GLOSSARY FOR ORACLES OF THE VINEDRESSER

Anah, An-: The leader of the tanninim tribe

Aelia: An enigmatic figure who is bound by an oath to serve the British king after the Roman conquest, her name means "sunshine."

An-Silure: Aelia's father and leader of the tannin tribe who was forced to surrender Aelia to the Romans as tribute to stop the slaughter of both humans and dragons.

Andros: A Greek word referring to a human husband of a tannin; likewise a tannin's human wife is called by the Greek word *gune*.

Bryn: A hotheaded and rebellious soldier in Prince Deron's barracks

Camden: Prince Deron's loyal and pragmatic captain

Cedric: Prince Deron's father, a king ruling in the region encompassing Cardiff

Deron: A young prince living in the fifth century

Dolaucothi Mine: Gold mines located at Caerwent

Indenture: Servitude

Longevity: Humans who lie alongside the tanninim tribe, possessing an extended lifespans of up to two hundred years

Mab iau: Pronounced "mob y'eye," a Welsh term meaning "younger son"; a man always renamed Colin whom the Longevity dedicate to serve the vinedresser for a century

Melchaiyim: The ancient and powerful king of the dragon (tannin) tribes; his name is Hebrew for king of life.

Melek: Hebrew word for king

Meleketh: Hebrew word for queen; Melchaiyim's wife, the ancient and powerful queen of the dragon tribes

Pendragon: A title that signifies a military leader

Saxons: A Germanic people who migrate into the British isles and are enemies of the Britons

Tannin/Tanninim: Hebrew for dragon(s); a sentient race capable of shapeshifting between human and dragon-like forms