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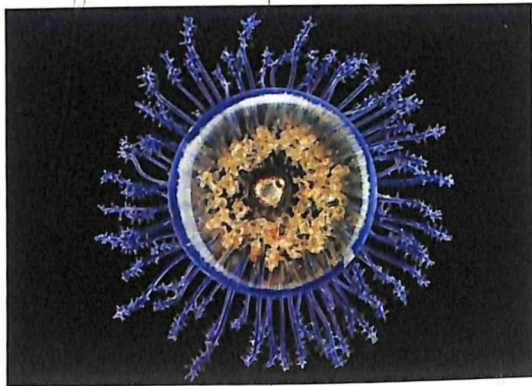
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Ready for combat, a heavily armed Thraex holds up his shield and *sica*, a short sword with a curved blade, in the amphitheater at Pompeii.

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Glass Sea Menagerie

Two 19th-century glass artists made detailed models of sea life, for use in research. Today they're collector's items and the objects of a still life odyssey.

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A Fan Letter to My Favorite Spacecraft

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BY HICKS WOGAN



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Enraged by prosperity in a Black community, white rioters attacked it in 1921, in one of the worst acts of terrorism in U.S. history.

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