

Names, animals and meanings (R)

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This is Sean Whalen (prion).

Ratel. Any species of genus *Mellivora* (honey-eater), especially *Mellivora capensis*. *M. capensis* is also called the honey badger. It has a grey top and the rest of the fur is black. It looks like a cross between a skunk and a badger. It has long claws. It is about two feet long. It is stocky and has very loose skin, in which it can maneuver. The thick skin helps to protect it against bee stings when it gets honey. Interestingly, it is led to sources of honey by another species, a small bird called the honey guide (*Indicatoridae Indicator indicator*). This bird also leads humans and other animals to honey sources, where they open up the nest, leaving the honey guide to feed on the remnant honey and wax. The ratel also eats small animals, insects, roots, bulbs, and fruit. They are normally nocturnal. A young girl at the palaestra.

Remora. Latin for delay. Any species of one of several genera in family *Echeneidae* (ship-delaying), especially the remora (*Remora remora*). The remora has a sucking disk on the back of its head that it attaches to the bottoms of sharks, large fishes, or ships. They travel with them. It feeds on the parasites of the shark and also leaves briefly to catch small fish or crustaceans. The remora prefers the blue shark as its host. Patera Remora delays often when speaking.

He also has a parasitic relationship with *Prolocutor Quetzal*.

Rimah. Arabic for gazelle. Siyuf's chief of staff.

Rook. *Corvus frugilegus*, a bird related to and looking like the crow.
It also is a piece in chess. It is also slang for one who cheats or is deceived. One of Mint's lieutenants. Seen in a symbolic dream. Interpreted by Mint to be a message sent by the Outsider (who relates to the night chough Oreb).

Rose. From Latin *rosa*, from Greek *rhodon*. Probably related to island of Rhodos. Any species in genus *Rosa*. Pretty, but has sharp thorns. Represents chastity. Maytera Rose is pretty prickly, and has broken her vow of chastity. She's also lost the blush of youth.