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From: mary whalen <marewhalen at yahoo.com>
Subject: (whorl) Names, animals and meanings (N)
Date: Wed, 29 Jul 1998 22:17:48 -0700 (PDT)
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This is Sean Whalen (prion).

Nettle. Any species of prickly or stinging plants of genus *Urtica* or family *Urticaceae*. Horn's wife. Coauthor of the Book of Silk.

Newt. A small amphibious salamander, usually of genus *Triturus*. The name formed because of an incorrect merging of an ewte (a newte). Ewte was the animal's original English name, and it remains in the word eft. New member of the Ayuntamiento.

Nizam. Trivigaunti private who takes in Tick for a while.

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----- MESSAGE whorl.v008.n058.2 -----

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Subject: (whorl) Names, animals and meanings (O)

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Olive. Any plant of genus *Olea*, especially *Olea europaea*. Produce olives. Also a first name. A sleeper.

Oont. From Hindi *uut*, from Sanskrit *ustra*. A camel (*Camelus ferus*). Oont is a porter. A camel is used to carry things.

Oosik. Someone else previously found out that oosik is an Inuit (Eskimo) dialect word for the penis bone of the walrus. My Inuit dictionary (of a different dialect) lists Oosh'ook as penis. Generalissimo of Viron. Father of Mattak (Whale Meat). Name may have to do with his relationship with Hyacinth.

Orchid. Any plant of family *Ochidaceae*. Flowers that are expensive and showy. Also a color (light purple). Madame of brothel on Lamp Street. Mother of Orpine.

Oreb. Hebrew for raven. A chough is any species of genus *Pyrrhocorax* (red raven). Related to crows. Have black feathers and red legs. Night chough Silk buys to sacrifice, but doesn't.

Orpine. *Sedum telephium*. A plant with red-purple flowers formerly used as folk medicine. Orchid's daughter. Possessed by Mucor and killed by Chenille. Called Pine. Sounds like Orchid, her mother. Also may suggest orphan, which is the way she lived for a time.

Outsider, the. God of the downtrodden. Apparently the Whorl's name for God. Not known or worshipped much, because most records are changed or gone.

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----- MESSAGE whorl.v008.n058.3 -----

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Date: Thu, 30 Jul 1998 11:11:07 -0700 (PDT)
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Paca. Any species of genus *Cuniculus* of family *Dasyproctidae*, especially the paca (*Cuniculus paca*). *Cuniculus* is Latin for rabbit or burrow. Related closely to agoutis. Nocturnal rodents about two feet long. Digs burrows. Good swimmer. Hunted for their meat. One of Spiders spies who died in the tunnels.

Pas. Greek for all. Pseudonym Typhon uses. A major god. One of the Nine. God of weather, wind, rain, sun, machinery, and many other things. Associated with cattle and birds of prey. Shown with two heads. Said to have built the Whorl. Typhon was actually the Monarch of Urth and many other worlds.

Peeper. Any young animal that peeps or chirps. Also any species of chirping frog, especially of family Hylidae (the treefrogs), and most especially the spring peeper (Hylidae Hyla crucifer). The spring peeper has adhesive toes, lives in trees, and can leap to catch insects in the air. Can jump seventeen times its length. Its song begins at the start of spring. Jailer at the Juzgado.

Petal. The leaf-shaped part of a flower. Also, a body part of a sea urchin of order Exocycloida. Alias of Titi.

Phaea. Greek for gray. In Greek mythology is the child of Typhon and Echidna, or others. Called the Crommyonian Sow. A monstrous pig who terrorized the land around Crommyon in Corinth until killed by Theseus. Some sources say that this was actually an old bandit nicknamed the Sow who was terrorizing the place. In the Whorl is a major goddess. One of the Nine and of the Seven. The goddess of food and healing, but also of killing in order to eat. Associated with swine and the sixth day of the week. Supposed child of Typhon and Echidna. Her problem is gluttony.

Pike. A long thin carnivorous fish (Esox lucius), also called the northern pike. Also, any species in family Esocidae that resembles the pike. Also the name for a variety of weapons like the spear. Old augur on Sun Street. Blood's father. Dead.

Poppy. Any of various species of genus Papaver or related genera. White, red, or yellow showy flowers. The source of opium. A prostitute at Orchid's.

Pork. Pork is a food made from the meat of the pig. Restaurant owner.

Potto. Any member of genus Perodicticus or Arctocebus, especially the potto (Lorisidae Perodicticus potto). Primates related to monkeys. Stout, with large legs and arms and a large neck. Large eyes. Live in trees. The potto has four spines at the back of its neck. Member of the Ayuntamiento.

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----- MESSAGE whorl.v008.n058.4 -----

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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.

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

William Ansley

----- MESSAGE whorl.v008.n058.5 -----

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Quetzal. Plural quetzals or quetzales. Also spelled quezal or quesal. From the Nahuatl word quetzalli (large bright tail feather). A species (*Pharomachrus mocinno*) of family Trogonidae (the trogon family [trogon means "one who gnaws" in Greek]) of order Trogoniformes. The trogons are brightly plumed tree-dwelling birds (the males are brighter than the females). Their feet have two toes in front and two in back, like most tree-dwelling birds, but they are the only birds who have the first and second toes in front, rather than the first and fourth. The quetzal has green feathers on top and and at the throat and crimson ones on the bottom. The top of the head has a puffy crown of feathers. Males have long green tail feathers that can be over two feet long and are regrown after each breeding season. The birds themselves are only about a foot long. They live in the lower layers of tropical forest trees in Mexico and Central America. They are semi-solitary. They are very fond of fruit and also eat insects, small frogs, lizards, and snails. Males and females alternate sitting on the eggs. The long feathers were used in ceremonies by the Mayans and Aztecs, who believed the quetzal was sacred, and associated it with Quetzalcoatl, the plumed serpent god. The quetzal dance is performed by the Totonacs of Mexico to honor the quetzal as a sun symbol. The men perform the dance and where disk headdresses to represent the sun. They dance longways by two-steps and knee-raising. The advance, withdraw, and follow the leader down the center and around, split up, cross over, cross back, and and finally the lines wind back and forth through each other in a serpentine path. The quetzal is the national bird of Guatemala. Quetzal is also the name of the basic money unit of Guatemala. The god Quetzalcoatl, the feathered serpent, was worshipped all over Central America. He was known as Eecatl (Aztec for wind) when functioning as a wind god. He was called Ce Acatl (One Cane) as lord of the planet Venus. He was also the creator god, the sun during one of the previous incarnations of the world. He went to Mictlan, the

underworld, and brought the bones of the people of the previous worlds to Earth. He sprinkled his blood over them, making them into humans. He gave them corn, art, weaving, polishing jade, making feather mantles, and taught the calendar and astronomy. He was described as light-skinned and bearded. The worship of Pas on the Whorl seems similar to the Aztec worship of Quetzalcoatl. Qu. was supposedly bested by Tezcatlipoca (Smoking Mirror), and sailed east on a raft made of snakes in humiliation. He said that he would return in the year Ce Acatl, and when Cortes landed in that year (1519) he was at first thought to be Qu. returning. Tezcatlipoca, by the way, was an earlier sun who Qu. knocked from the sky and turned into a tiger. He was god of witches, thieves, night, dark, evil, and warriors. He was omnipotent, invisible, and gave and took life as he wanted. Quetzal is an inhumu from Green who came onto the Whorl and became Prolocutor of Viron.

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