “heart” is a glowing crystal. For 10 points, the linguist Milo Thatch is a scholar of what language from a sunken city?**

ANS: **Atlantean**

<Atlantis | PQ>

3. **One figure used his last act of magic to turn an acorn in this location into a 500-year-old oak tree. The Battle of Tarwin’s Gap was won due to the discovery of this location. The legendary hero-summoning artifact the Horn of **Valere (va-LEER)** was discovered in this location. After its 100 creators died making this location, the last surviving Nym, Someshta, was designated to guard it. This location was created so that no one could find it twice, a rule broken when a party of three **Ta’veren** traveled to this location with (*) **Moiraine. (mwa-RAIN)**. A large Trolloc army and Ishmael were devastated by giant fire magic after Rand al’Thor channeled the power stored at this location. For 10 points, name this oval-shaped well of pure **saidin, (sah-ih-DEEN)**, the male half of the magic that moves the Wheel of Time.**

ANS: The **Eye** of the World [accept the **Green Man’s grove**]

<Wheel of Time| PQ>

4. **Crossbreeding with the Near Eastern variety of these creatures has produced the diminutive Belah'dian (beh-LA-hu-dee-an) Jennet breed. Until a plague among these creatures subsided, the Holy See of Ishgar limited the export of these creatures to Grand Companies. The amusement park Manderville Golden Saucer is a popular spot to competitively race these creatures. Gysahl (ghizzle) greens are common vegetables grown at home to feed these creatures. The Dravianian Forelands is home to these creatures' namesake (*) forest, the highest concentration of untamed ones in Eorzea. (ay-OR-zee-a). A devastating meteor spell is a feared ability of the red variety of these creatures while black ones are notable for greater flight capabilities. For 10 points, name these usually-yellow avian mounts.**

ANS: **chocobos**

<Final Fantasy XIV | PQ>

5. **The blind but “all-seeing” Warritt modified one of these spells in order to effectively give him echolocation. That one of these spells, Supirre, is most commonly used for eavesdropping. It's not related to moon dust bombs but one of these spells can turn noonwraiths corporeal. By crossing one's wrists, one may cast a protective one of these spells called Heliotrope. Many of these spells like Volun and Shadi were developed by members of the School of the (*) Griffin. One of these spells, Aard, produces a short kinetic blast while another one, Igni, creates a fire. Because these spells require a small hand gesture, their casters fight one-handed while wielding either their sword of steel or silver. For 10 points, name these simple combat spells employed by witchers.**

ANS: **signs**

<Witcher | PQ>

6. **Little is known of the ancient Celestica people that left ruins in this region's highlands. A creation myth recorded in this region's Machina Town also warns of destruction if the “Jewel of Life” is not returned. This region's temple to its namesake deity was the site of a summoning ritual which used the Red Chain. The barren meadows of this region's Floaroma (“flow-aroma”) Town were allegedly revitalized thanks to the powers of the mythic creature (*) Shaymin. Acuity, Verity, and Valor are three lakes in this region that, according to legend, can rob passersby of their emotion, knowledge and willpower. Mount Coronet sits in the center of this region and was the site of a portal to Distortion World. This region was historically known as Hisui. For 10 points, what Pokémon region was once home to the Diamond and Pearl clans?**

ANS: **Sinnoh** [accept **Hisui** before mention]

<Pokemon | PQ>

7. *Note to players: the answer is general word for a polity. For example, if the question were on the “tribes of Tarkir” then just “tribes” is acceptable*

One of these polities sorts its warrior class into Arktosian, Oristian, and Carynthian ranks. A blood rite held in one of these polities requires one to touch the onyx monolith atop Ramiel mountain. The dread-filled Bog of Oorid is found in The Middle, an area not claimed by any of these polities. Because of its power to control the Cauldron, the Book of Breathings was torn in half and split between the Mortal Queens and the care of one of these polities. The rulers of these polities were cursed to stay within their domain after three of them attempted a rebellion against the Hybern-conqueror (*) Amanthra. These polities are divided into Solar and Seasonal groups, with Tamlin acting as High Lord of the Spring one. For 10 points, the mortal Feyre (“fay-ruh”) Archeron was brought into the thorny politics of what divisions of Prythian, the realm of the fae?

ANS: Prythian **courts**

<A Court of Thorns and Roses | PQ>

8. **The precedent of the Larkin Decision was pivotal in a legal property battle centered on this figure. First-Calleds (calds) comprise most of the Ninth Circle, the highest order in the institution founded by this figure. This figure is believed to have joined the Old Ones following their disincorporation. The institution surrounding this figure teaches the phrase “thou art God;” the followers of that institution consumed this figure’s (*) flesh in a soup after his death. The church of Fosterism was displaced as the dominant religion by this figure’s faith that valued water-sharing and anointed others as “water brothers.” This man’s Church of All World taught humans the method of deep understanding via grokking. For 10 points, name this strange man raised on Mars.**
ANS: **Valentine** Michael Smith [or Valentine **Michael** Smith, or Valentine Michael **Smith**; accept **Mike**]
<Stranger in a Strange Land | PQ>
9. **Pip-play is a dexterity game played with this ability. Writing out a Divine Script enhances the power of this ability as long as one stays within the area written. Using the handprint on its cover, the book *Bandit’s Secret* can steal this ability from people. Because they were produced via **phagogenesis**, (**fay-go-JEN-i-sis**), the three Royal Guards were born talented in this ability after their Queen ate many skilled humans. For most placements, 0% is at the bottom corner and 80% populates the neighboring corners of the (*) hexagon that categorizes users of this ability. This ability’s beginner meditation technique teaches The Four Major Principles, such as Zetsu and Hatsu. How a leaf reacts in a water cup is the major divination test of this ability that categorizes users into types like Hisoka Morow’s Transmuter type. For 10 points, name this ability to control aura which is mastered by hunters.**
ANS: **Nen** [prompt on answers like “**aura** control”]
<Hunter x Hunter | PQ>
10. *Note to players: description acceptable.*
As a show of unity, the Skin of the First Worlds contains home soils of members of this faith. Dokabs are religious elders within the Keepers of the One Freedom, a splinter cult of this faith named after this faith’s concept of the afterlife. This faith’s holiest city was constructed around the remnants of the sacred *Anodyne Spirit*. Doubt, Conversion, and (*) Reclamation are among the seven ages dividing the history of this faith. The overarching goal of this faith is to complete the Great Journey. The War of Wills was a schism in this faith between the Reformist and Stoic sects, which differed on treatment of the Dreadnought. This faith’s capital of High Charity is where the three Prophets of Truth, Mercy, and Regret reside. For 10 points, give this faith that worships the Forerunners and their Halo array.
ANS: the **Path** [or the **Covenant** Religion; accept descriptions of the worship of **Forerunners** before mention]
<Halo | PQ>
11. **A blind, immortal one of these creatures named Rock records all who pass the trial of the Tunnels onto a single stick. The ancestors of these creatures, The Ancients, can be communicated by visiting the Cave of Pointed Stones with one groups’ highest position, the Stoneteller. These creatures use yarrow as an emetic antidote to poisoning by deathberries. A popular nomenclature for these creatures is to name one after the first thing the mother sees or hears, resulting in names like Brook Where Small Fish Swim. When deceased, some of these creatures are said to join the (*) Tribe of Endless Hunting where they guide the living members of The Tribe of Rushing Water. Twolegs encroach on the territory of these creatures, organized into the clans of Thunder, River, Wind, and Shadow. For 10 points, name these creatures that train some of their members to become Warriors.**
ANS: (warrior) **cats** [accept other synonyms for **cats**, you’re smart]
<Warrior Cats | PQ>

12. **During one conflict, members of this group escaped due to the other side's fear of following them through the Reaper tunnels. This group is considered the 13th clan to join the Kongeda, a collective word in the native language Trigedasleng. (TREE-ge-da-sleng). Dr. Lorelai Tsing pivoted her Harvest Project to extract the bone marrow of this group in order to build radiation resistance for the Mountain Men. The Coalition-Skaikru ("sky crew") conflicts officially began after a failed peace between Anya of the (*) Grounders and this group's de facto leader, Clarke Griffin. This group was selected out of the people put in their Skybox as a population-culling strategy to save on the depleting oxygen aboard the Ark. For 10 points, name this group of juvenile prisoners sent to determine the habitability of Earth, named for the number of them that were sent.**

ANS: the **100** [accept the **Delinquents**, prompt on **Sky People** or **Skaikru** before mention]

<The 100 | PQ>

13. *Note to players: original-language term required.*

After the Honru massacre, a police force named for this word was formed by the first Grand Patriarch, Iblis Ginjo. An event known by this word was catalyzed after its namesake, Serena, gave birth to Manion the Innocent, who was thrown off a tower by Erasmus. One of these events that ended in 10208 AG had many of its campaigns led by the Fedaykin. One of these events rallied around the phrase "man may not be replaced," an idea that was codified into the central commandment of the (*) Orange Catholic Bible. The order of mentats were used for replacements after one of these events in 201BG. That event was a massive war waged against thinking machines. For 10 points, name these events named for Butler and Muad'dib, an Arabic word often translated as "struggle."

ANS: **ihad** [prompt on answers like "technologic revolts," "holy wars," or "crusades" with a reminder that an "original language word is required," prompt on "Butlerian" or "Muadhib".]

<Duniverse | PQ>

14. **This country annexed the state of Rutabagville the day after Rutabagville was founded. During this country's war for independence, its 5th Battalion won the Battle of the Two Towers. This country's flag featured three X's on a red, white, and blue tricolor with a black and yellow semicircle at the hoist. This country's Butcher Army planned to drop an anvil on the target of its first public execution, who survived using a (*) totem of undying. During the conquest of this country in the Doomsday War, its oldest natural tree was burned down by an agent of the Side To End All Sides named Nihachu. One founder of this country attempted to destroy it during the Red Festival, after which it lost a civil war to the breakaway state of Pogtopia. For 10 points, name this country founded by Wilbur Soot and TommyInnit that fought two wars against the Greater Dream SMP.**

ANS: **L'Manberg** [accept Democratic Republic of the Union of **L'Manberg**; accept People's Republic of **L'Manberg**]

<Dream SMP | QP>

15. **The eruption of Mount Akok began a recent one of these time periods named The Choking. The Sanzed Equatorial Region remarkably survived seven of these time periods. The occurrence of these time periods began when an army of tuners destroyed the city of Syl Anagist in an event called the Shattering. Surviving these time periods relies on generational knowledge called stonelore. Alabaster's plan to prevent these events from occurring relied on fixing the elliptical orbit of the moon. That feat required channeling the power of the network of (*) Obelisk Gates. Essun is part of an oppressed class who help comms survive these long-term events with their powers of orogeny. For 10 points, name these recurring time periods that ravage the Stillness, a supercontinent on a "Broken Earth."**

ANS: Fifth **Season(s)**

<The Broken Earth | PQ>

16. **Soon after gaining unbearable telepathic abilities, a Mindless One killed himself in New York using this device. The Barrens were created by this device after Emnus invented it and used it to stop the expanding Prosilican empire. This device was used to threaten the Griever at the End of All Things until she allowed the use of the Forever Gate to go to the end of the universe. Sam Alexander accidentally triggered this handheld device that wiped out Titus and an entire (*) Chitauri fleet. Quasar died from attempting to use this device on Magus, who used his Infinity Gauntlet to reverse this device's power. Uatu directed a human to retrieve this device from the solar-system sized worldship, Taa II, in order to keep Earth from being consumed. For 10 points, name this device, the only weapon feared by Galactus.**

ANS: The **Ultimate Nullifier**

<Marvel | PQ>

17. **These people are unusually vulnerable to lymphocytic encephalitis. To detect these people, a scientist developed a carbon nanotube matrix embedded with plutonium from a nuclear warhead. Because of his status as one of these people, Leoben (LEE-o-ben) Conoy was sensitive to the radiation at Ragnar Anchorage. These people can share vivid (*) hallucinations with each other using projection. An 11-hour test to detect these people was invented by Dr. Gaius Baltar, who also named a forgotten group of these people "the Final Five." For 10 points, name these perfectly-camouflaged people who are impostors among the crewmates of Battlestar Galactica.**

ANS: humanoid **Cylons** [accept the **Significant Seven** or the **Final Five** before mention of the Final Five]

<Battlestar Galactica | PQ + SB>

18. **The drug lexorin alleviates unwelcome side effects of this ability. The pergium mining colony on Janus VI was reactivated thanks to a remarkable use of this ability on the Mother Horta attacking it. Novice users of this ability can inflict subjects with the debilitating Pa'nar Syndrome, which T'Pol can cure by using this ability. While being interrogated by (*) Maquis (mah-KEE) member Sakonna, Gul Dukat showcased the natural Cardassian resistance to this ability. Skilled users of this ability can use it to transfer one's katra. This ability is usually performed by touching fingertips to another's temples and is assisted by mantras like "your thoughts to my thoughts." For 10 points, name this telepathic ability possessed by Spock.**

ANS: **Vulcan mind meld** [prompt on partial and answers like "telepathy"]

<Star Trek | PQ>

19. **The demonic sorceress Sigrun the Eternal was released after a blizzard afflicting this kingdom was diverted using the ancient Demantius Device locked inside its mountain range. An "Old" village within this kingdom was ruled by Quirin before being encased in the amber created by his alchemist son Varian. Black rock spikes that ravaged this kingdom created a path from this kingdom towards the (*) Moonstone Opal, the celestial power opposite the Sundrop Flower. Ruffians and outlaws of this kingdom frequent the secluded music tavern The Snuggly Duckling. Every year, subjects of this kingdom release floating lanterns bearing their sun insignia to mark the birth of a kidnapped princess. For 10 points, name this home kingdom of the princess Rapunzel.**

ANS: **Corona**

<Tangled | PQ>

20. **Water lily of the Nile was acquired in an attempt to quell labor unrest on this island, led by the wraith Xerxes. The Chamber of Curiosities, found underneath this island, was where Goëjlrn (GYO-lurm) was imprisoned due to the belief his death would result in the death of all his progeny. In this island's underground Temple of Blood Devourers, a trial was held for the apparent murder of Baron Afanas. The covertly named hunting group, the Mosquito Collectors of the (*) Tri-State Area, is headquartered on this island. A documentary crew records a manor on this island which is home to Colin Robinson, who drains the emotional energy of others. For 10 points, Nandor, Laszlo, and Nadja are vampires residing on what island that constitutes the southwest borough of New York City?**

ANS: Staten Island

<What We Do In The Shadows | PQ>