

Carcosan Name/Title Generator

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To me, one of the subtle aspects of Carcosa that brings home the alienness of the setting is the fact that none of the non-player characters presented appears to have a personal name. Instead, we know them only through what we might at first glance identify as the overblown titles of petty lords and tribal chieftains. But what if the residents of Carcosa don't have personal names as we understand them? What if everyone is known by one of these titles?

Whether or not you assume that Carcosans have (hidden?) personal names as well as titles, the following random generator will help you generate new titles for NPCs. These titles would seem to work best for leaders – religious or secular – but if you want a particularly outlandish setting, the PCs can just as easily encounter a scullery maid with the moniker “Grand Princess of Dreamers.”

GMs are certainly welcome to select elements from the following tables, or they may randomly determine names. If random generation is desired, first roll to determine the structure of the name (Table 1), then roll individually for each element and combine, discarding and re-rolling any that don't work well together.

Examples:

The GM needs a name for a Jale Man tribal overlord the PCs are about to encounter on their wanderings. He rolls a 3, indicating a two element name. His first roll is 87 (Stern), second roll is 77 (Provider). Assembling these results provides “The Stern Provider,” which may evoke a certain personality or role for the Jale Man.

The GM also needs a name for a Brown Man Swordsman who is working against the PCs (and has, in fact, just loosed a horror from beyond the stars on them; they will want to seek revenge against him if they survive). He rolls a 9, indicating a three element name. His first roll is 40 (Illustrious) and his second roll is 49 (Lawgiver). To determine the third element, he first rolls a 4 on Table 3, indicating that he should roll on Subtable 5. The last roll is 12 (of Subtle Wisdom). Assembling these results provides “The Illustrious Lawgiver of Subtle Wisdom.”

Table 1: Number of Elements in Names (d10)

1-3	Two elements (Adjective + Noun)
4-7	Three elements (Adjective + Noun + Description)
8-12	Two elements (Noun + Description)

Table 2: Adjective Elements (d00)					
1	Ascendant	35	Gracious	69	Piercing
2	August	36	Grand	70	Predominant
3	Beauteous	37	Heart's	71	Preponderant
4	Beautiful	38	High	72	Purest
5	Beneficent	39	Humble	73	Raucous
6	Blooming	40	Illustrious	74	Redoubtable
7	Blossoming	41	Imperious	75	Refulgent
8	Bountiful	42	Implacable	76	Regnant
9	Bright	43	Inapproachable	77	Resplendent
10	Brightest	44	Incomparable	78	Sagacious
11	Brilliant	45	Indulgent	79	Screaming
12	Celestial	46	Inestimable	80	Serene
13	Clear	47	Inexorable	81	Shimmering
14	Constant	48	Iridescent	82	Shining
15	Coruscating	49	Jade	83	Silent
16	Crystalline	50	Lustrous	84	Sovereign
17	Cunning	51	Magisterial	85	Splendorous
18	Day's	52	Magnificent	86	Stainless
19	Deep	53	Masterful	87	Stern
20	Delicate	54	Meek	88	Superior
21	Desirous	55	Merciful	89	Supreme
22	Dominant	56	Mighty	90	Swift
23	Eloquent	57	Most	91	Total
24	Eternal	58	Mystic	92	Tranquil
25	Ever-Full	59	Night's	93	Transcendent
26	Exalted	60	Omnipotent	94	Unanswerable
27	Falling	61	Omnipresent	95	Unapproachable
28	Final	62	Omniscient	96	Unbearable
29	Flowering	63	One True	97	Uncircumscribed
30	Foremost	64	Overflowing	98	Utter
31	Gentle	65	Pale	99	Uttermost
32	Gibbering	66	Paramount	00	Worm
33	Glittering	67	Peerless		
34	Glorious	68	Perpetual		

Table 2: Adjective Elements (d00)					
1	Adept	35	Gemstone	69	Poignancy
2	Advocate	36	Glory	70	Pool
3	Apotheosis	37	Grace	71	Power
4	Arbiter	38	He/She/It	72	Preceptor
5	Attendant	39	Heart	73	Preponderancy
6	Autocrat	40	Illumination	74	Presence
7	Autocrator	41	Illustriousness	75	Prince/Princess
8	Baron/Baroness	42	Infinitude	76	Protector
9	Bestower	43	Intellect	77	Provider
10	Brightness	44	Jewel	78	Puissance
11	Captain	45	Joy	79	Radiance
12	Chief	46	Joy-Giver	80	Rain
13	Chieftain	47	Judge	81	Ravager
14	Commander	48	King/Queen	82	Ravishment
15	Crown	49	Lawgiver	83	Reflection
16	Death	50	Life	84	Servant
17	Dew	51	Light	85	Shield
18	Diadem	52	Listener	86	Soul
19	Dominance	53	Lord/Lady	87	Sovereign
20	Dominator	54	Lover	88	Speaker
21	Dominion	55	Master/Mistress	89	Spring
22	Duke/Duchess	56	Mind	90	Star
23	Effulgence	57	Mirror	91	Sun
24	Elegance	58	Night	92	Superior
25	Emperor/Empress	59	Obliteration	93	Thought
26	Enthroned	60	Ocean	94	Totalitor
27	Essence	61	One	95	Tyrant
28	Excellency	62	Overking/queen	96	Vault
29	Eyes	63	Overlord/Overlady	97	Voice
30	Flower	64	Overseer	98	Wielder
31	Foundation	65	Pearl	99	Will
32	Fountain	66	Perfection	00	Wind
33	Fullness	67	Plenipotentiary		
34	Gem	68	Plumage		

Table 3: Description Elements (d6)

First determine which Description Element Table to roll on:

1-2	Table 4
3-4	Table 5
5-6	Table 6

Table 4: Description Elements Sub-Table 1 (d20)			
1	beyond All Superlatives	11	of All Truths
2	by Whom All See	12	of Autumn
3	of (Adjective) Countenance	13	of Benedictions
4	of All	14	of Defense
5	of All Excellences	15	of Dreamers
6	of All Gifts	16	of Dreams
7	of All Graces	17	of Glory
8	of All the Seas	18	of Humility
9	of All the Lands	19	of Invincibility
10	of All the Living	20	of Lords

Table 5: Description Elements Sub-Table 2 (d20)			
1	of Many Colors	11	of Stones
2	of Many Hues	12	of Sublime Wisdom
3	of Many Shades	13	of Summer
4	of Mercy	14	of the (Adjective) God
5	of Peace	15	of the (Adjective) Sceptor
6	of Radiance	16	of the Air
7	of Sleepers	17	of the Air, the Earth, and the Seas
8	of Small Petals	18	of the Awake
9	of Splendor	19	of the Bringer
10	of Spring	20	of the Dead

Table 6: Description Elements Sub-Table 3 (d20)			
1	of the Earth	11	of the Stars
2	of the Elements	12	of the Sun
3	of the Eyes	13	of the Waves
4	of the Frozen Lightning	14	of True Men
5	of the Gatherer	15	of War
6	of the Hills	16	of Winds
7	of the Master	17	of Winter
8	of the Moon	18	of Wisdom
9	of the Morn	19	That See(s) in the Dark
10	of the Seas	20	upon the (Adjective) Throne