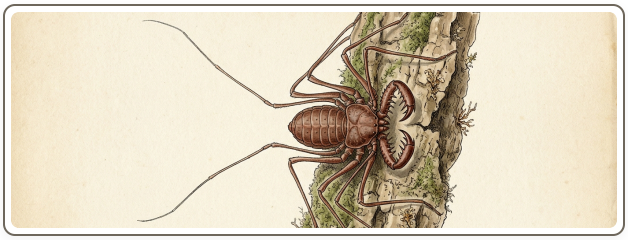
Tailless Whip Scorpion

Phrynus species (Order Amblypygi)

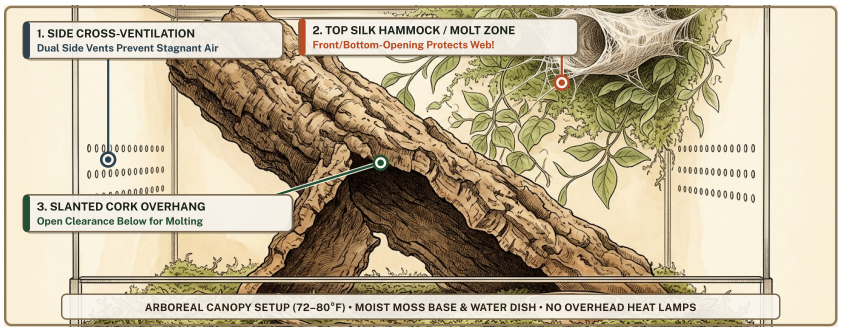
The Quick Version: Yes, this is the exact critter from the classroom scene in *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire*—and plot twist: **they are 100% harmless to humans!** They have NO venom, NO stinger, and NO silk! Those super long, hair-thin front legs are actually gentle blind-man's canes for feeling around dark tree hollows at night!



LIFESPAN	FEELER SPAN	ACTIVE HOURS	ENCLOSURE	VENOM?
5–10+ Years	5–8 Inches	Night (Nocturnal)	12"×12"×18" Tall	0% (None at All!)

1. Tall Cork-Bark Cave & Hanging Molt Space

CRITICAL RULE: THEY MUST HAVE SLANTED CORK BARK WITH 6" OF OPEN SPACE UNDERNEATH TO MOLT!



Daytime Tank Temp — 72°–78°F
Warm tropical cave / tree-hollow temp

Slanted Cork Ceiling — Molt Zone!
Rough cork bark leaned at a 45°–75° angle

Humid Cave Air — 70–80% RH
Keep soil & moss damp so air stays 70–80% RH

Shallow Water Dish — Fresh Water
Damp moss floor + shallow water dish

Nighttime Temp — 68°–75°F
Shady by day, pitch dark at night

2. Two Ways That Work — Pick What Fits Your Home

SHORT & SWEET: BOTH OPTIONS WORK GREAT

Cork Bark Angles: Why Smooth Glass Won't Work!

Tailless Whip Scorpions molt by hanging completely upside-down from rough bark and dropping out of their old shell:

OPTION A: WIDE CORK BARK SLABS LEANED AT A SLIGHT ANGLE (MANDATORY!)
Stand wide pieces of rough cork bark from floor to ceiling at a slight lean so they have a rough ceiling to hang from with 6" of open air below.

OPTION B: 3D CORK/FOAM BACKGROUND + HOLLOW CORK TREE TRUNK
Gives them 360 degrees of grippy bark walls! **Big No-No:** their feet can't grip bare glass to molt—without rough overhanging bark, they will fall during a molt!

Keeping Humidity at 70–80% RH

Because their bodies are flat as a pancake, they dry out fast if the air gets desert-dry:

OPTION A: 3" DAMP REPTILE SOIL + SPHAGNUM MOSS FLOOR
Keep the bottom soil damp like a wrung-out sponge and seed with **Tropical Springtails & Dwarf White Isopods** to keep the cave floor mold-free!

OPTION B: EVENING MIST SPRITZ + HALF-COVERED SCREEN TOP
Cover half of the screen lid to hold humidity in while keeping fresh air moving.

Lighting: Keep It Shady!

In the wild they hide inside dark hollow trees and caves all day:

OPTION A: SHADED ROOM LIGHT ONLY (NO BRIGHT LAMPS NEEDED)
Skip bright overhead lights and heat bulbs in a normal 72–78°F room.

OPTION B: RED FLASHLIGHT FOR NIGHTTIME VIEWING
Sneak a peek after the room lights go out—watching them glide sideways like crabs and gently tap crickets with their feelers is mesmerizing!

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3. Nighttime Bug Hunting & Molting Safety

DROP CLIMBING CRICKETS IN AT DUSK • NEVER LEAVE CRICKETS IN WITH A MOLTING WHIP SCORPION!

Juveniles 2× Per Week	**2–3 Small Crickets or Small Dubia Roaches:** They love bugs that climb right up onto the cork bark at night.
Adults 1–2× Per Week	**2–3 Medium Crickets or Soft Roaches:** Check their belly: if it's flat like a wafer, feed 'em; if it's plump like a raisin, wait a few days!
Molting Time Pull All Crickets!	**Huge Safety Rule:** Right after molting, their shell is soft white and helpless for 24 hours — a single loose cricket in the tank can chew on them while they hang!

Best Bugs for Whip Scorpions:

- **Live Crickets (Small/Med)** — Climb up the cork bark right into their reach!
- **Small Dubia Roaches** — Soft-bodied and nutritious
- **Blue Bottle Flies / Moths** — Awesome enrichment — they snatch flies out of the air!
- **Skip Hard Beetles / Big Worms** — They prefer soft climbing bugs over ground worms

Zero Venom Fact: Despite looking like a medieval torture device, Tailless Whip Scorpions have **zero venom** and aren't even scorpions! Those spiky front arms (pedipalps) are just little 'Venus flytrap' baskets for hugging crickets.

4. Tips, Tricks & Big No-Nos from Our Reptile Team

REAL-WORLD HABITS THAT KEEP THEM THRIVING

6" Hanging Clearance

Almost every bad molt in captivity happens because the tank was too short or too dry. Give them tall, slanted cork bark with plenty of open space underneath!

Keep the Moss Damp

Keep the floor soil and sphagnum moss damp at 70–80% humidity so those paper-thin feeler legs stay healthy.

Watch the Feeler Legs!

Their two long whip-like front legs are delicate sensory antennas. Always look where their feelers are before closing the tank door so you never pinch one!

Sideways Teleportation

They're super gentle on a flat hand, but if you startle them they can zip sideways in a millisecond — always open the tank calmly!

5. Grab-and-Go Setup Checklist

ASK US ON THE FLOOR — WE'LL HELP YOU MATCH EVERYTHING!

TALL CORK-CAVE TANK & SOIL

- [ ] 12"×12"×18" Tall Front-Opening Terrarium or Tall Arboreal Acrylic
- [ ] 2–3 Wide Natural Cork Bark Slabs & Hollow Cork Tubes (Floor to Ceiling!)
- [ ] Reptile Soil + Sphagnum Moss (3" damp bottom layer)

HUMIDITY & TOOLS

- [ ] Shallow Water Dish + Mist Spray Bottle + Dechlorinator
- [ ] Digital Hygrometer / Thermometer (Keep at 70–80% RH!)
- [ ] 10-Inch Soft-Tip Feeding Tongs

LIVE CLIMBING BUGS

- [ ] Small to Medium Live Crickets & Small Dubia Roaches
- [ ] Bug Gut-Load Chow (for feeding the crickets)

A Quick Note from Our Team — Keep Learning & Ask Us Anytime!

The quick version: there's more than one right way to set up a great enclosure! As long as your temperatures, humidity, and diet are dialed in, your pet doesn't care whether its cave is fancy resin or a terra-cotta pot. Bringing home this critter is a **5–10+ year commitment** — use these two pages as your home-base cheat sheet, watch what your pet tells you with their daily behavior, find a good local exotic vet, and call or stop by the shop anytime you have questions!

MY WHIP SCORPION'S INFO

Name / Morph: _____

Current Diet: _____

Date Adopted: _____