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A. What you are describing are not stains, they are acid etches. The stone has been chemically etched by the neutralization process that happens between calcium (the main ingredient in marble) and the acid applied or spilled on your table top. More than likely you will need to call a professional restoration contractor to refinish your stone. However, if the etching is not severe, we recommend that you first try to polish your stone using a marble polishing powder or compound. Understand this is not cleaning, it is polishing the stone much like jewelers rouge. See our [Stone and Tile Care Guide](#) for more information.

If this doesn't work, you should contact your professional stone and tile restoration contractor. If you don't yet have a PRO, [contact us](#).

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