Baffling Belemnites



Question 1: A belemnite is a type of Jurassic squid. Often the only part of the creature we find is the hard shell called a rostrum. Occasionally though, in well preserved fossils, the 'hooks' can be seen on the arms.

How many arms can you count and what are the hooks for?





Question 2:

Artists have used the ink from fossil belemnites to paint pictures with . . .

but what did the creature itself use the ink for?

Question 3:

In folklore, people imagined that Belemnites were cast down from heaven during thunderstorms. Their name comes from the Greek word 'Belemnon'...

What do you think this word might mean?



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