

Mamelta

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Alice Turner — 31 Mar 1997, 09:38

Scouting around to see if Mamelta's name could possibly be Vironese, I came up with two weak candidates:

mammole: edible fruit of Opuntia Tuna (sounds just right for a casserole--actually it's a flat-leafed cactus).

mamaliga: cornmeal mush; the national dish of Romania.

The second could be considered a fit through pronunciation elision---but Romania uses the Western alphabet, so the spelling is all off. So, unless there's a misprint throughout, which seems unlikely, it looks as though her name comes from elsewhere, and that the sleeping bio name of "Olive" is a red herring.

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