Puzzle solved

"Brain Drain"

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The juvenile sea squirt wanders through the sea searching for a suitable rock or hunk of coral to cling to and make its home for life. . . . When it finds its spot and takes root, it doesn't need its brain any more, so it eats it! (It's rather like getting tenure.) Daniel Dennett, *Consciousness* [Explained]

- A **D**ARKROOM
- B ASSASSIN
- C NOTABLE
- D **I**DOLATER
- E **EQUITATION**
- F LIGHTWEIGHT
- G **D**EMIJOHN
- H ESTRANGE
- I NUTRIENT
- J NEONATE
- K EGOTIST
- L THANKFUL
- M TERROR
- N CHEETAH
- O OFFICER
- P NARROW
- Q **S**KITTISH
- R CASSOCK
- S ITERATE
- T **O**UTSKIRTS
- U UNHINGED
- V SHERIFF
- W NOODLES
- X ENTROPY
- Y SEDATIVE
- Z **SUBLIMATE**