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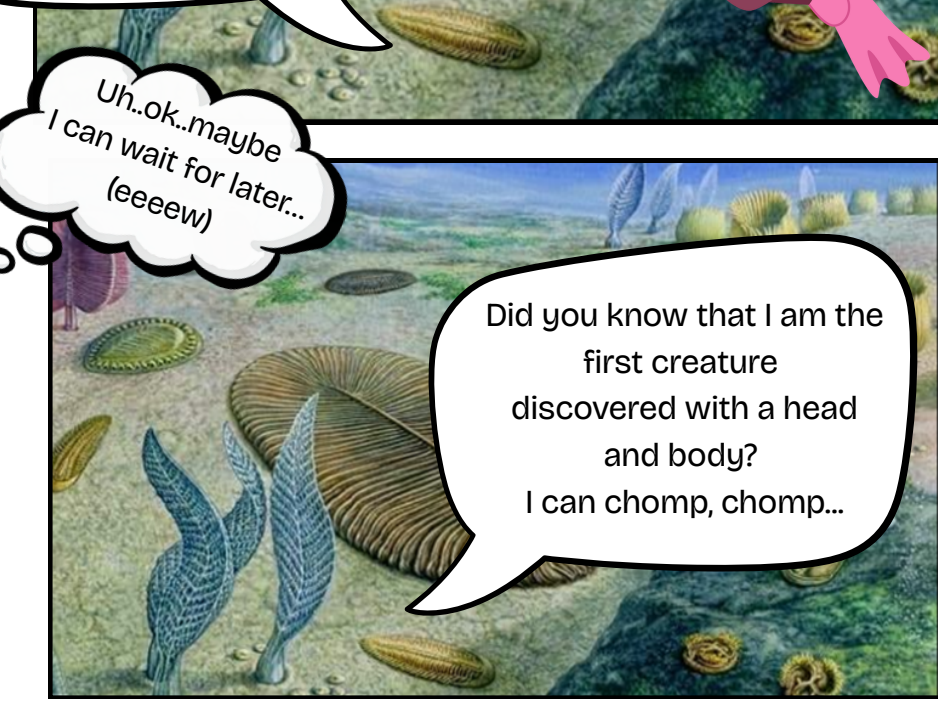
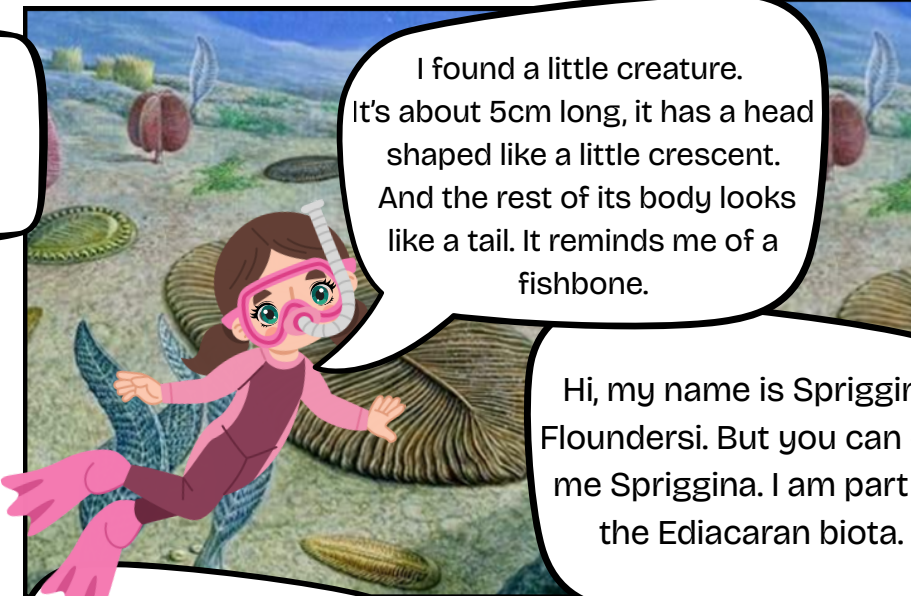
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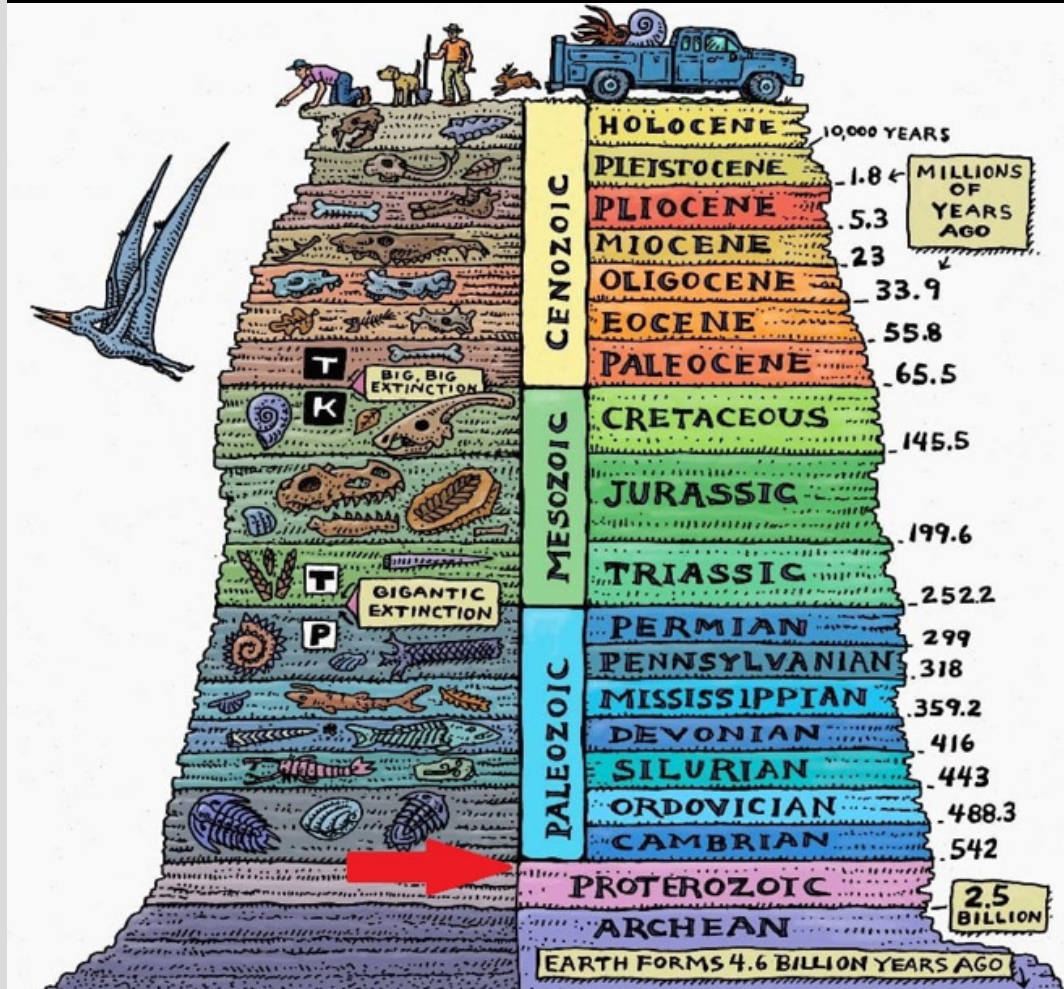
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TIME TRAVELING TO INTERVIEW SPRIGGINA

It has been 80 years since Spriggina has been discovered in the Ediacara Hills in the Flinders Ranges, South Australia. Today that land has become part of the Ediacara-Nilpena National Park. Isn't it amazing to have the fossils of the earliest recorded signs of life right here! In our back yard!







It is now time for me to go back to 2026. Thank you for taking me back in time

You're very welcome! You and your friends should go out there! Look for fossils! There is so much information still to be discovered!



Image 1. Spriggina Floundersi, Adelaide Museum
Credit: Evelyn Weeks



Image 2: Spriggina fossil and putty cast
from Nilpena, Flinders Ranges
Credit: Dr. Mary Droser



Image3: Artist impression of
Spriggina Floundersi, Adelaide Museum
Credit: Evelyn Weeks



Image 4: Evelyn Weeks, age 18 months cleaning
TB-ARB fossil bed with Spriggina, Flinders Ranges
Credit: John Weeks



Image 5: Discovering Spriggina Floundersi
Adelaide Museum
Credit: John Weeks



Image 6: Evelyn Weeks and Prof. Mary Droser
June 2026
Credit: John Weeks

References

Interview

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