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A new species of asteroid was collected, or so we thought, near the campus of University of Alberta. Although it is but a shadow of the beast, the features observable in two dimensions clearly differ from shadows cast by other asteroids. The presence of multiple rays indicates that it is fissiparous, having broken up before entry upon the site. Associated findings strongly support the conclusion that this asteroid had a major impact on this Late Ordovician community.