

## **An Extra-terrestrial in Florence**

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In a stream on the outskirts of Florence, we met a creature that looked like it came from another planet. As elegant as a medieval warrior, the river or fresh water crab has a long history behind it. It slowly moved inland from the sea thousands of years ago and, after many adventures, created a home for itself in fresh water streams. Very little is known about this animal and unfortunately, there is a danger it might disappear from the face of the earth before we really get to know much about it. A biologist from the University of Florence, Marco Vannini, has been studying it for several years. He discovered that these unusual animals live in tunnels dug underground. They are more like hotels than dens, where the first to arrive gets the room, at least until the next night.





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