

The Rabbit King®
Kingdom Leporidae
Glossary: English

Adopted/Adoption: A process whereby a person assumes the parenting of another, usually a child. Legal adoptions permanently transfer all rights and responsibilities from the biological parent or parents. Page 1.

Admiration: Approval, appreciation, and respect. Back Cover.

Affair: Matters of public interest and importance. Page 16.

Anointed/Anointing: Among other meanings, anointed and anointing can serve three distinct purposes: A means of health and comfort, as a token of honor, or a symbol of dedication. Page 21.

Armored: A defense against harm. Armor can imply emotional, physical, social, or other defenses used to avoid or limit harm. Page 20.

Authority: The power or right to give orders, make decisions, and enforce obedience. Authority can also refer to the confident quality of someone who knows a lot about something or who is respected or obeyed by other people. Page 23.

Breed: A stock of animals or plants within a species having a distinctive appearance and typically having been developed by deliberate selection. Pages 1, 24

Carnations: Showy pink, white, or red flowers. The meanings of carnations include fascination, distinction (contrast or difference), and love. The love aspect of the carnations on Kristina's wedding dress on pages 11, 12, and 13 include her love and passion for Prince Hare. Page 11.

Carriage: A four-wheeled passenger vehicle pulled by two or more horses. Page 10.

Change: Make or become different. Page 9.

Compassion: From Latin: "co-suffering" can refer to suffering together. Compassion is having a profound awareness of the suffering of others—combined with the desire to relieve it. Page 28.

Confess/Confession: Admit or state one has committed a crime or is at fault in some way; typically because one feels ashamed, embarrassed, or guilty. A formal statement admitting one is guilty of a crime. Page 7.

Clusters: A group of similar things positioned or occurring closely together. Page 18.

Confidence: Belief or faith that one will act in a right, proper, or effective way. Confidence means "to trust": Having self-confidence is having trust in one's self. Page 2.

Conscience: The inner feeling or sense of what is "right" or "wrong" in one's conduct, behavior, or motives impelling (urging) one toward the "right" (beneficial) action. Page 7.

Control: A means or having the power of limiting, regulating, or restraining something; especially one's own emotions or actions: Impulse control and self-control. Remain calm and reasonable, despite provocation. Page 6.

Coronation: The act and ceremony of crowning a king. A coronation normally takes place after the death of the previous monarch. Page 16.

Creed: A set of beliefs, ideals, and principles that strongly influence one's actions, behaviors, and lifestyle. Page 20.

Declaring: Formally announce and affirm something specified. To pledge one's support to someone or something. Page 19.

Delightful/Delighted: Feeling or showing great pleasure. Back Cover.

Deserve: To have earned or to be given something due to an action, behavior, or the qualities one has. Page 19.

Discovered/Discover: To learn of, find, or find out something new. See or gain knowledge of something previously unseen or unknown. Page 6.

Dwelling/Dwell: Think, speak, or write at length about a particular subject especially one that is a source of unhappiness, anxiety, or dissatisfaction. Be preoccupied by, or be obsessed by, "negative" thoughts. Dwelling on negative thoughts and/or the past can cause, increase, and sustain depression. Page 4.

Emeralds: Bright, green, precious stones more valuable than diamonds. Emeralds can be a symbol of hope, love, reason, and wisdom. Emeralds are also known as the "stone of the heart" because they symbolize mercy, compassion, and universal love. Based on the above symbolism, the "sprouting" or "spreading" of the emerald clusters on page 18 correlates (relates) well with the overall theme of story. Page 18.

Emits/Emitted: Produce and discharge something, such as a beam of light. Page 22.

Engraved: Cut or carve a text or design on the surface of a hard object. Engraving is one of the oldest and most important techniques in printmaking. Page 19.

Excited: Very enthusiastic and eager. Page 23.

Firmly: Displaying/using steady power or strength. Determination and strength of character. Without doubt. Without wavering. Strong and sure: a firm grasp. Pages 18, 22.

Fond: To like someone or something very much. Page 9.

Forgive/Forgiveness: The word "forgive" means to wipe the slate clean, to pardon, to cancel a debt. When we wrong someone, we should desire and seek their forgiveness so the relationship can be restored. We should also learn to forgive ourselves. Page 7.

Gazed: Look steadily and intently in admiration or thought. Page 21.

Goal: The object of a person's ambition or effort. An aim or desired result within a limited timeframe. Goals are achieved by setting deadlines and acting on them. Page 6.

Gleefully: Happily, and with excitement or pleasure. Joyfully. Page 26.

Guilt/Guilty: Having committed an offense, crime, violation, or wrong. Conscious of or affected by a negative feeling of guilt. People can feel guilty for something they did, for something they did not do, for something they thought they did, or for not doing enough for another person. Guilt can help us be more in line (congruent) with our values, an important component of “true” happiness. Page 7.

Habitat: The natural home or environment of an animal, plant, or other organism. A person's usual or preferred surroundings. Page 3.

Hail: To cheer, salute, greet, or welcome. To approve and praise enthusiastically and publicly. Page 23.

Happy/Happiness: Pleasure, joy, and bliss. Being content and satisfied. Happiness results from the possession or attainment of what one considers good or valued. Happiness can also be defined as knowing and understanding personal values and being in line (congruent) with them. Page 1.

Harelooms/Heirlooms: Objects with important, monetary, or sentimental value belonging to a family for several, or many, generations. The Golden Carrot is a priceless Hareloom of The Kingdom Leporidae. Page 17.

Hareness/Highness: A title given to a person of royal rank or used in addressing them. In the Kingdom Leporidae, King Hare is addressed as Hareness. Highness is also a term to evoke dignity or honor, worthy of high respect or great esteem. Page 23.

Harmonize/Harmonized: To be combined, or go together, in a pleasing and effective way. Page 23.

History: The record or study of past events connected with a particular person or thing. Page 26.

Honesty: Implies a refusal to lie or deceive in any way. Honesty also involves being trustworthy, fair, loyal, and sincere. Page 9.

Hope: A feeling of expectation and desire for a certain result to happen. To cherish a desire with anticipation. To desire with expectation of obtainment or fulfillment. Page 4.

Inspiration: The process of being mentally stimulated to do or feel something, especially to do something creative. A sudden, brilliant, creative, or timely idea. Inspiration can help reduce the feelings of depression and sadness. Pages 3, 28.

Intent/Intently: Determined to do something. Having purpose. Focus with great effort, attention, or concentration. Page 21.

Joyful: Feeling, expressing, or causing great pleasure and happiness. Page 28.

Kin: Group of people related by blood or marriage or a social group sharing some type of social relationship. Page 8.

Kindness: The act or way of thinking of being kind: The goodness and the behavior of charity and sincere concern for the welfare of others. Page 28.

Kingdom: A country, state, or territory ruled by a king or queen. A kingdom is also one of the groups into which natural things can be divided, depending on their type. For example, “The Kingdom Leporidae” is the Kingdom of Hares and Rabbits. Subtitle, page 9, and other pages.

Knight/Knighthood: A rank of honor given to a man by a king or queen because of his merit (worthiness) and special achievements. A knight has earned the right to be called "Sir". Page 21.

Learning: The acquisition of knowledge or skills through experience, study, or by being taught. Learning is the process of acquiring new or modifying existing, knowledge, behaviors, skills, values, or preferences. Back Cover.0

Legend: Very well known. Page 23.

Leporidae [lə'pɔr·ə,dē]: The family of hares and rabbits (Leporids): Derived from the word "Lepus"; hare in Latin. Subtitle: Kingdom Leporidae = Kingdom of Hares and Rabbits. Cover Subtitle, page 28, and other pages.

Liberty: The state of being free within society from oppressive (constraining) restrictions. Page 19.

Lifestyle: A way of living. Page 24.

Majesty: The title used to speak to, or about, a king or queen. Page 25.

Monarch: A sole and absolute ruler who reigns over a kingdom, nation, state, or empire. Page 17.

Multiplying: Increase, or cause to increase, greatly in number or quantity. Increase by reproducing. Page 27.

Munchies: A snack or small item of food. A sudden strong desire for food. Page 4.

Nobel/Nobility: Having or showing positive personal characteristics such as honesty and fairness. Page 19.

Oath: A solemn (formal and dignified) promise regarding one's future action or behavior. A sworn declaration that one will tell the truth. Page 19.

Orphan: Someone whose parents have died, are unknown, or have permanently abandoned them. Chapter 1 Title, and other pages.

Past: Gone by in time and no longer existing. Page 4.

Pendant: A piece of jewelry that hangs from a chain worn around the neck. Because pendants hang protectively in front of the body and near the heart, they often have symbolic purposes. Page 13.

Procession: The act of moving along, proceeding in an orderly succession, or in a formal and ceremonious manner. Page 25.

Pure: Among the many meanings of pure, pure can refer to contentment and/or happiness. Pure can also refer to being honest and truthful. Page 12.

Regal: Something suitable for a king or queen because it is very impressive, beautiful, magnificent, or dignified. Page 12.

Respect: A feeling of admiration for someone elicited (brought about) by their abilities, qualities, or achievements. Respect is also the process of honoring someone by exhibiting care, concern, or consideration for their needs or feelings. We should respect ourselves and others. Back Cover.

Rights: Legal, social, or ethical principles of freedom or entitlement allowed of people or owed to people according to some legal system, social convention, or ethical theory. Page 20.

Ritual/Rituals: A ceremony or action performed in a customary way. A sequence of activities involving gestures, words, and objects performed according to a set sequence. Page 23.

Ruler: Someone, such as a king or queen, having supreme power over a kingdom or a nation. Page 22.

Scene: The place where an incident in real life or fiction occurs or occurred. A view or picture of a place, event, or activity. Page 15.

Scepter: An ornamental staff carried by rulers on ceremonial occasions as a symbol of sovereignty (supreme power or authority). A rod or wand held in the hand representing regal or imperial power. The Scepter of The Kingdom Leporidae emits a “pure sheen”. Page 17, 22.

Sheen: A quality of things that are bright and shiny, usually with reflected light. Glistening brightness. Beautiful. Page 22.

Shield: Someone or something that guards, defends, or protects against danger, harm, risk, or unpleasant experience. Page 17, 20.

Sir: Used as a title before the given name of a knight. Sir is also used as a polite or respectful way of addressing a man, especially one in a position of authority. Page 21.

Sorry: Used as an expression of apology due to an unpleasant and/or regrettable feeling, especially on account of incompetence or misbehavior. Page 7.

Splendid: Excellent. Magnificent. Very impressive. Of the highest quality. Page 11.

Sprouting: To produce or cause to produce new growth. "The Golden Carrot" sprouts emerald clusters which are a symbol of hope, love, reason, and wisdom: The essence of King Hare and The Kingdom Leporidae. Page 18.

Spurs (of knighthood): The spurs of knighthood represent courage: The willingness and perseverance to confront agony, pain, uncertainty, or intimidation. Undertaking tasks which are difficult, tedious or unglamorous, and to graciously accept the sacrifices involved. Page 21.

Stealing: Taking another person's property, without permission or legal right, and not intending to return it. Page 7.

Striking: Attracting attention by being unusual, extreme, or prominent. Noticeable and remarkable. Page 15.

Stunning: Extremely impressive or attractive. Amazing. Page 14.

Symbol/Symbols: A mark, sign or word that indicates, signifies, or is understood as representing an idea, object, or relationship. Page 23.

Swear/Swearing: To make a solemn (formal and dignified) declaration, promise, or vow. Confirm of, and witness to the honesty or truth of, such a declaration. Page 19.

Tailored: Custom made or designed for a particular person or purpose. Page 14.

Throne: The special chair used by a ruler, especially a king or queen. The state of being a ruler. Page 27.

Thumping: Pounding or throbbing in a heavy, continuous way. Hares and Rabbits are not very vocal, so thumping their feet is an important way of communicating their approval and disapproval. To thump. Page 23.

Tradition: A long-established custom or belief having symbolic meanings or special significance passed on from one generation to another generation. Traditions can persist and evolve for thousands of years. Page 16.

Tricorn or Tricorne: A three-cornered hat popular during the late 17th & 18th centuries. Page 14.

True/Truth/Truths: A fact or belief that is accepted as true or in accordance with fact or reality. Truth is also sometimes defined as an idea of "truth to self", or authenticity (being trustworthy and genuine). Page 19.

Trust: Firm belief in the reliability, truth, ability, or strength of someone. To believe someone is honest, sincere, and will not harm you. Back Cover.

Vivid: Producing powerful feelings or strong, clear images in the mind. Presented in a clear and striking manner. Page 15.

Voices/Voiced: Speaking or singing with a voice of a specified kind. Page 23, 24.

Wisdom: The quality of having experience, knowledge, and good judgment. The ability to think and act using knowledge, experience, understanding, common sense, and insight. The quality of being wise. Wisdom is often referred to as the master virtue. Page 9.

Whole grains: Whole grains provide a variety of healthy nutrients and are naturally low in fat. Whole grains offer a “complete package” of health benefits, unlike refined grains, which are stripped of valuable nutrients during processing. Page 5.

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Metaphors, Symbolisms, and Themes

Metaphor: Use of a word or phrase to describe, or represent, something else.

Symbolism: The use of symbols to represent ideas or qualities. An action, person, place, word, or object can all have symbolic meanings.

Theme: Defined as a main idea or an underlying meaning of a literary work, which may be stated directly or indirectly. The theme of *The Rabbit King* is “overcoming adversity”, the state of hardship, affliction, distress, or misfortune.

The Carrot Oath is engraved on The Golden Carrot. “The Carrot Oath” and “Royal Rabbit Creed” consists of Noble Rabbit Truths: Values, truths, and wisdom such as: 1) Always pursue “truth”, 2) Give liberty and life to others, 3) Keep fresh veggies on reserve, and 4) other Kingdom Leporidae values. Pages 19, 20.

The Golden Carrot: The root of all values, “truths”, and wisdom in The Kingdom Leporidae. The Golden Carrot sprouts emerald clusters which are a symbol of hope, love, reason, and wisdom: The essence of King Hare and The Kingdom Leporidae. Page 18.

Noble Rabbit Truths: Rabbit values, “truths”, and wisdom of The Kingdom Leporidae. Page 19.

The “pure sheen” emitting from “the jewel upon the scepter” and “brightest carrot the world had ever seen” represents King Hare’s values and positive character traits such as kindness, compassion, honesty, integrity, and wisdom. Page 22.

Royal Rabbit Day: The day Prince Hare was crowned the king! Chapter 3.

The Scepter: The “jewel upon the scepter emitted a pure sheen—from the brightest carrot, the world had ever seen”! The scepter is symbolic: Lighting The Kingdom Leporidae with compassion, kindness, love, happiness, hope, joy, and inspiration. Page 22.

Traits of knighthood: The positive character traits of a knight were often symbolized by the equipment he used. For example, the “spurs of knighthood” on Page 21 represent courage. Other positive character traits of a knight include generosity, justice, mercy, nobility, hope, and faith. In the code of knighthood, “faith” refers to integrity and trust. Page 21.