

Marrowslugs

Description: a foot-long slug with a circular mouth on one end, with the requisite sawtooth fangs. Marrowslugs smell hideous, are grey-yellow in color, and constantly exude a somewhat toxic mucus that acts as a powerful sedative and hallucinogen. Marrowslug attacks are downright **disgusting**, and easily fatal if the victim isn't treated in time.

Mad Science never really goes away; it just finds new and exciting fields of study to batten off of. And it doesn't matter if the new field seems fairly exotic already. Like, say, genetic engineering; your typical Mad Scientist will just simply go farther into the Febrile Lore for the necessary inspiration. Mad Science is not really a rigorous scientific discipline, in other words. It's basically a state of mind.

And thus it is that the world got saddled with Marrowslugs. The researchers who engineered this species *thought* that they were working on a low-maintenance way to cheaply convert beef marrow into a growth culture for white blood cells. Unfortunately, there was a nascent Mad Scientist on the team, and something about the project triggered his

insanity. Shortly after that, the growth culture had developed fangs, motility, and a ravenous desire for bone marrow. And shortly after **that**, the lab was in flames and the first marrowslugs were in the sewers.

Now, normally Abominations of Science like these have a very short, if typically bloody, run. Unfortunately, the mucus that Marrowslugs produce can be refined into a very valuable designer drug, which is why there's now a few underground labs where these things are carefully kept and 'milked.' But, remember: to organized crime Marrowslugs are resource-producers whose output is too valuable to be simply thrown away. So, no, they're not kept in pits, or anything like that.

Except when captives need to be executed in a suitably dramatic fashion, of course. This is Mad Science, after all. If you don't respect the traditions, bad things happen. Well, worse things.

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