A Short LEXICON of YLLANAVANA

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A Collection of Words & Expressions from the ven Language as found in the works of Mr. John Wick, et al.

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PREFACE

As anyone with even a slight background in the study of the *ven* can attest, the language of this intricate and enigmatic culture is an incredibly complicated linguistic system, possessing subtleties and difficulties rarely found in other, more mundane languages. A weak grammatical structure, combined with highly contextual lexical and orthographical peculiarities has made *yllanavana* one of the world's most challenging, yet rewarding, languages to study.

As such, it became readily evident among linguistic and philological experts that a critical, comprehensive compilation of *ven* lexicography was dearly needed if the study of *yllanavana* was to make any further progress. The first edition of the *Short Lexicon of Yllanavana*, published in 2008, was warmly received by the academic community as an invaluable resource, and quickly became an essential element of every *ven* researcher's library.

Despite the enormous success of the first edition, however, three particular concerns have led the Shanri Research Institute to publish a new edition of this work. Firstly, since the original publication of the *Lexicon*, many new archaeological and paleographical discoveries have been made, greatly increasing the number of authentic *ven* texts available to the academic community. These new developments have contributed numerous additions to our understanding of *yllanavana*, thereby necessitating a new edition of the *Lexicon* to incorporate these discoveries. Secondly, it was felt that a better organized, and more substantial critical apparatus could be developed in a new edition that would further assist researchers in their work, as well as elevate the standards of *ven* scholarship. Lastly, a new edition provided the editors and compilers of the *Lexicon* with the opportunity to make a small number of required emendations and corrections to the text of the first edition.

It is therefore hoped that this new edition of the *Short Lexicon of Yllanavana* will meet with the same, great success of its predecessor, and offer scholars around the globe valuable new insights in their quest to uncover the mysterious world of the *ven*.

ABBREVIATIONS USED IN REFERRING TO AUTHORS AND THEIR WORKS

B&T	Blood & Tears, by John Wick. (2009)
СС	<i>Coronets but Never Crowns,</i> by Josh Roby, Storn A. Cook, and Daniel Solis. (2011)
EG	Enemy Gods, by John Wick. (2004)
F	Houses of the Blooded Forums www.housesoftheblooded.net/forums <i>N.B.</i> : Only research items which have been approved by the Shanri Research Institute have been referenced in the compilation of this <i>Lexion</i> .
HotB	<i>Houses of the Blooded</i> , by John Wick, Storn A. Cook, and Daniel Solis. (2008)
N&D	Houses of the Blooded News & Design Blog, by John Wick. www.housesoftheblooded.net/blog

For convenience, the following abbreviations have been used in lexical entries:

adj. adv.	adjective adverb
alt.	alternate; alternatively
cf.	confer (compare)
f.	feminine
inf.	informally
lit.	literally
m.	masculine
n.	noun
OCC.	occasionally
pej.	pejorative; pejoratively
phr.	phrase
pl.	plural
poet.	poetic
pr.	proper
pron.	pronoun
sg.	singular
spef.	specific; specifically
trans.	transitive; transitively
v.	verb

For any given lexical entry, different usages of the same word are separated by Arabic numerals (1, 2, 3, *etc.*). Each usage first includes its part of speech (verb, noun, *etc.*) followed by various renderings or translations separated by semicolons (;). A simple English equivalent of a given *ven* word is listed plainly, without markings, whereas rendered phrases are listed between quotation marks, and definitions of *ven* words with no English equivalent, as well as any explanatory notes, are enclosed between parentheses. Finally, locative information is provided, identifying the source from which the translation was derived.

Where alternative spellings or phonetic information has been available, they have been included at the beginning of the relevant entry.

PHONETIC TRANSCRIPTION:

Vowels		Consonants	6
[1]	pit, big, rid	[p]	pop, people
[e]	p e t, t e nd	[b]	bottle, bib
[æ]	p a t, b a g, m a d	[t]	train, tip
[Λ]	p u tt, c u t	[d]	d og, d id
[ʊ]	p o t, l o g	[k]	c ome, k itchen
[ʊ]	p u t, f u ll	[g]	g a g, g reat
[ə]	moth e r, s u ppose	[ʧ]	ch ain, wret ch ed
[i:]	b ea n, w ee d	[dʒ]	j ig, fri dge
[a:]	b a rn, c a r, l au gh	[f]	fib, physical
[əː]	b o rn, l aw n	[v]	vine, livid
[uː]	l oo p, l oo se	[θ]	th ink, fil th
[3:]	b ur n, l ear n, b ir d	[đ]	this, with
		[s]	s eal, pea ce
Diphthong	S	[z]	zip, his
[eɪ]	b ay , l a te, gr ea t	[∫]	sh eep, ma ch ine
[aɪ]	b uy , light, ai sle	[3]	usual, measure
[əɪ]	b oy , f oi l	[h]	how, perhaps
[ວບ]	n o , r oa d, bl ow	[m]	m etal, co m b
[aʊ]	n ow , sh ou t, t ow n	[n]	n ight, di nn er
[19]	p ee r, f ie rce, id ea	[ŋ]	su ng , parki ng
[eə]	p ai r, b ea r, sh a re	[1]	little, help
[ບຈ]	p oo r, s u re, t ou r	[r]	r ight, ca rr y

Semi-vowels

[j]	y ou, span i el
[w]	wet, why, twin

' precedes the syllable that carries the primary stress.

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A

achala, n., divination, lit. "farsight." HotB, 298. adrente, 1. *n.*, shepherd. *HotB*, 157. – 2. pr. n., (Wolf family name, lit. "my weapon is myself," *cf.* drende). *HotB*, 50. aeldana de Shanru tala, phr., "the world has no mercy." *HotB*, 21. aelva danna, pl. n., sorcerer-kings. HotB, 19; wicked ones (occ. pej. someone who uses sorcery, cf. senvada). HotB, 23. aelva danna de nuru, phr., "the wicked ones only sleep." *HotB*, 23. aelvadyn, n., ornamentation, lit. "little stars." HotB, 70. **agotha**, *n*., spider (one of the olivana, *lit*. "I wait"). *HotB*, 30. ajurna, n., hedonism, lit. "the art of pleasure." HotB, 48. alta, phr., "thank you." HotB, 220. althenta, *n.*, sky galleon; air ship. *N&D*, Aug. 2, 2009. althua, n., 1. party; gathering; get-

together; festivity. — **2.** event; occurrence; occasion. *HotB*, 275.

altrex, *n*., liege lord. *HotB*, 50.

altrua, *n.*, **1.** pathos. *HotB*, 363. – **2.** (sticky white substance that covers ven entering the Solace, *cf.* vaq'in). *HotB*, 303. **alvathen**, *n.*, opera; "the High Alchemical Art." *HotB*, 60.

asan, *m. and f. n.*, favored nephew or niece, *lit.* "child in spirit." *CC*, 13.

avala, *n*., serpent (one of the olivana). *HotB*, 30.

avali, *n*., (ritual of the ikhalya, *lit*. "holy murder"). *HotB*, 415.

avanadande, *n.*, dragon (one of the olivana). *HotB*, 31.

avartha, *n*., (exotic spice resembling sweet pepper). *HotB*, 389.

avirex, *m*. *n*., earl. *HotB*, 57.

avirexa, *f. n.*, earl (the English feminine counterpart to "earl" is "countess", which is not used to translate avirexa so as to avoid possible confusion with the rank of rhushva, commonly translated as "count" or "countess"). *HotB*, 57.

B

bal'luri, (*pl.* baliven), *n.*, mountain-man, *cf.* ushalaven. *EG*, 44.blunda, *n.*, bad form. *HotB*, 58.

blush'vennan, *n*., mass murder, warfare. *HotB*, 200.

burghe, **1.** *n.*, hill; high place; high fortress. **— 2.** *trans.* (anyone living in such a place). *HotB*, 152. **— 3.** *pr. n.*, (Bear family name, *lit.* "alone we stand together"). *HotB*, 50.

D

 what you deserve." <i>HotB</i>, 80. dav'ty nonnon, <i>n.</i>, throwing an Insult. <i>HotB</i>, 161. Davfanna Aldrena, <i>pr. n.</i>, 1. (the ven capitol city.) <i>HotB</i>, 34. – 2. the Senate. <i>HotB</i>, 67. didjerva, <i>n.</i>, accounting book. <i>HotB</i>, 49. drende, <i>n.</i>, wolf (one of the olivana), <i>cf.</i> adrente. <i>HotB</i>, 30. druid, <i>n.</i>, "voice of the land." <i>HotB</i>, 404. dulla, [du:'1ə], <i>adj.</i>, 1. black. – 2. veiled, invisible. <i>HotB</i>, 71.

E

eshanu, n., bee; wasp (one of the olivana). HotB, 30.

F

falin duada, n., puzzle house. HotB, 32.	altrex. <i>CC</i> , 30.
fashuva, pl. n., fell ones (evil suaven).	futali, <i>n</i> ., ransom. <i>HotB</i> , 206.
HotB, 304.	fyllyn, m. or f. n., marquis; marquise.
fin altrex, n., indirect liege-lord, cf.	<i>HotB</i> , 56.

G

grusha, *n*., carriage horse, *lit*. "people's **guza'dun**, *n*., parlor game. *B&T*, 3. animal," *cf*. ilderim. *HotB*, 29.

Η

hajkalay, *n.*, the Blooded (nobility of Shanri). *HotB*, 41.

hovana, *n.*, hospitality. *HotB*, 77.

Ι

ikhalya, sg. and pl. n., (cultist of Ikhalu, lit. "children of Ikhalu"). HotB, 413.
ilderim, (alt. ildirim) sg. and pl. n., highbred horse (one of the olivana); trans. steed. HotB, 29, 35.
ildirim, see: ilderim.
ildrua, n., spectre; ghost. HotB, 26.
iikhalya, sg. and pl. n., cunning. HotB, 169.
iisyrr, n., poison, lit. "the quiet death," cf. sysh'venda. HotB, 169.
iiguena, n., cunning. HotB, 87.
iitalthala, n., (a narcotic oil, lit. "the Silken Veil"). HotB, 176.
iihuna, pej. n., faker; bad actor. HotB, 66.

J

jiv, *n*., guitar. *HotB*, 66.

K

kachka , <i>n</i> ., cat (one of the olivana). <i>HotB</i> ,	olivana). <i>HotB</i> , 29.
28.	kvir tam, v., to judge; spef. for a Jury to
khanurdante, n., great elk (one of the	decide, <i>lit</i> . "to make the Law." <i>HotB</i> , 186.

M

mwrr, [moər], **1**. *n*., possibly "servant of the undergod." — **2**. *pr. n.*, (Serpent family name, *lit*. "I bear wisdom's price"). *HotB*, 50, 156.

N

na nanva, adv., not now; perhaps later. HotB, 55.

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ohlrex, m. or f. n., duke; duchess. HotB,	Note that a ven word for the twelfth
56.	olivana — the bear — remains unknown.)
ojava, n., violin; fiddle. <i>HotB</i> , 66.	<i>HotB</i> , 28.
olivana, <i>pl. n.</i> , (the twelve sacred totemic	orichalcum, <i>n.</i> , sorcerous steel, <i>lit</i> .
animals, see: agotha, avala, avanadande,	"golden iron. HotB, 290.
drende, eshanu, ilderim, kachka,	ork, (<i>pl.</i> ork or orks) <i>n.</i> , 1. monster. – 2.
khanurdante, q'al, shivu, and uvandir.	<i>trans</i> . other; outsider. <i>HotB</i> , 26.

P

padana, adj., heartbroken, lit. "hurt	appropriate step." <i>HotB</i> , 179.
beyond healing." <i>HotB</i> , 228.	patona, see: pah'ton.
pah'ton, (alt. pah'tona and patona) n.,	pendala, n., harpsichord. HotB, 66.
(preface to a pillowbook used to	phull, <i>pej. n.,</i> (expletive, probably
foreshadow the book's ending). HotB,	referring to excrement). <i>HotB</i> , p. 165.
358-359.	poolha, adj., 1. bashful. -2 . (trans. a
pah'tona , see: pah'ton.	person who abstains from narcotics).
pala da nata, phr., "don't break the	<i>HotB</i> , 174.
dishes," cf. hovana. HotB, 53.	puja , <i>n</i> ., 1 . quill. — 2 . (<i>trans</i> . professional
pallentarro, n., law; procedure, lit. "the	contract writer). <i>HotB</i> , 75.

Q

q'al, n., fox (one of the olivana), cf.
yvarai. HotB, 29.176.Q'naldinir, pr. n., (central mini-continent
of Shanri, lit. "Golden Center under the
Sky," or "Hub of all Revenge"). HotB, 25.176.q'va, n., the Solace; the Stillness. HotB,
39.39.q'val, n., priest; monk, cf. v'dallvyr.
HotB, 164.q'val, n., priest; monk, cf. v'dallvyr.q'thala, n., (heightened perception from
italthala use, lit. "part the veil"). HotB,q'val, n., (liegeless noble, lit. "bold
nobility"). HotB, 52.

R

r'shana, m. or f. n., baron; baroness. HotB,
55.**rhushva**, m. or f. n., count; countess, cf.
avirexa. HotB, 56.**rajan**, sg. and pl. n., paladin; holy
warrior, lit. "keeper of the law." HotB,
166.**rhushva**, m. or f. n., count; countess, cf.
avirexa. HotB, 56.**ruk**, n., commoner; unblooded, lit.
"beneath notice," cf. shluah veth, veth.
HotB, 26.

S

HotB, 19; CC, 45; occ. lit. "little lands."	steele, 1. <i>adj.</i> , adamant, enduring. – 2.
<i>EG,</i> 41.	pr. n., (Elk family name, lit. "I have never
Shanru Domya, pr. n., world, lit. "the	surrendered"). <i>HotB</i> , 153.
Merciless Mother," <i>cf.</i> Shanri. <i>HotB</i> , 21.	strunaga, n., strength. HotB, 87.
shivazh, <i>pej. n.</i> , a mockery, <i>lit.</i> "barely a	suaven, sg. and pl. n., the Sleeping Ones,
noble." CC, 63.	<i>cf</i> . fashuva, sa-suaven. <i>HotB</i> , 40.
shivu, <i>n.</i> , falcon (one of the olivana).	sush, <i>n</i> ., "the way of silence," <i>lit</i> .
HotB, 29.	"moving without a shadow." <i>HotB</i> , 59.
shluah veth, n., merchant, lit. "proud	sushana, <i>n.,</i> style. <i>HotB,</i> 110.
dirt," cf. veth. HotB, 45.	syldana, n., corset. HotB, 70.
shunta van a vera, <i>adj. phr.,</i> "wearing the	sylv, <i>v.,</i> to bind. <i>HotB</i> , 70.
black." HotB, 196.	sysh'venda, n., poison, lit. "the patient
shutha, pl. n., narcotics, lit. "death's little	kiss," cf. ilsyrr. HotB, 183.
kisses." HotB, 173.	

Τ

t'vill tama, phr., "no rest for the wicked." thorne, 1. *n*., wild land; place of trees. *HotB*, 158. HotB, 154. -2. pr. n., (Falcon family taba, n., (sacred knife of the ikhalya). name, *lit*. "I am the land"). *HotB*, 50. *HotB*, 414. thuaka, n., (vulgar style of fighting with tala, n., art, lit. "when we are reminded spear and shield, cf. thuakatan sen). that we are not alone." *HotB*, 60. *HotB*, 213. thuakatan sen, phr., "you aren't good talanday, n., courage. HotB, 88. talashan, *n.*, "speaker to the soil." *HotB*, enough for the Sword," cf. thuaka. HotB, 213. 165. Taliasha, Talishania) thuakaven, pl. n., spearmen. HotB, 213. (pl.pr. n., (follower of the suaven Talia, *lit*. "lover" tivalti, n., (board game similar to chess), or "lovers of the beloved." N&D, Mar. N&D, Nov. 1, 2009. 26, 2010. toola, *n.*, hammer dulcimer. *HotB*, 67. tamtalt, n., lute. HotB, 67. tsalta, n., immediate family. CC, 6. tava, adv., please. N&D, Apr. 26, 2010. tsonsa, n., extended family. CC, 6. tavala, n., juggler; traveling entertainer; tulpa, n., doppelganger. HotB, 293. bard. *HotB*, 163. tuthallen, n., generosity, lit. "what is mine is ours." *HotB*, 43. tavalana, n., (an egregious offense to one's honor, *lit*. "true pain"). *HotB*, 189. tylvarae, n., artifact. HotB, 294.

U

urdagha, n., impious, lit. "convenient	Apr. 29, 2009.
faithful." HotB, 305.	uvaltua, n., wisdom. HotB, 88.
ushalaven, <i>pl. n.,</i> mountain men;	uvandir, n., boar (one of the olivana).
barbarians. <i>HotB</i> , 163.	<i>HotB</i> , 28.
ushanavan, n., (noble school). HotB, 59.	uvanla, n., murder, lit. "moment of
ushavana, n., pillowbook, lit. "book for	opportunity," <i>cf.</i> zsanstozs. <i>HotB</i> , 81.
the bed." <i>HotB</i> , 14.	uvanna, n., guildsman. N&D, Apr. 29,
uv'shana, n., merchant baron. N&D,	2009.

V

v'dallvyr, <i>n.,</i> high priest, <i>cf.</i> q'val. <i>HotB</i> , 24.	69. – 3. <i>pr. n.</i> , (Horse family name). <i>CC</i> , 51.
vadenda, pl. n., firearms. N&D, Aug. 2,	vazhna, adj., savage. HotB, 227.
2009.	ven , <i>pron</i> . all of us; we. <i>HotB</i> , 19.
vala, <i>n.</i> , Insult. <i>HotB</i> , 189.	venta, venta, phr., "please do not kill
valae , <i>n.</i> , blood. <i>HotB</i> , 75.	me." <i>N&D,</i> Apr. 28, 2009.
valae tiquim, <i>n.</i> , blood oath. <i>HotB</i> , 75.	veta a vasha, phr., "face and fan." HotB,
valae tyrun, n., blood magic, cf. senva.	59.
<i>HotB</i> , 75.	veth , <i>n</i> ., 1 . dirt. – 2 . peasant; <i>poet</i> .
valana, n., Injury. HotB, 189.	"people of the soil," <i>cf.</i> ruk. <i>HotB</i> , 43.
vanadanav, n., ambigram. HotB, 58.	voca, n., didgeridoo. HotB, 67.
vaq'in , <i>n</i> ., (sticky white substance that	vrentada, <i>n</i> ., (any work of art that
covers ven entering the Solace, lit. "webs	explores the meaning of love). <i>HotB</i> , 217.
of dreaming," cf. altrua). HotB, 39.	vrentae , <i>n</i> ., 1 . obsession, <i>lit</i> . "holding my
vashna, 1. pej. n., nosy or interfering	heart." <i>HotB</i> , 81. – 2. (<i>alt.</i> vrente)
interloper. CC, 52. – 2. trans. n.,	[vren'ter] revenge; justice. <i>HotB</i> , 58, 179. –
investigator; (agent of the Senate). <i>HotB</i> ,	3. ['vrenter] romance; love. <i>HotB</i> , 81.

W

wavenda, *n.*, prowess. *HotB*, 88.

worloch, *pej. n.*, oath-breaker, *cf.* aelva danna, senvada. *HotB*, 76.

Y

Zen'sin, *pr. n.*, (basalt outcropping upon which Davfanna Aldrena is built, *lit*. "the Stone of Ages"). *CC*, 43. **Zhivali**, *pr. n.*, (deck of cards used for

games and fortune-telling). *HotB*, 61. **zsanstozs**, *n.*, murder, *lit*. "the final sin," *cf*. uvanla. *HotB*, 40.



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APPENDIX I COMMON VEN NAMES AND THEIR MEANINGS

Houses of the Blooded, p. 105

Aban: "the world forgives daring"	Godfren: "devoted guardian"	Regana: "slender stem"
Abazai: "the cherry blossoms fall"	Gryndil: "illuminating the darkness"	Ryandual: "the abandoned plain"
Abendago: "the unforgotten song"	Gwanal: "my love will give your no rest"	Sagay: "adviser to power"
Abhaz: "born in the northern snows"	Halia: "the hawk's white wing"	Shajar: "little rose"
Aby: "the river's memory"	Haroon: "my father rejoices"	Shanina: "roots of the tallest tree"
Alanya: "protector of the home"	Icusalia: "cottage under the moon"	Shara: "veiled rose"
Alexai: "the hand and the sword"	Illudyll: "the soul of the sun"	Sitthydeth: "sweetest song"
Ashla: "rest here"	Isla: "ever watchful"	Sorio: "the warrior brings peace"
Asvil: "born of light"	Jana: "my truth in you"	Suahavan: "the harp"
Atami: "thoughtful"	Jorja: "white hands"	Szazs: "the unrepentant heart"
Ato: "first born son"	Kavamadii: "purity and grace"	Tasha: "the green meadow"
Bajinoth: "the wind whispers"	Kyocera: "I cannot be known"	Tatjan: "friend of the mountain"
Cavala: "worthy of love"	Lisle: "appointed one"	Tjan: "most earnest"
Chayan: "born of the marsh"	Lonor: "I am the rival"	Torr: "iron does not bend"
Cosette: "peace of heart"	Lura: "brightest star"	Trixauna: "daughter of the Sword″
Dagul: "father of many"	Maja: "laughter heals"	Tshanja: "the education of experience"
Ddwyer: "hold fast"	Maura: "the red widow"	Tzao: "born of fire"
Deta: "white and fair"	Maurevel: "keeper of the woods"	Ul: "spiced wine"
Davan: "tall and large"	Meza: "where berries grow"	Uthandaye: "small stone"
Dara: "in my arms, be born again"	Moryandal: "inevitable victory"	Van: "little one"

Dosajee: "in the Suaven I trust"	Mxura: "master of the house"	Vangalio: "my deed will inspire"
Dranna: "the heavens in my eyes"	Myri: "full of hope"	Vanglia: "my family will not forget"
Drial: "I am your friend"	No: "forbidden kiss"	Vrdj: "joined in harmony"
Durt: "worthy of love"	Olivama: "I will fool them with desire"	Weatha: "the elder tree"
Ecc: "Shanri's mysteries in my heart"	Niassa: "the ungentle night"	Wyel: "I pledge"
Feyla: "cheerful eyes"	Rajh: "I will die on your grave"	Zrudura: "my heart aches"
Fyx: "I am alive"	Rali: "my meal will be wine"	

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Moshan: "whispers" Noshe: "snow mist" Woshan: "heart" Takra: "stone heart"



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