**Millipedes**

Millipedes are gentle forest dwellers. They live on the forest floor, eating rotting plant matter. They are frightened easily and cannot tell the difference between a laugh and a scream, and when they are frightened, they curl up into a spiral with their head in the middle. They have hundreds of tiny legs, and when they move the legs ripple like waves. When they are frightened, they also release a puff of gas that makes you blink. The larger African millipedes release gas that can make your eyes water. I had one in my hands, and its movement was sort of tickly. I also had one crawl on my face, and it felt very strange, especially on my upper lip. They are not very fast.

