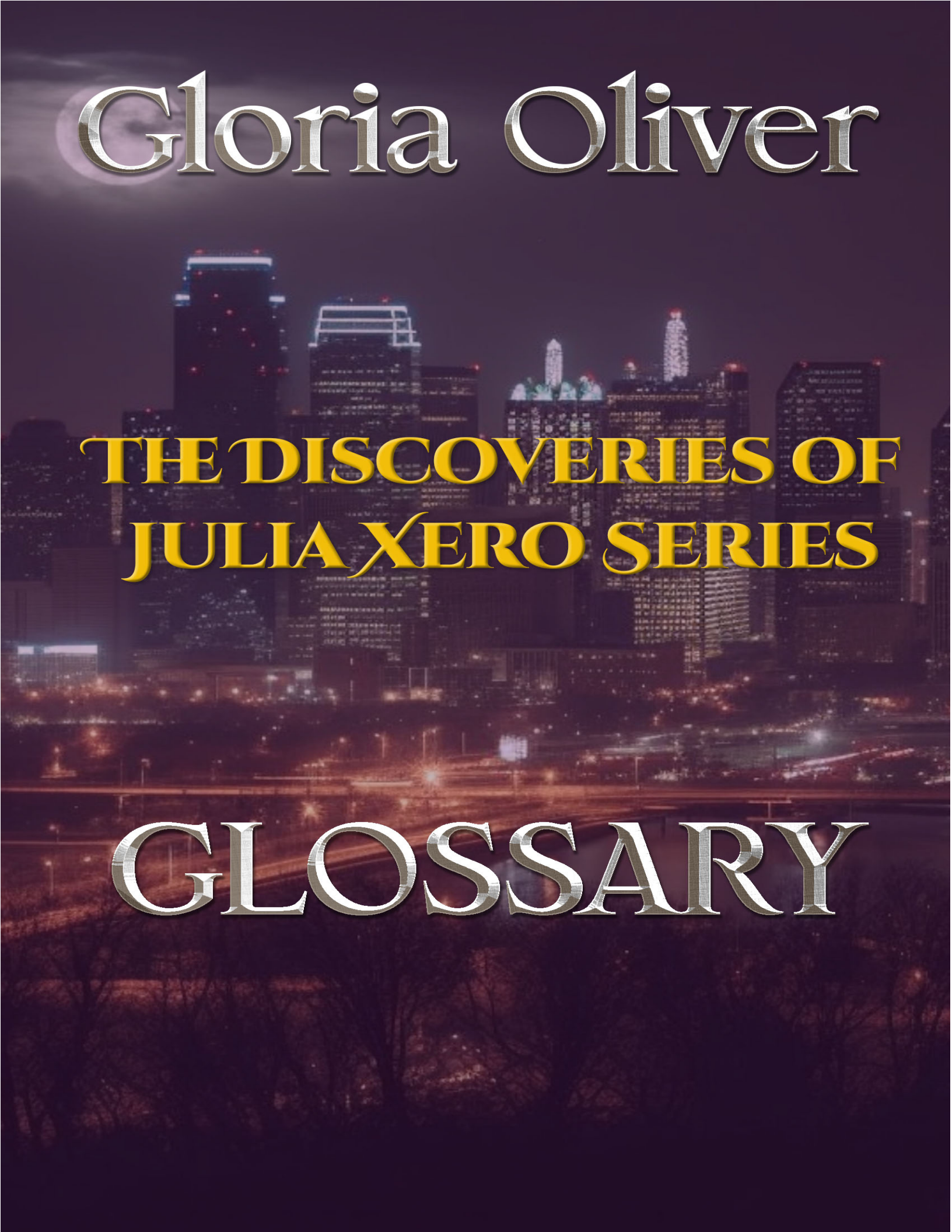




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Basilisk— a serpent-like legendary beast in Roman mythology that can turn people into stone with its gaze and wither plants with its breath.

Bú—a black owl creature with big red eyes that can paralyze its victims.

Cacat—Romanian curse word meaning a bad level of 'shit.'

Caladrius—from Roman mythology—it is a snow-white bird that can take a sickness into itself and then release it, freeing itself and the patient of the malady.

Café con leche—coffee with milk. Steamed/boiled milk mixed with strong coffee. A staple in Latin American countries and Puerto Rico.

Coño—equivalent of 'damn' in Puerto Rico. The word has a different, more vulgar meaning in Spain.

CTS decon—crime and trauma scene cleanup and decontamination.

Cuneiform—ancient writing system of wedge-like shapes.

Douzo—Japanese words indicating 'please do,' 'go ahead,' 'here you are,' and 'you're welcome.'

Dryad—a nature spirit or nymph that lives inside trees and takes the form of a young woman. Originally, they were specific to oak trees.

Gaelic—the Celtic language of Scotland, Ireland, Wales, Cornwall and the Isle of Man.

Gomen nasai—informal way to say 'I'm sorry' in Japanese.

Guardian—title for the leader of SH and humans who protect the secret of the Paphal Sağiga's existence.

Gumiho—a nine-tailed fox that changes into a beautiful woman to lure men so it can eat their liver.

Hai—Japanese word typically translated as 'yes' though the actual meaning/use is closer to 'I hear you.' An acknowledgment of hearing what has been said but not necessarily agreeing with it or committing to it.

Herald—messengers of the Council of Purpose and summoners of those they wish to speak with. Combat trained.

Ib—a metaphysical term for an Egyptian's heart.

Idite syuda—'come here' in Russian.

Kathoey—a term in Thailand used to identify people of the third gender as described in Thai Buddhist scriptures. Over time it has become a general term for anyone not wanting to be placed into typical male or female categories.

Korrigan—a fairy or dwarf-like spirit in Breton.

Koprophagos— ancient Greek cussword meaning 'shit-eater.'

Naga/Nagi—a half-human and half-serpent entity considered to be semidivine beings. Then can change fully into a normal human or a wholly serpentine form.

Ogham—an ancient British and Irish alphabet. It consists of twenty characters formed by parallel strokes on either side of, or across, a continuous line.

Paphal Sağiga—(pap-hal sag-gig-ga)—Secret Humankind— (Sumerian/Old Babylonian) in the cuneiform writing system.

Piatek—Armenian mythological creature. Similar to a griffin but without wings.

Por su puesto—Spanish phrase meaning 'of course.'

Poftă mare—wishing you a good/great appetite in order to enhance your eating experience. Traditional.

Roanoke—a colony of English settlers that completely disappeared back in 1590.

Seer—a member of The Eye. SH with the ability to foresee events that will affect the race, directly or indirectly.

The Eye—a network of SH Seers used as an early warning system for matters that can affect the Paphal Sağiga.

Tengu—mythical Japanese creature with human, monkey, or bird features. Shapeshifters who could fly or teleport. Typically rendered with black wings.

Vâlvă—a Romanian spirit, female. White vâlvă are benevolent and protective, while black vâlvă are considered evil. There are many types of vâlvă, each with different associations.

Yeti—a large, six to nine-foot, ape-like, furred creature purported to live in the Himalayas.