

Names, animals, and meanings (B1)

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This is Sean Whalen (prion).

Continuing the name list:

Babirousa. Also babirusa or babirusa. (Babyrousa babyrussa is the scientific name). Malay, from baabii (hog) and ruusa (deer). A hairless porcine creature. The male's teeth stick out beyond the lip.

Likes to hide. He is a member of Incus' circle of black mechanics, and the teeth sticking out remind us of Incus.

Bass. The giant sea bass (*Stereolepis gigas*) most closely resembles the bouncer at Orchid's.

Bellflower. A plant with bell-shaped flowers. Usually of the genus *Campanula* or a related genus.

Betel. The betel pepper (*Piper betle*) or the betel palm (*Areca catechu*). The nut of the palm is chewed with the leaves of the pepper as a stimulant by southern Asian cultures. This may show that Maytera Betel was once a prostitute (compare many with drug names) and that is why she's simpathetic to Rose's pregnancy.

Bison. A species in the genus *Bison*. Because all of the animals used as names in BLS come from the Americas, this is probably the bison (*Bison bison*). He probably has this name because bison fight for cows, like he fights for Mint, though not in exactly the same way.

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