

Thermal Bloom

Type: Plant / ambulatory organism

Size: 1-2 meters diameter

Behavior: Semi-mobile plant that migrates toward heat sources. Roots can detach and re-establish. Absorbs thermal energy for sustenance. Neither predator nor prey—environmental hazard.

Abilities:

- Thermal absorption (cools surroundings)
- Slow mobility (roots as limbs)
- Heat tracking
- Spore release (irritating to lungs)

Vulnerabilities:

- Cold (enters dormancy)
- Fire (destroys rapidly)
- Dehydration

Encounter Notes: Found near geothermal vents and day-side margins. Can cool settlement heating systems if not removed. Farmers use them to regulate greenhouse temperatures. Spores are medical ingredient (anti-inflammatory).

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