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VAGABOND BORING SPONGE



Sponges are literally living filters with no mouths, stomachs, gills, hearts or organs. They draw water in, straining out the plankton and organic particles and return filtered water to the sea. They were originally thought to be plants because they do not move but when it was discovered that they were able to pump sea water they were reclassified as animals. The Vagabond Boring Sponge bores into rock by means of acid secretions. Tubes protruding above the substrate are the only visible parts of the sponge.

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