

Names, animals and meanings (M)

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mary whalen — 29 Jul 1998, 22:07

This is Sean Whalen (prion).

Macaque. Any species of genus *Macaca*. Monkeys that usually have short tails and long feet. Boy at the palaestra.

Magnesia. Any one of several forms of magnesium oxide. Marble's real name.

Mamelta. Name of a martyred Christian Persian saint who died in 344. Wolfe says that if it is of Greek origin (which is possible), it probably means not careless, but he doesn't know the origin for sure. I'm fairly sure it isn't Greek, because its older form is Mamelchtha, which doesn't look Greek at all. She's the saint of October fifth on the Catholic calendar. A sleeper from Urth awakened by being possessed by Mucor. Apparently dead.

Mandrill. Any species of genus *Mandrillus*, especially the mandrill (*Mandrillus sphinx*). Maned, short-tailed monkeys. Hairless faces. Have several hairless areas they use for various kinds of displays. Gelada's cousin. Mandrills are related closely to geladas.

Maple. Any one of many trees or shrubs of genus *Acer*. Young Maytera on Brick Street.

Marble. From Greek *marmaros* (marble, rock), from *marainein* (to decay, waste away). A white limestone that is usually mixed with other colors in various ways. Also balls made of or resembling marble and the game played with them. Maytera Marble is an old chem at Silk's palaestra. She was activated on Urth. Repaired self with parts that Rose had used and mixed her personality with hers. Part of the meaning of her name probably is related to the fact that the word comes from the Greek word to decay, because Marble is in a fairly bad state. Like marble, she is mixed with other colors besides the original, some of which obscure the white (truth). Also, she's lost her marbles.

Marl. A loose or crumbling deposit of mostly calcium carbonate or dolomite. Also a deposit of broken shells. Also just clay or earth. Also a form of the word marble. Also a slender grey-brown bandicoot (*Perameles myosura*). Also *Ardisia paniculata*, a shrub or small tree with dark berries (marlberries). Old chemical person who serves Fulmar, possibly because of reprogramming.

Marmot. Any species of genus *Marmota*, including *Marmota monax*, the woodchuck (groundhog). Woodchucks are fast-growing, belligerent, and wary. Man who joins Mint's forces.

Marrow. Red and yellow marrow are soft tissues in bones. Yellow marrow is mostly fat, red is mainly red-blood-cell producing tissue. Also an old word for the best portion of food.

Greengrocer. Becomes a leader of the Blue colonists.

Matar. A Trivigaunti pterotrooper.

Mattak. As stated by someone earlier on this list, Mattak is a word in a dialect of Inuit (Eskimo) for dried whale meat. In my Inuit dictionary (of a different dialect), whale meat or whale skin is listed as Muk'tuk. Soldier. Oosik's son. Fed on by Quetzal.

Mear. Irish for quick, fast, nimble, lively, spirited, rash, quick-tempered, crazy, mad, furious, angry, digit, finger. Flyer killed by the Trivigauntis.

Mockorange. A shrub of genus *Philadelphus*. Sibyl from Sun Street. Now dead.

Molpe. Greek for song. In Greek mythology the name of one of the Seirenes (Sirens). The Seirenes' parentage was attributed to many figures by various sources. Usually they are said to be the daughter of one of the Mousai (Muses) and either Phorcys or Acheloos. Their song supposedly killed by causing passing sailors to stay on their island listening forever, to fall overboard, or to crash on the rocks.

A major goddess, one of the Nine and of the Seven. Goddess of music, dancing, art, air, the wind, and light things. Associated with the second day of the week and with songbirds and butterflies. Supposed child of Pas and Echidna. A dancer and musician who had fits of insanity.

Molybdenum. Also called moly. A metallic element. Silvery white. Used in metabolism of plants and animals. Hammerstone's old sweetheart. Called Moly for short. Moly was a mythical herb that Odysseus used to counter Circe's magic. It is also a garlic with yellow flowers (*Allium moly*).

Moorgrass. One of several different kinds of grass. Heath grass (*Sieglingia decumbens*). Flying bent (*Molinia coerulea*). *Eriophorum angustifolium*. All of these are grasses found on moors. Woman who began to prepare Quetzal's body for burial. I wonder if this has to do with her name being a form of the grass called flying bent?

Moray. The moray eel. Any species of family *Muraenidae*. Tongueless, long, thin, snake-like fish with sharp teeth. This family contains many brightly-colored species. Patera murdered by Eft.

Mucor. Latin for mold. A genus of the family *Mucoraceae* or any species of that genus. Mucors have spore cases that are found in many different areas of their bodies. These cases are round and usually cylindrical or pear-shaped. Adopted daughter of Blood. He bought her as a frozen embryo, which he had Crane insert into a woman. She apparently has psychic abilities and can mentally leave her body and possess others.

Murtagon. All I could find fitting this is martagon, also called the red-cap lily, turk's-cap lily, and the turk's cap (*Lilium martagon* or *Lilium superbum*). Murtagon is a famous artist. The red cap reminds me of the stereotypical artist's beret.

Musk. A strong-smelling bodily substance obtained from a variety of animals. Used in perfume and associated with sexuality. Also a name for the grape hyacinth. Blood's second-in-command, a sadistic killer.

Has several unusual sexual habits.

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William H. Ansley — 31 Jul 1998, 00:05 · follows mary whalen

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The zuchinni squash is also know as a vegtable marrow, which ties in with the greengrocer occupation.

William Ansley