

# JÁPMEMEAHTTUN / OLMMOŠ GLOSSARY

Many of the words used in The Legacy of the Heavens trilogy are derived from the Saami language spoken in northern Finland, Norway, Sweden, and extreme northwestern Russia. The definitions in this glossary reflect the meanings as related to the books and are not intended to be a dictionary of Saami dialects

**almái:** male Jápmemeahttun

**Amanuensa:** acolyte or assistant to the village priest

**Apotti:** village priest

**Avr:** leader of the Brethren of Hunters

**badjeolmmoš:** reindeer herder

**bieba:** short form of biebmoadni; term of endearment like “mom”

**biebmoadni:** guide mother

**binna:** herd of reindeer; used as singular and plural for the animal

**binnalakki:** mythic creature part man and part reindeer

**boanda:** farmer

**boaris:** the old ones among the Jápmemeahttun males

**dákti:** a female Jápmemeahttun who does not become male

**Davvieana:** name for the region occupied by Olmmoš and Jápmemeahttun

**duollji:** reindeer pelt(s)

**ealga:** moose

**Geassemánnu:** summer month (June/July)

**girkogilli:** villagers

**gobmi:** ghost

**Guovassonásti:** Life Star; its cycle marks the ages of Jápmemeahttun individuals

**guovssu:** sunrise

**Hemmela:** name of a village

**Jápmea:** Olmmoš name for the Jápmemeahttun (slang pejorative)

**Jápmemeahttun:** tribal name for the original inhabitants of the area

**jámma:** forever

**joik:** personal song (chant); story of an Olmmoš individual (plural: joiken)

**juhka:** alcoholic drink

**käällis:** husband

**mánáid:** children

**mánná:** child

**miehkki:** sword

**muorji:** berry  
**nieddaš:** female Jápmemeahttun  
**Noaidi:** head of the Jápmemeahttun Council of Elders  
**oktoeadni:** birth mother  
**Olmmoš:** name for the “human” tribe; man or men  
**Piijkij:** title for a member of the Brethren of Hunters  
**Pohjola:** Northland  
**ránesjeagil:** grey reindeer lichen  
**rivgu:** name for an outcast Jápmemeahttun  
**sarrit:** blueberry  
**Skábmamánnu:** Dark period/winter month  
**Taistelijan:** Title for Jápmemeahttun warrior  
**Ullmea:** name of village  
**Uulo:** plant tea used for medicinal purposes  
**várálaš:** dangerous  
**varis:** foot soldier  
**Vijns:** High Priest of the Order of Believers