

Life Cycle of the T'ao T'ieh



Larva The worm-like T'ao T'ieh larva burrows into a human host.

Cocooned inside, the T'ao T'ieh feeds off the host's body, and begins its metamorphosis.

Pupa



Adult When fully grown it tears itself from the vesicated corpse. The skull, spine, rib cage and pelvis of the host now form an exo-skeleton around the T'ao T'ieh's body.

T'ao T'ieh



In search of a host, T'ao T'ieh larvae swarm up through the ground and attack en masse.

T'ao T'ieh

A fully formed adult.

The body is based on several different arachnids, principally the Vinegaroon Scorpion and the Camel Spider. Both are Solifugae (Latin for *those who flee from the sun*).

The life cycle is patterned after the Lepidoptera (moths and butterflies). When it emerges from its human host, it uses the skull, spine, rib cage and pelvis as an exo-skeleton. The pedipalps are formed from the human hand and arm bones.

Like the Vinegaroon, it has a whip tail with a poisonous stinger.

