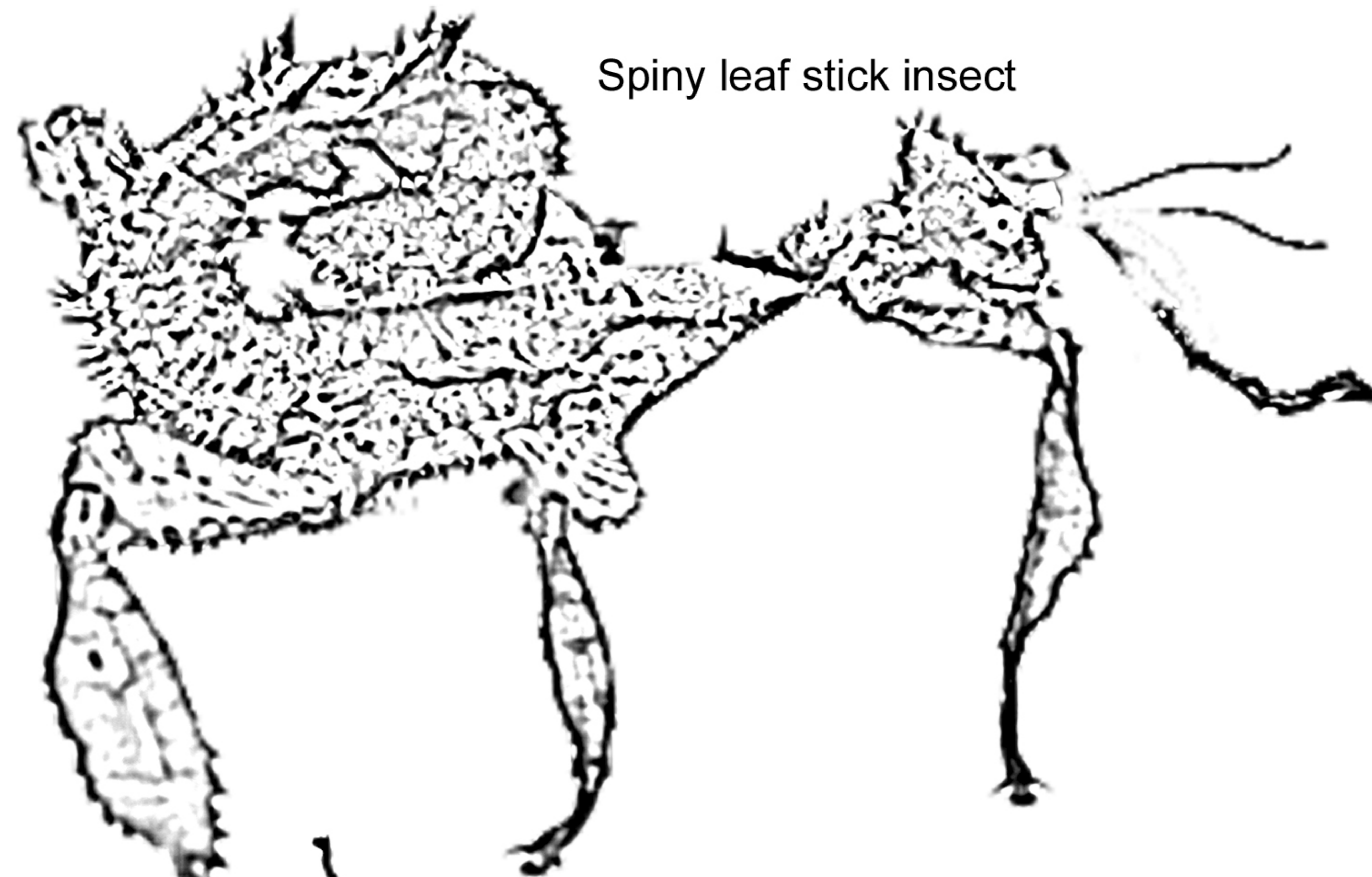
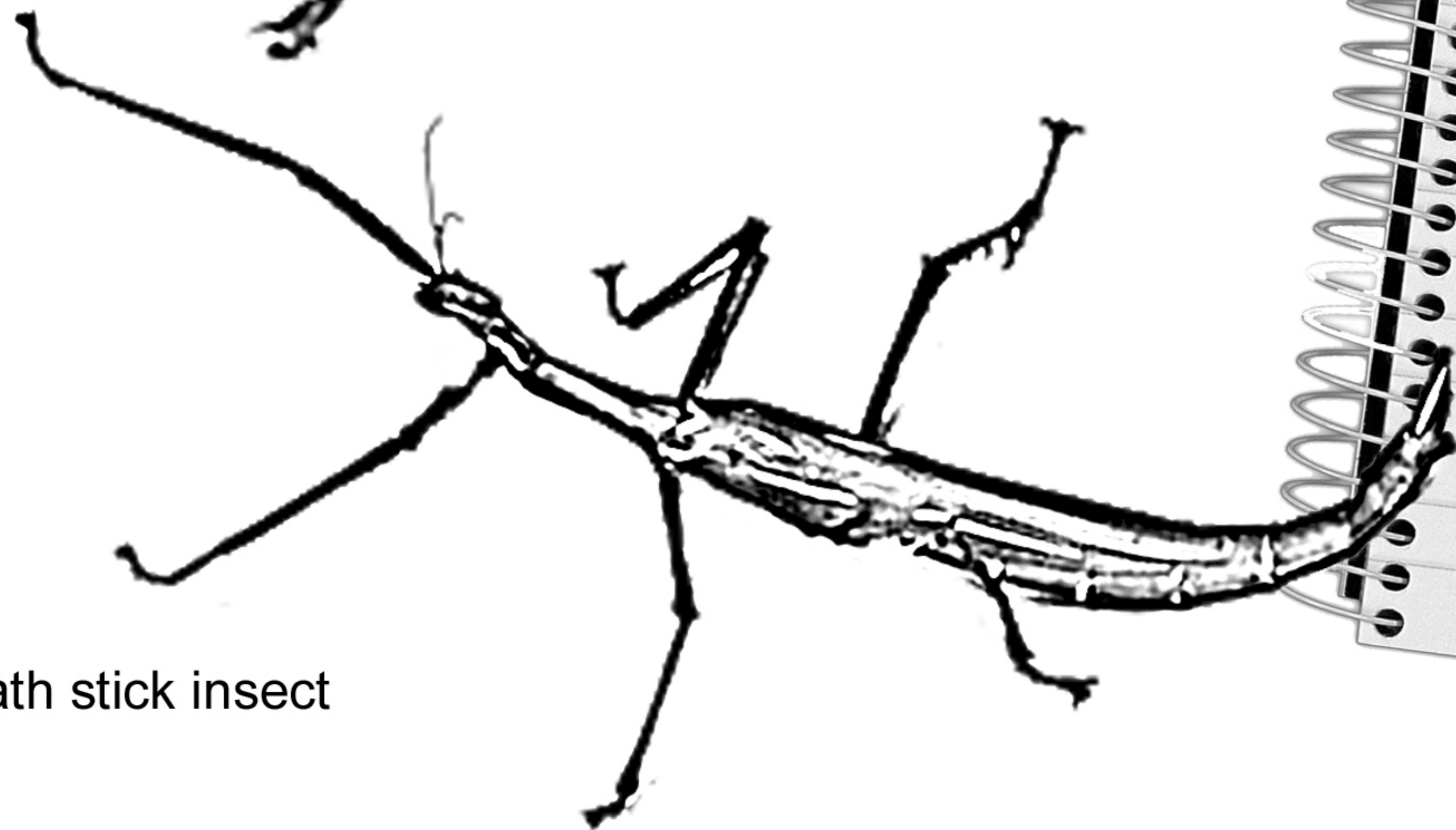


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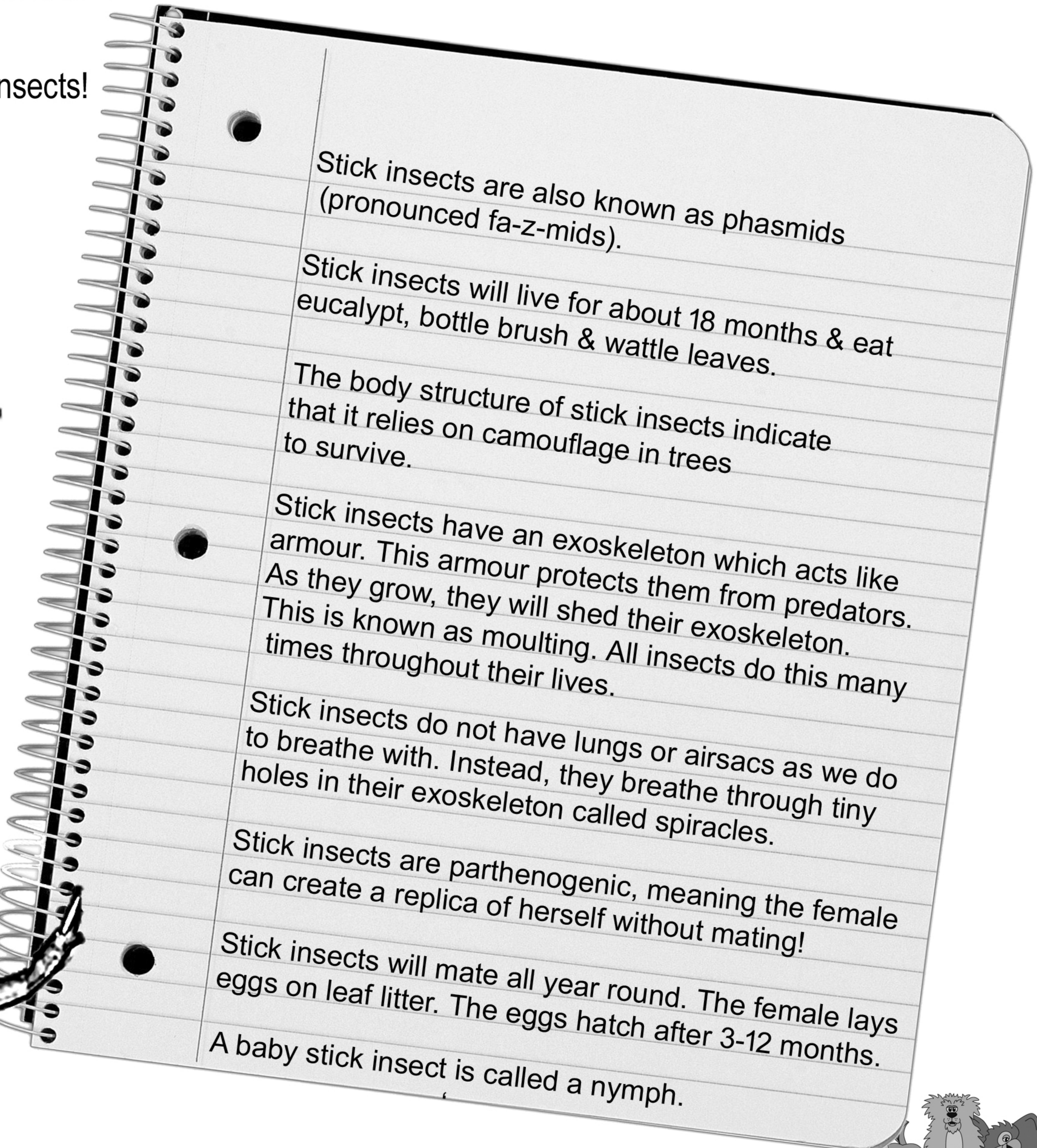
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Spiny leaf stick insect



Goliath stick insect



Stick insects are also known as phasmids (pronounced fa-z-mids).

Stick insects will live for about 18 months & eat eucalypt, bottle brush & wattle leaves.

The body structure of stick insects indicate that it relies on camouflage in trees to survive.

Stick insects have an exoskeleton which acts like armour. This armour protects them from predators. As they grow, they will shed their exoskeleton. This is known as moulting. All insects do this many times throughout their lives.

Stick insects do not have lungs or airsacs as we do to breathe with. Instead, they breathe through tiny holes in their exoskeleton called spiracles.

Stick insects are parthenogenic, meaning the female can create a replica of herself without mating!

Stick insects will mate all year round. The female lays eggs on leaf litter. The eggs hatch after 3-12 months.

A baby stick insect is called a nymph.

