

Names, animals, and meanings (G)

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mary whalen — 29 Jul 1998, 10:36

This is Sean Whalen (prion).

Galago. Any species in the Galago genus of the Lorisidae family, especially Lorisidae Galago senegalensis, also called the lesser bush baby. It's related to monkeys. Its body is only about half a foot long, and it has a long furry tail. It has mouse-like ears and big eyes that make it look like it's always scared. Very agile in the trees. Galago is related to Loris. This name is probably not complementary.

Gaur. Bibos gaurus or Bos gaurus. An ox from India. Possibly the wild variety of the gayal (Bibos frontalis or Bos frontalis). Big with large shoulders. Gaur was a criminal in Urus' group in the tunnels.

Gayfeather. Liatris pycnostachya. An herb with purple flowers. A girl at the palaestra.

Gecko. Also gecco. Any species of family Gekkonidae (or Gecconidae). Most are nocturnal. Large eyes, large toes with suckers used for climbing or sticking. Sticky tongue. Feed on insects. One of Oosik's officers.

Gelada. From Arabic quilaada (mane, collar). Theropithecus gelada. Closely related to baboons and mandrills. Looks like a hairy baboon with a mane of long hair on the back and side of the head of the males. Males have bare patches of red skin which they show and expand to look like a threat. A criminal in Urus' group in the tunnels. Urus told Auk that he was the leader of the group, and Auk killed him.

Gib. A male cat, a castrated male cat, a hook that a male salmon grows on its lower jaw during or after its mating season, the gib fish (the salmon, any species of genus Salmo). Also short for gibaro (also jibaro), a Puerto Rican worker or a verb meaning to gut a fish (also gip) or a verb meaning to oppose, balk, refuse, hesitate (also jib). It could also be short for gibbon. Gib is the large bouncer at the Cock who Auk saves. He buys Bongo the baboon. Many of these meanings could apply to him.

Ginger. Any species of genus Zingiber, especially Zingiber officinale, which contains the spice called ginger. The spice is fragrant and used as a stimulant. A girl at the palaestra.

Goldcrest. The golden-crested kinglet, or the golden-crowned kinglet, or the golden-crested wren. Any species of kinglet with a bright yellow patch on the head (genus Regulus). Also, possibly the golden crest, a yellow-flowered bog herb (Lophiola americana) or golden crown, a South American grass (Paspalum dilatatum). Described as a classmate of Nettle's, but I don't remember if Goldcrest is male or female.

Goral. Also gooral. The word is derived from gaur. Any species of genus Naemorhaedus (or Nemorhaedus, or Naemorhedus, or Nemorhedus), especially Naemorhaedus goral, the common

goral. The common goral is about four feet long, live in grassy hills near forests in the mountains. Related to the mountain goat. Former hostler who joins with Mint.

Grian. Irish for sun or gravel or bottom or ground or land or earth or surface. The flyer who escapes the Trivigauntis (you can't catch the sun).

Guan. Any species of family Cracidae. Tropical turkey-like birds. The males make a "whirring" sound with their wings for a mating display. One of Spider's subordinates who was killed in the tunnels.

Gulo. Latin for glutton, epicure; from Latin gula (gullet, throat). Gulo is the genus of the wolverine (*Gulo gulo*) and the glutton. Patera Gulo is a little well-fed.

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William H. Ansley — 29 Jul 1998, 23:11 · follows mary whalen

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Not that this matters, but no geckos (that I know of) have sticky tongues. They catch insects by staying very still and then lunging very quickly when an insect comes within reach, like most lizards. I should know; I used to keep geckos as pets.

William Ansley