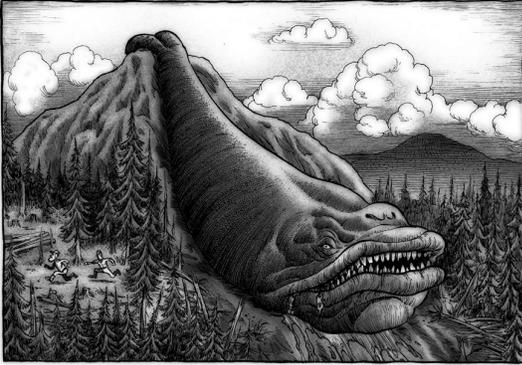


# Slide-Rock Bolter



The Slide-Rock Bolter is native to Colorado and the Rocky Mountains. This creature resembles a whale with a large head and small, beady eyes. It possesses a clawed tail fluke which it uses to hang on to the tops of mountains.

While stories of the creature vary, the Slide Rock Bolter is often described as larger than a blue whale with camouflaged markings that blend with the surrounding rocks. An example of adapting well to one's

environment, hairs on the creature are said to resemble scrub brush or even small trees. The prehensile tail is said, by some observers, it's similar to a crab's pincer while others describe it as forked with hooks while still others claim that it is similar to a chicken foot. Finally, others argue the tail is more finger-like, with big hairy knuckles.

<If you see the tail, you are lucky. Usually if you see these creatures it is from the inside.> Almost Dead

Asturally, these creatures are almost not existent. There is very little astral presence, looking like vegetation and small wildlife. It's natural masking is almost perfect.



An ambush predator, it will hang there until a victim passes by lower down the mountain. When this occurs, the Bolter releases its grip on the mountain and begins its descent down the slope, assisted by the lubrication provided by its dripping saliva.

<The saliva is talk of the corps. It is a natural lube that doesn't dry out for a long time. I know I would pay big Y for a tub of the stuff.> Corp Guy

The Bolter will scoop up its target on the way down the hill, then continue its slide right up the next mountain where it slaps its tail over the top and once again takes up its vigil.

<If they get stuck down on the bottom of a hill, they start doing the worm to climb up the hill, using their tail to help propel them up the hill. It is a wondrous sight to see.> Dr. P Zoologist

The tracks of this creature are hard to miss. They resemble a landslide with broken trees, crushed brush, and mounds of earth along both sides of its slide. There is a slug-like film over the trail that is thought to be the saliva that helps it along.

Unfortunately, if you ever see the markings of this creature, it may be too late. <I heard of whole teams going missing from the region, not sure if they were hiding or are dead> Suspicious Ranger. That is because the preferred food of the Slide-Rock Bolter is Metahumans. It doesn't matter what race they are, if they walk on two legs this creature will eat them. They can also sustain themselves on deer, bears, cougars, wolves, or any other large animal that calls the mountains home.

It is not advisable to hunt these creatures, even with the enchanting ingredients you can get from them. Some corporations will pay big money for one, but is it worth your and your teams lives? <No, no it's not.>-Negative Nancy

### Slide-Rock Bolter

B	A	R	S	W	L	I	C	E	Ess	M/R
18	7	8	40	4	2	2	2	3	6	10M

**Initiative:** 2D6+16

**Armor:** 18/7

**Limits:** Physical 36 Mental 4 Social 5

**Powers:** Concealment, Enhanced senses (Smell, Hearing, Sight), Astral Masking

**Skills:** Perception 5, Running 4, Sneaking 6, Unarmed Combat 4 (Bite, Horn, Crush) Strength +4 P damage

### Gamemaster Notes:

These creatures are extremely rare. There are thought to be less than a dozen alive at any time. Somehow it is thought when one dies, another replaces it within a day. No one knows for sure, but these creatures are thought to be magical in nature.

(They are not magical creatures and just appear. These creatures eggs lay dormant until one of the creatures dies. Then the loss of a creature triggers one hatching. This way they don't run out of food. Finding an egg is even harder as they look like a normal rock or Geode.)

