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Subject: Matrix Revolutions

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As it stands, I do not believe there is a name which is not symbolic in The Matrix (although I have no ideas for Switch and Apoc)...If you have any that I haven't listed (besides those two), tell me. (Note: I've taken several ideas on names from the first Matrix from this site.

1. Neo - Probably one of the most heard forms of symbolism, it's also an anagram for "one". Neo's real name is revealed to be "Thomas Anderson" in the first Matrix, and <http://www.geocities.com/Hollywood/Heights/6495/names.htm> suggests:

Quote:

The letters N, E, and O are found in "Anderson" in this order:

aNdErsOn

The letters N, E, O are found in "Thomas Anderson" in this order:

thOmas aNdErsOn

So this name conceals/contains the ideas that Thomas Anderson is both Neo and the One.

2. Morpheus - In Ovid's Metamorphoses, Morpheus is the God of Dreams. Many times in the Matrix, Morpheus refers to dreams and "waking up".

3. Trinity - There's many definitions and interpretations of Trinity, one being representative of the "trinity" of main characters in the Matrix: Neo, Morpheus and herself. Others have Biblical referances (The Father, Son and Holy Ghost).

4. Cypher - When spelled as "cipher", it denotes the number/symbol zero (0). As such, in the first movie, Neo plays the role of "one" while Cypher is "zero". They are opposites (especially when associated with binary), and Neo and Cypher are the good/evil opposites in the first Matrix.

5. Tank & 6. Dozer - They are perhaps the hardest names to define out of this group, but they could perchance symbolize the fact that they were born in Zion and not the Matrix. Tanks and Bulldozers are very physical tools, and often physical things are associated with being primitive (Fist fights, etc). While most of the technology we see in Zion is far beyond our own, it can still be said that Zion is a "primitive" place in comparison to the Matrix and the machine world.

7. Mouse - As the smallest member of the group and best programmer of the group, his name has derivatives from both an animal mouse and a computer mouse.

8. Switch & 9. Apoc - The only names I have no symbolism for

10. Agent Smith, Jones, Brown, etc. - Agents in the Matrix are like a generic evil. The "men in black" who desire everyone to "conform". Morpheus says that "they all look the same", and they're

names are all generic and simple names as well.

11. Nebuchadnezzar - Quote:Then God showed the prophet Daniel a vision of what Nebuchadnezzar had dreamt, and Daniel told him that the dream was about the rise and fall of kingdoms. But eventually there would come a kingdom that would crush all the others and last forever. While Morpheus represents dreams, his ship the Nebuchadnezzar represents his dream. That Neo will be the one to lead Zion to victory and "last forever". After being told that that prophecy was a lie and seeing the Nebuchadnezzar destroyed, Morpheus says: "I had dreamed a dream...but now that dream is gone from me."

12. Zion - Zion has many, all relevant meanings. It is historic and symbolic to the Jewish people as the land of Israel, and it can also mean a utopia. The Zion in the Matrix is a symbolic city of mankind, and it can also be considered a "utopia" of freedom.

11. Merovingian - The Merovingians were a line of wealthy Frankish kings who were overthrown after investing too much power in their maior domo, or mayors. Much like this kings of old, Merovingian is "overthrown", in a sense, by his wife Persephone.

12. Persephone - Persephone, or Proserpina in Latin, was part of an ancient Greek/Roman tale in which she was forced to spend 4 months of the year with a husband whom she hated. Obviously, we can say the the Persephone in the Matrix also hates her husband.

12. Commander Locke - John Locke was an Renaissance era British philosopher who believed that we should use logic as opposed to believing in dreams and superstition, and obviously much of the same is seen in Commander Locke who forsakes Morpheus for his beliefs in the oracle.

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