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revived Bata's body (which Anubis had also brought home for burial). Upon drinking the seed, Bata made a full recovery.[26]In the interim, Bata's former wife had married the king. In an elaborate scheme, Bata turned himself into a bull which Anubis presented as a gift to the king. Through a series of transformations, Bata became a splinter that the queen (his former wife) eventually birthed into a baby boy. Eventually the king died and the prince (Bata) took power. At this point, Bata testified against his mother/wife, who was disgraced. Bata appointed Anubis as his crown prince. When Bata died many years later, Anubis succeeded him as king.[27]Anubis is perhaps one of the most recognizable of the Egyptian gods and has been featured in movies, books, TV shows, video games, and music.In Neil Gaiman's book *American Gods*, Anubis appeared as a character named Mr. Jacquel.The electro-avantgarde band Los Iniciaidos' first album was entitled "La Marca de Anubis." The cover art for the album showed Anubis performing the "Opening of the Mouth" ceremony upon a prone, mummified figure—possibly Osiris.While the Nickelodeon mystery TV series *House of Anubis* (based on the Belgian/Dutch show *Het Huis Anubis*) did not include Anubis as a character, it did include several references to Egyptian mythology. In the show, the "Mark of Anubis" was a curse that would cause those bearing the mark to die. This harkened back to Anubis's classic role as the enforcer of curses.[27]The ancient Greeks believed that Anubis was connected to their god Hermes. This ancient Roman statue at the Vatican Museums depicts a hybrid of the two deities: Hermanubis.Carole RaddatoCC BY-SA 2.0In Ancient Greece, the phrase "by the dog" was used to refer to Anubis, and was invoked as a means of guaranteeing the truth of a statement, similar to how we might now say "I swear on my mother's grave" or "I swear to god." Plato was fond of having Socrates invoke the phrase, and used it several times throughout his works.[29]Evan Meehan is a writer, researcher, and historian with an M.A. in History from Georgia State University A conjurer, a magician, a charmer, a sorcerer, or sorceress—a mage is a broad category that always possesses one key trait: the practice of powerful magic. This power can be raw or refined, while wizards are more known for specific wisdom and honed skill.Beware, or a mage like Circe (famous for turning Odysseus' men into pigs) may turn you to swine! Magic gives mages their supernatural quality, though they're not often strong physical threats. It's not surprising they're frequently loners (Circe, *The Odyssey*), otherworldly (Hecate, Greek mythology), or both.Mage naming trendsSingular names for singular people, almost like celebrities using pseudonyms. Think of their names as masks for the masses. Hecate may have been another name for Persephone or Artemis. Even Harry Houdini became the singular "Houdini" when performing his stunts.Mage name inspirationMage names often draw on their connection to magic and nature; Circe comes from the Greek meaning "bird." Mage names may also refer to their mystery and high status; Celtic goddess Morrigan sometimes translates as "phantom queen." The sea is another common theme.Ready to try your hand? Use our mage name generator to "conjure" up some mage names of your own!List of Mage NamesFrom Circe and Hecate in ancient Greece to "The Lady of the Green Kirtle" in C.S. Lewis' *The Silver Chair*, mages capture our imaginations because of their hidden, supernatural knowledge about worlds beyond our own. The category of "mage" is just as broad as its names, which is why you'll see influences from nearly every culture. Check out the following table for a breakdown:NameMeaningOriginGenderAlessiaDefenderCommon TongueFemaleAraspethUnknownCommon TongueFemaleAtlantesOf the AtlanticFrenchMaleCeridwenRebirthWelshFemaleCirceBirdGreekFemaleDajiDa (妲己) of the Ji (己) clanChineseFemaleDeianeiraMan-destroyerGreekFemaleHecateWill-power, far-reachingGreekFemaleKoscheiThe deathlessSlavicMaleMagusSorcerer, mageLatinMaleMardukCalf of the sunBabylonianMaleMarwynUnknownCommon TongueMaleMedeaPlanner, schemerGreekFemaleMerlinSea fortressWelshMaleMórriganPhantom queenCelticFemaleRadagastTender of beastsCommon SpeechMaleSolomonarPossibly "of Solomon"RomanianMaleSparkmantleSpark and mantleGnomishMaleTaftanWeaverPersianMaleThothScribe of the godsEgyptianMale