

Etymology of EVE's Minmatar ships

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- Per Wikipedia and Norse Mythology for Smart People et al.

Notes:

- Some definitions may not be entirely true, as research was purely done on the Internet, where resources depend on what you're searching for.
- Explanations are not biased or meant to insult anyone in any way, so please no fights.
- Any corrections or improvements appreciated, as long as you're friendly. Hate will get you blocked.
- Every name that comes from **Norse mythology** will be in **bold**.
- I will be posting other factions, too. This includes pirate ships, ORE, Mordus, etc.
- Gallente will be next. Up by Saturday the 17th of October 2020.
- Apologies for bad English (it's not my first language)

MINMATAR SHIPS

Note: Minmatar ships are mostly named by elements from Norse mythology, so that is where definitions will come from. Some names may have multiple definitions, so any other definition improvements welcome.

CORVETTE

- Reaper – The Grim Reaper.

FRIGATES

- Vigil – (in Christianity): The eve of a festival or holy day. (eg. Christmas Eve); or, the period of time spent awake during times usually spent asleep, especially to keep watch or pray.
- Slasher – Someone who slashes. „to slash“ (verb): cut with a wide sweeping movement using a sharp weapon; or, any of the various tools used for cutting wood.
- Probe – A surgical instrument used to examine wounds or parts of the body; or, „to probe“ (verb): examine or explore [something] with an instrument or the hands.
- Rifter – A vary vague word. Could mean: A crack in a large sheet of ice; or, another term for „rafter“, a beam forming the framework of a roof.
- **Burst** – „to burst“ (verb): explode. Or, a shortened form of Gullinbursti, a boar whose hair glowed in the dark (in Norse mythology).

- Breacher – Someone who breaches something. „to breach“ (verb): make a gap in and break through [a wall, barrier or defense].

NAVY FRIGATES

- Vigil Fleet Issue – see „Vigil“
- Republic Fleet Firetail – Any of the several species of finches (birds) with red tails.

INTERCEPTORS

- Claw – A curved, pointed, sharp appendage found at the end of a toe or finger in most mammals, reptiles and birds.
- Stiletto – A long and thin knife intended as a stabbing weapon.

ASSAULT FRIGATE

- Jaguar – A species of large wild cat, native to the Americas (*Panthera onca*).
- Wolf – Any of the species of large canine within the genus *Canis*.

COVERT OPS

- Cheetah – A species of large wildcat, native to Africa and Iran; and it is the fastest land animal in the world. (*Acinonyx jubatus*)
- Hound – A breed of dog specifically trained to aid humans in hunting.

ELECTRONIC ATTACK SHIP

- Hyena – Any of the species within the genus *Hyaenidae* (genetically closer to felines, morphologically closer to canines).

LOGISTICS FRIGATE

- Scalpel – A small and extremely sharp instrument used for surgery and dissection.

DESTROYERS

- Thrasher – Someone who thrashes. „to thrash“ (verb): beat [a person or animal] repeatedly with a stick or whip; or, move in a violent or convulsive way.
- Talwar – A type of curved sword, originating in the Indian subcontinent.

INTERDICTOR

- Sabre – A sword with a curved blade, associated with the Napoleonic period of Europe.

COMMAND DESTROYER

- **Bifrost** – The rainbow bridge that connects Asgard (the realm of the Aesir tribe of gods) with Midgard (Earth).

TACTICAL DESTROYER

- **Svipul** – A valkyrie (a female figure who decides who lives and dies in battle).

CRUISERS

- Stabber – Someone who stabs others.
- Rupture – „to rupture“ (verb): break or burst suddenly.
- Bellicose – „bellicose“ (adjective): displaying aggression and willingness to fight.
- Scythe – A tool used for cutting crops, with a curved blade and long handle.

NAVY CRUISERS

- Scythe Fleet Issue – see „Scythe“
- Stabber Fleet Issue – see „Stabber“

RECON SHIP

- **Huginn** – One of the 2 ravens who fly all over the world and bring news and information to the god Odin (the other raven being Muninn).
- Rapier – A sword with a slender blade originating in Spain.

HEAVY ASSAULT CRUISER

- **Muninn** - One of the 2 ravens who fly all over the world and bring news and information to the god Odin (the other raven being Huginn).
- Vagabond – A person who wanders from place to place without a home or a job (not to be confused with a nomad).

HEAVY INTERDICTION CRUISER

- Broadsword – A sword with a basket-shaped guard that protects the hand.

LOGISTICS CRUISER

- Scimitar - A sword with a curved blade that broadens towards the point; originating in Central Asia.

STRATEGIC CRUISER

- **Loki** – A cunning trickster god who has the ability to shapeshift and change sex. Despite occupying a highly unique position with the gods, he's considered part of the Aesir tribe of gods.

BATTLECRUISERS

- Cyclone – Shortened from „tropical cyclone“: A rapidly rotating storm characterised by an eye, strong winds and thunderstorms, and heavy rain which commonly causes flooding.
- Hurricane – The name for a tropical cyclone in the Atlantic ocean.
- Tornado - a rapidly rotating column of air that is in contact with both the surface of Earth and a cumulonimbus cloud. Characterised by extreme windstorms blowing towards it.

NAVY BATTLECRUISER

- Hurricane Fleet Issue – see „Hurricane“

COMMAND SHIPS

- Claymore – A very long sword originating in Scotland.
- **Sleipnir** – An eight-legged horse ridden by the god Odin. One of Odin's many helping spirits, including Huginn and Muninn.

BATTLESHIPS

- Typhoon – The name for a tropical cyclone in the Pacific ocean (mostly Southeast Asia).
- Maelstrom – A term for a strong whirlpool in a sea or ocean. A whirlpool is body of rotating water produced by opposing water currents running into an obstacle. Could also refer to the Moskstraumen – a system of strong whirlpools off the northern coast of Norway.
- Tempest – A violent windstorm.

NAVY BATTLESHIP

- Typhoon Fleet Issue – see „Typhoon“
- Tempest Fleet Issue – see „Tempest“

BLACK OPS

- **Panther** – Most likely referring to a black panther, any species of the genus *Panthera*, that has completely black fur. Could also be referring to normal species of the aforementioned genus *Panthera*, a genus of large wild cats; including tigers, lions, jaguars and leopards.

MARAUDER

- **Vargur** – An ill-tempered person. Also an obscure Icelandic word meaning „fox“ or „wolf“.

DREADNOUGHT

- **Naglfar** – A ship made from the fingernails and toenails of the dead. It is foretold that during Ragnarok, Naglfar will set sail over the flooded earth with an army of giants, captained by Loki.

CARRIER

- **Lif** – The male of 2 humans who will survive Ragnarok by hiding in the Wood of Hoddmimir. The other is Lifthrasir, a female.
- **Hel** – The fearsome goddess who rules over the underworld, also named Hel. Could also refer to the underworld Hel itself.
- **Nidhoggur** – Actually anglicised as „Nidhogg“: The foremost of several serpents/dragons who dwell beneath the world-tree Yggdrasil and eat its roots, with the intention of pulling the cosmos back to chaos.

TITAN

- **Ragnarok** – The cataclysmic events that will destroy the entire cosmos, and everything within; even the gods, until there is nothing left but the void. Creation and all that has occurred since will be completely undone, as if it had never happened.

There's also a belief that there will be a new world after Ragnarok, inhabited by certain survivors of Ragnarok, including the aforementioned Lif and Lifthrasir.

INDUSTRIAL

- **Hoarder** – Someone who hoards. „to hoard“ (verb): accumulate [money or valued objects] and hide or store away.
- **Mammoth** – Any species of the extinct genus *Mammuthus*, which roamed the Earth during the Pleistocene epoch.
- **Wreathe** – „to wreathe“ (verb): cover, surround, or encircle [something].

TRANSPORT SHIP

- Prowler – Someone who prowls. „to prowl“ (verb): [of a person or animal] move restlessly and stealthily, especially in search of prey.
- Mastodon – Any species of the extinct genus *Mammut* (not to be confused with *Mammuthus*), which roamed the Earth during the Pliocene epoch (not to be confused with the Pleistocene epoch).

FREIGHTER

- **Fenrir** – A monstrous wolf that the gods raised to prevent him from wreaking havoc. He is the son of Loki and Angrboda.

JUMP FREIGHTER

- Nomad – A member of a group without a permanent home which regularly moves to and from the same areas to find food and pasture for their animals.