**The Language of Nola**

**Neutral Ground:** The grassy strip in the middle of a broad avenue. If there's flooding, the city lets us park up there.

**Second Line:** This is the place where folk are. This is the place where people are. This is the place where the music is. This is the place where the fun is. This is the place where the joy is. This is the place where the celebration is. This is the place where the party is. This is the place where the dancing is. This is the place where the parades are. This is the place where the stories are. This is the place where the memories are. This is the place where the history is. This is the place where the culture is. This is the place where the tradition is.

**Yerrow:** Just a hello, really, but from the chest. A shout for joy and to say, “here I’m at.”

**Zombies:** Well, they ain't like the ones you see on the teevee and in movies. They aren't trying to eat nobody's brains. It's just that since time out of mind, every twentieth body buried would wake back up and go on about their bidness. They hold jobs, they contribute to society—some of 'em even rigged up little translators so you can tell what they sayin when they moan and groan.

**Lagniappe:** A lil somethin' extra. Like when you pick up a doze at the doughnut shop and the baker throws in a apple fritter, free of charge.

**Huckabuck:** Them frozen Kool-aid cups with the sugary crust on top. The sugar collects at the center and some folks call that the heart. Lord, but that heart summ special!

**Morgus:** A scheming mad scientist who, accompanied by his faithful lab assistant, Chopley, is always hatching nefarious schemes. He on the TV.

**Tipsy Tina:** Last seen dancing for tips in Jackson Square.

**Walk Dem Blues:** Last seen jaywalking.

**First Chief:** Last seen leading a second line.

**Curly Girly:** Last seen in City Park.

**Mean Ole World:** Last seen dancing for tips in Jackson Square.

**Ballhead Betty:** Last seen at the junkyard.

**Jailbird Stomp:** Last seen in Da Cut.

**Cain't Get Right Blues:** Last seen gambling at Harrahs.

**Tha Color Rushes:** That weird upsetting feeling you get when you walk through a graffiti tag and your skin lights up realer than real and your eyes get all big and glowy and the top of your head shoot clean off like a Juneteenth rocket… for example.

**Nutria:** Them big ole bucktooth rats that live in swampy waters. Nasty things. And them teeth. Lord.

**Crawfish:** What the Good Lord done give us in exchange for the difficulty of living in a fallen world. They like little lobsters—but better! All berled up and steaming and you pinch the neck and twist the head and pull it apart to get that gorgeous meat.

**Snoball:** A mound of delicious shaved ice flavored any way you want. You can add condensed milk, get it stuffed with ice cream—every stand got their take on it. The perfect thing for a hot day.

**Mug/A Mug:** A very specific unit of measurement used for comparison, dig? Is it cold out? Yeah? But is it cold than a mug? Well, all right then. That is cold indeed.

**Haint:** Call 'em whatcha want. Ghosts, spirits, revenants, whatever. They all over—especially on the Dead Side of Town.

**Teedy:** Ya auntie.

**LGD:** Lower Garden District. Right by Central City.

**CBD:** Central Business District. Remember, “downtown” ain't a place in Nola, it's a direction….

**Mamaw:** Ya grandmama.

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**Rule 1:** Dance in the streets when the jazz songs appear.

**Rule 2:** Avoid the floating graffiti.

**Rule 3:** Never ask what year it is.
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