Millions of years later, the rock surrounding the skeleton rises to the surface. Erosion or human activity may then expose the fossil.

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Layers of sediment build up and are compressed to form a rock.

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The remains of an organism are buried by sediments. Its soft parts begin to decay.

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The bones are slowly dissolved by water that passes through the rock. Minerals in the groundwater replace the bones of the organism.

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