

# ~NBTAM GLOSSARY~

## .....CHAPTER 1.....

**erroneous** (adj): characterized by error; mistaken

**ingenuous** (adj): lacking craft or subtlety

**pummeling** (vb): beating; pounding

**repertoire** (n): the complete list of skills used in a particular field, occupation, or practice

**congregated** (vb): to collect into a group or crowd; assemble

**decrees** (n): orders usually having the force of law

**portico** (n): porch

**anomaly** (n): something different, abnormal, peculiar, or not easily classified

**inconspicuous** (adj): not readily noticeable

**portal** (n): entrance

## .....CHAPTER 2.....

**immortality** (n): unending existence; lasting fame

**arsenal** (n): collection; repertoire

**disdain** (n): a feeling of contempt for someone or something regarded as unworthy or inferior

**bravado** (n): blustering, swaggering conduct

**unflinchingly** (adv): not flinching or shrinking; uncompromising

## .....CHAPTER 3.....

**succumbed** (v): to yield to superior strength or force or overpowering appeal or desire

**usurper** (n): a person who takes the place of another by, or as if by, force

**moniker** (n): name; nickname

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**superficiality** (n): the state of being shallow, more generally derogatory in implying lack of depth in knowledge, reasoning, emotions, or character

**predilections** (n): a strong liking deriving from one's temperament or experience

**subtle** (n): difficult to understand or perceive

**morphed** (v): to change the form or character of

**quintessential** (adj): offering the most typical example

.....**CHAPTER 5**.....

**sauntering** (adj): in a leisurely manner

**gait** (n): a manner of walking

**summoned** (vb): called

**purgatory** (n): a place or state of temporary suffering or misery

**menacingly** (adv): threateningly

**entitlement** (n): belief that one is deserving of or entitled to certain privileges

**asymmetrical** (adj): not balanced

**acute** (adj): marked by an intellectual perception especially of subtle distinctions

**incredulously** (adv): unwilling to admit or accept what is offered as true

**enumerated** (vb): : to specify one after another; list

**prominent** (adj): readily noticeable

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**slothfulness** (n): laziness

**hybrid** (n): something (as a power plant, vehicle, or electronic circuit) that has two different types of components performing essentially the same function

**menacing** (adj): harmful; threatening

**inevitable** (adj): incapable of being avoided

**foraged** (vb): to make a search: rummage

**preposterous** (adj): contrary to nature, reason, or common sense; absurd

**synchronized** (adj): happening at the same time

**gingerly** (adv): carefully

**manifested** (vb): to make evident by showing or displaying

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**rhetorical** (adj): asked merely for effect with no answer expected

**fiscally** (adv): financially

**wry** (adj): having a bent or twisted shape

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**intercepted** (vb): to stop or interrupt progress

**demurely** (adv): modestly

**norm** (n): a pattern or trait taken to be typical in the behavior of a social group

**tenure** (n): a status granted after a trial period to a teacher that gives protection from dismissal

**wafted** (vb): to move or go lightly on or as if on a buoyant medium

pungent (adj): having an intense flavor or odor

conjecture (n): a conclusion deduced by guesswork

divulged (vb): to make known

vernacular (adj): of, relating to, or being the normal spoken form of a language

perpetuating (vb): to make perpetual or cause to last indefinitely

deliberation (n): careful thought or discussion done in order to make a decision

polar (adj): completely different or opposite

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**broached** (vb): to open up a subject for discussion

**obscurity** (n): the state of being not clearly seen or easily distinguished

**deadpanned** (vb): to express in an emotionless manner

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**regimen** (n): a systematic plan (as of diet, therapy, or medication) especially when designed to improve and maintain the health of a patient

**valedictorian** (n): the student usually having the highest rank in a graduating class who delivers the valedictory address at the commencement exercises

**chartreuse** (adj): brilliant yellow green

**virility** (n): masculinity

**imagery** (n): figurative language where the author uses description to convey mental images to the reader

.....**CHAPTER 11**.....

**fervor** (n): intensity of energy or emotion

**accolades** (n): expressions of praise

**prelude** (n): an introductory performance, action, or event preceding and preparing for the principal or a more important matter

**rancid** (n): having a rank smell or taste

**condemnation** (n): the act of blaming or judging

**ambiguity** (n): a word or expression that can be understood in two or more possible ways

**crooned** (vb): to sing or speak in a gentle murmuring manner

**cohabitation** (n): to live together as or as if a married couple

**ogre** (n): a dreaded person or object

**brocade** (n): a fabric characterized by raised designs

**gossamer** (adj): extremely light or delicate

**inverse** (n): opposite in order, nature, or effect

**osmosis** (n): a process of absorption or diffusion suggestive of the flow of osmotic action;  
*especially* : a usually effortless often unconscious assimilation

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**formative** (adj): relating to growth or development

**obstetrician** (n): a medical doctor that deals with the care of women during pregnancy, childbirth, and the recuperative period following delivery.

**cohorts** (n): companion or friend; colleague

**ascertained** (v): to find out or learn with certainty

**solace** (n): a source of relief or consolation

**insomniacs** (n): a person who does not get enough sleep

**omen** (n): phenomenon believed to indicate a future event

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**studious** (adj): dedicated to the pursuit of learner

**polysyllabic** (adj): characterized by words of many syllables

**ricocheted** (vb): to bounce

**nanosecond** (n): one billionth of a second; a very brief moment

**voracious** (adj): excessively eager

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**arsenal** (n): repertoire

**intermittent** (adj): coming and going at intervals; not continuous; occasional

**hodgepodge** (n): jumble

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**aforementioned** (adj): mentioned previously

**overzealous** (adj): excessive

**cacophonous** (adj): harsh-sounding

**utopia** (n): a place of ideal perfection especially in laws, government, and social conditions

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**contours** (n): shape

**tendrils** (n): something spirally

**succumbed** (vb): to yield to a superior strength or force or overpowering appeal or desire

.....CHAPTER 17.....

**ovation** (n): an enthusiastic reception of a person, marked by loud and prolonged applause.

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**chortling** (vb): laughing or chuckling

**euphoria** (n): a feeling of well-being or elation

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