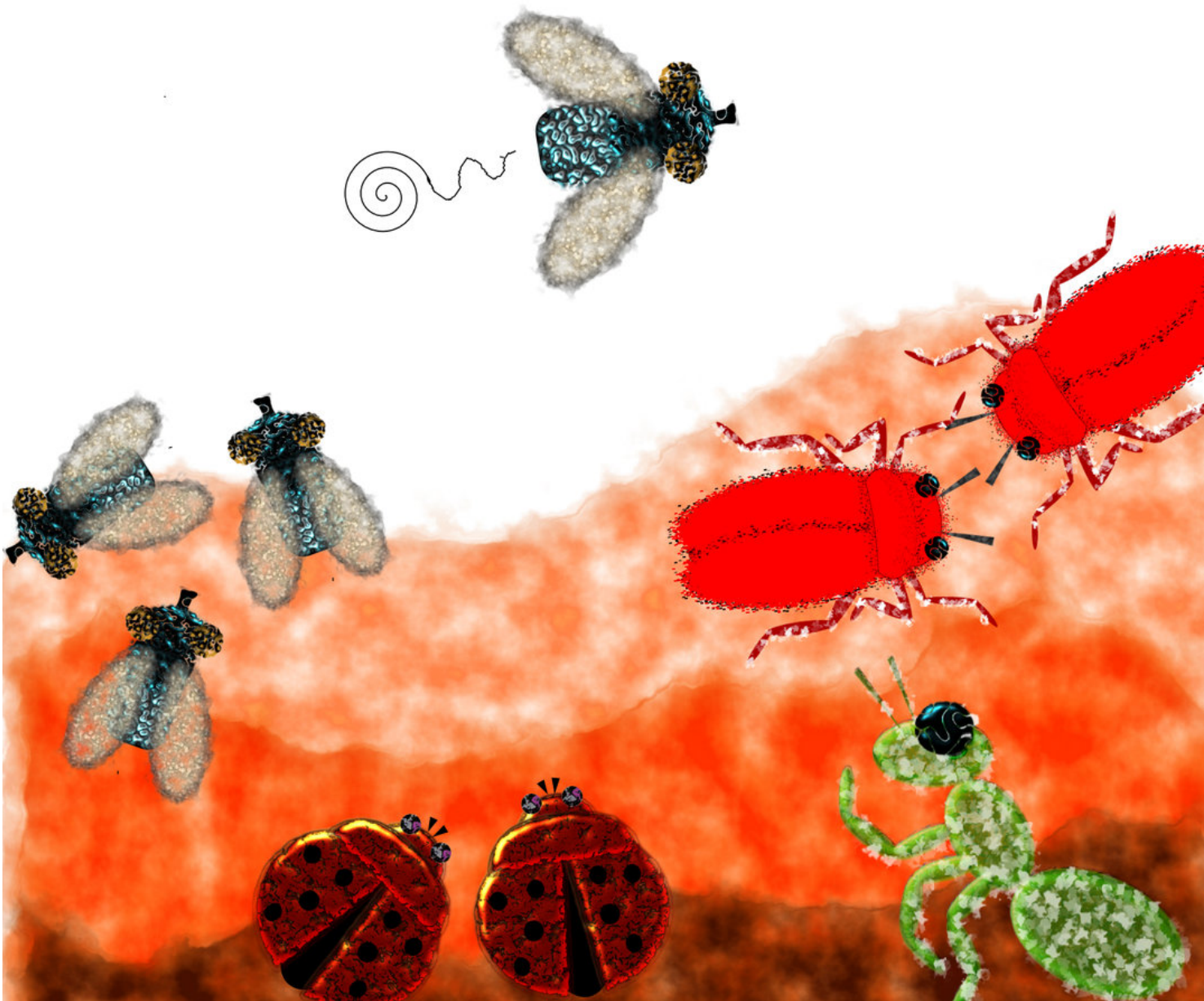


Little green animal-eaters

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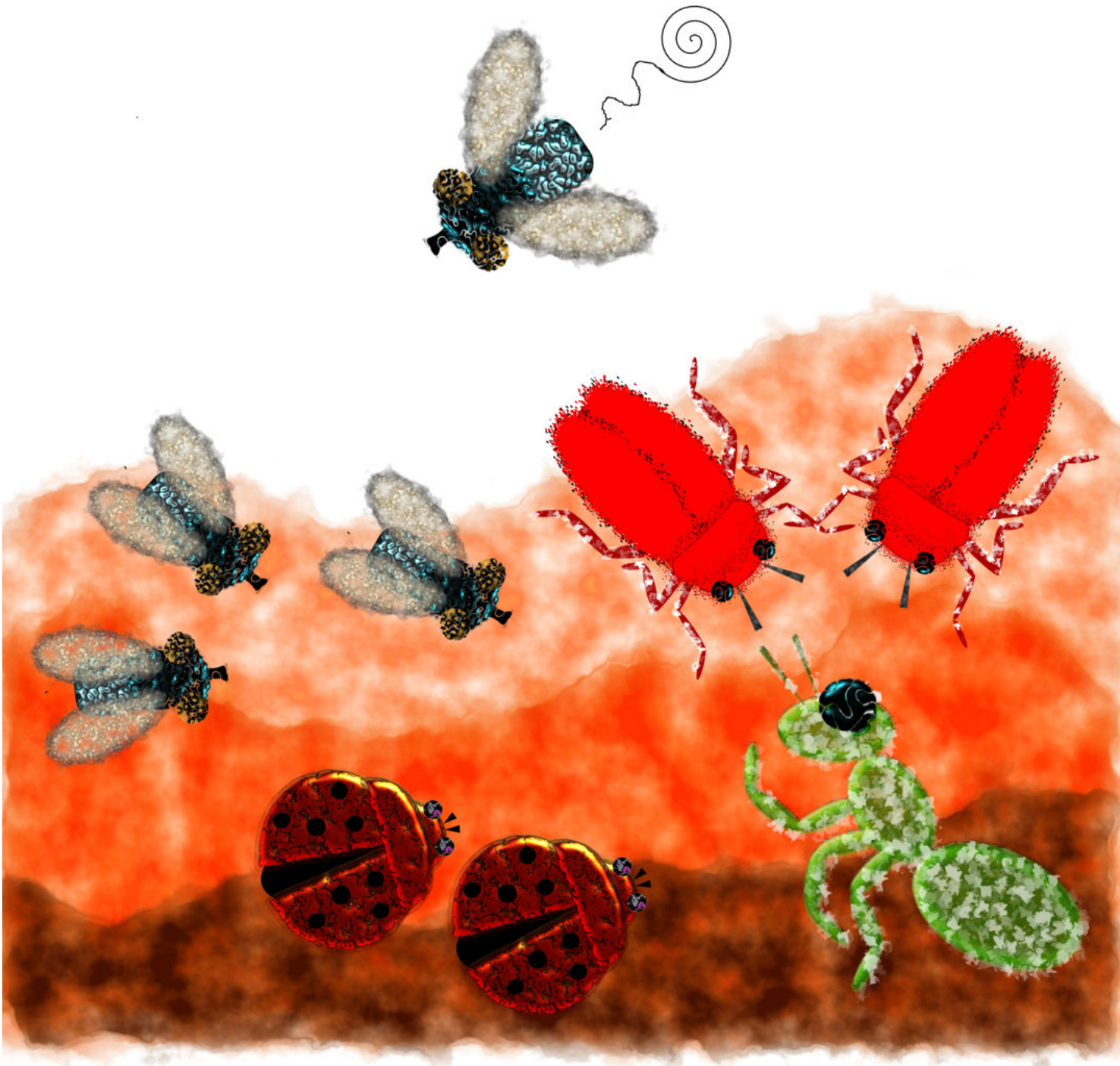
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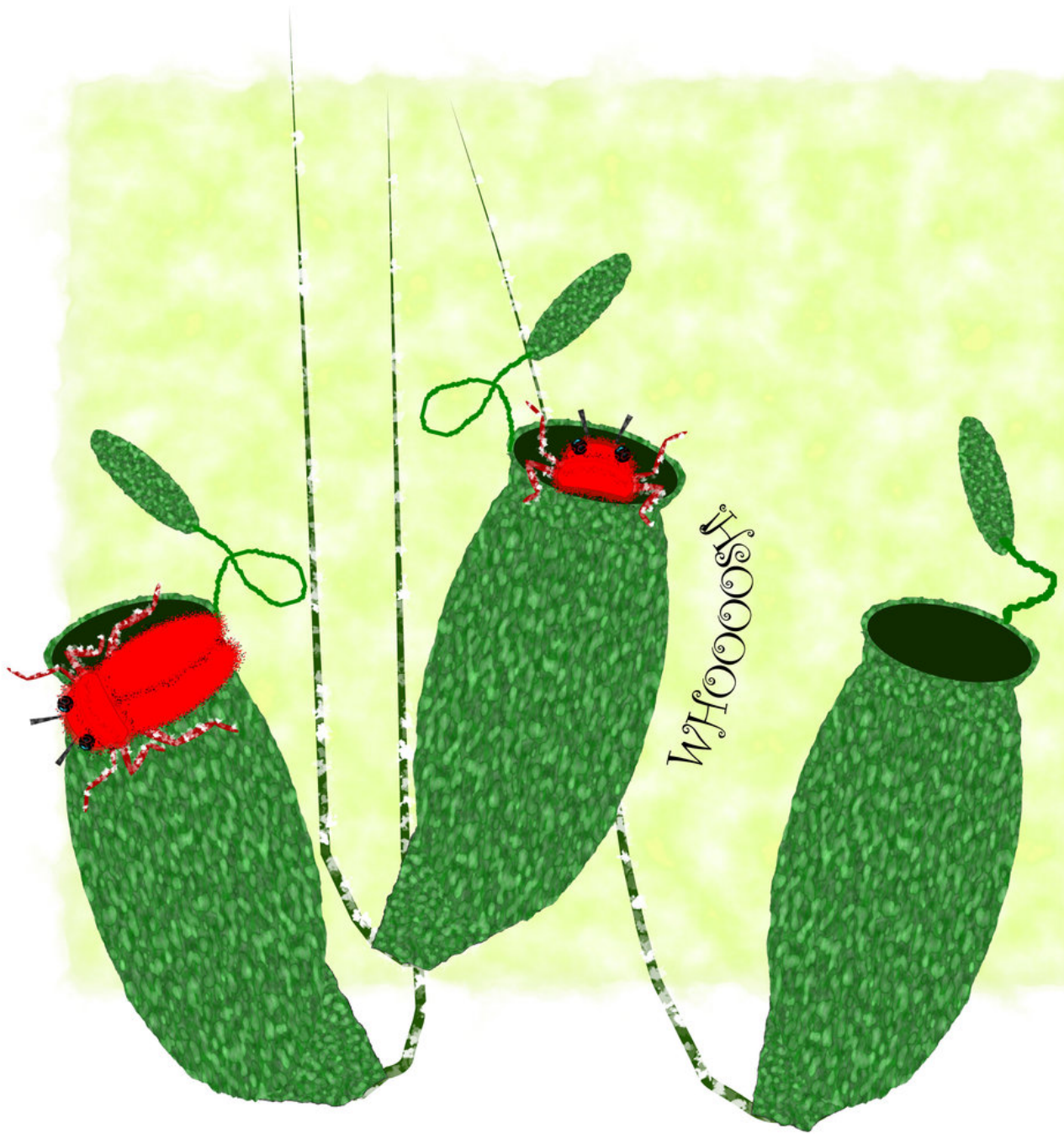


WHOOSH!! PHWIKKK!! THWACKKK!! SHLOOP!!

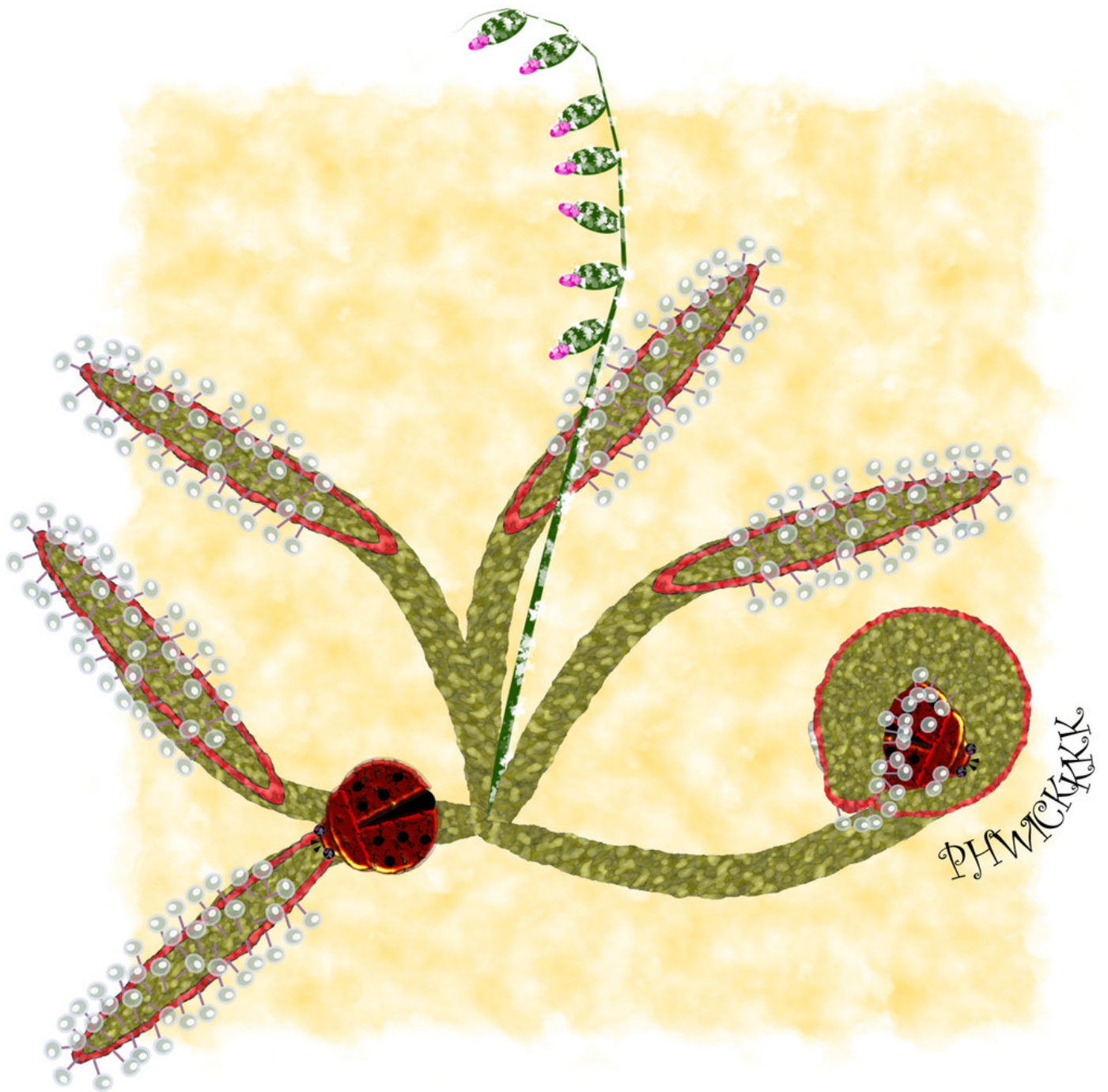
Oh my, what's that, asked the fly,
What's all that noise I hear?
An animal-eating plant, said Ant,
Chomping beings that come too near.



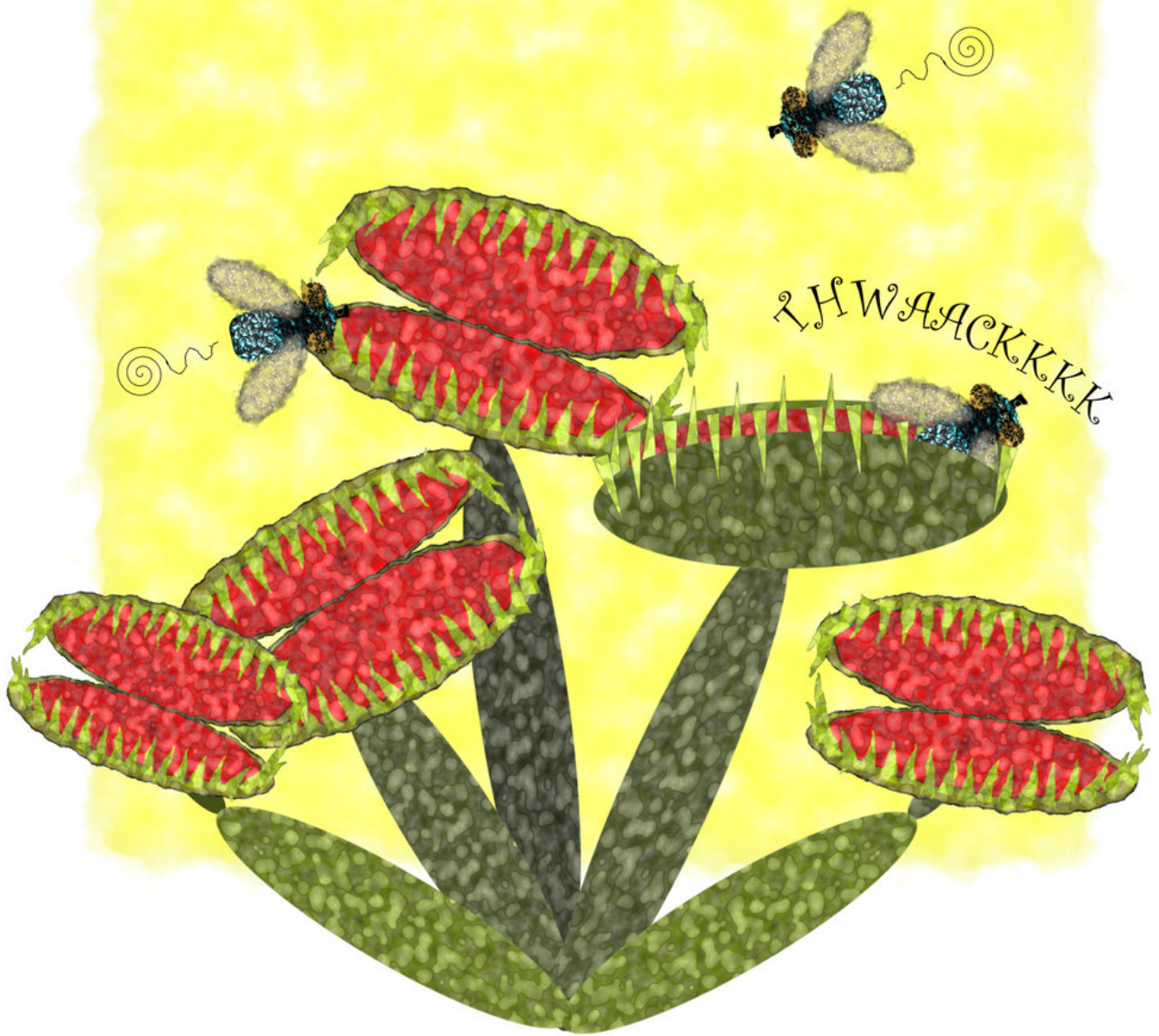
Animals like tigers and lions?
Eating them would be a fuss!
Not at all, said Ant, they are quite small,
They eat insects just like us!



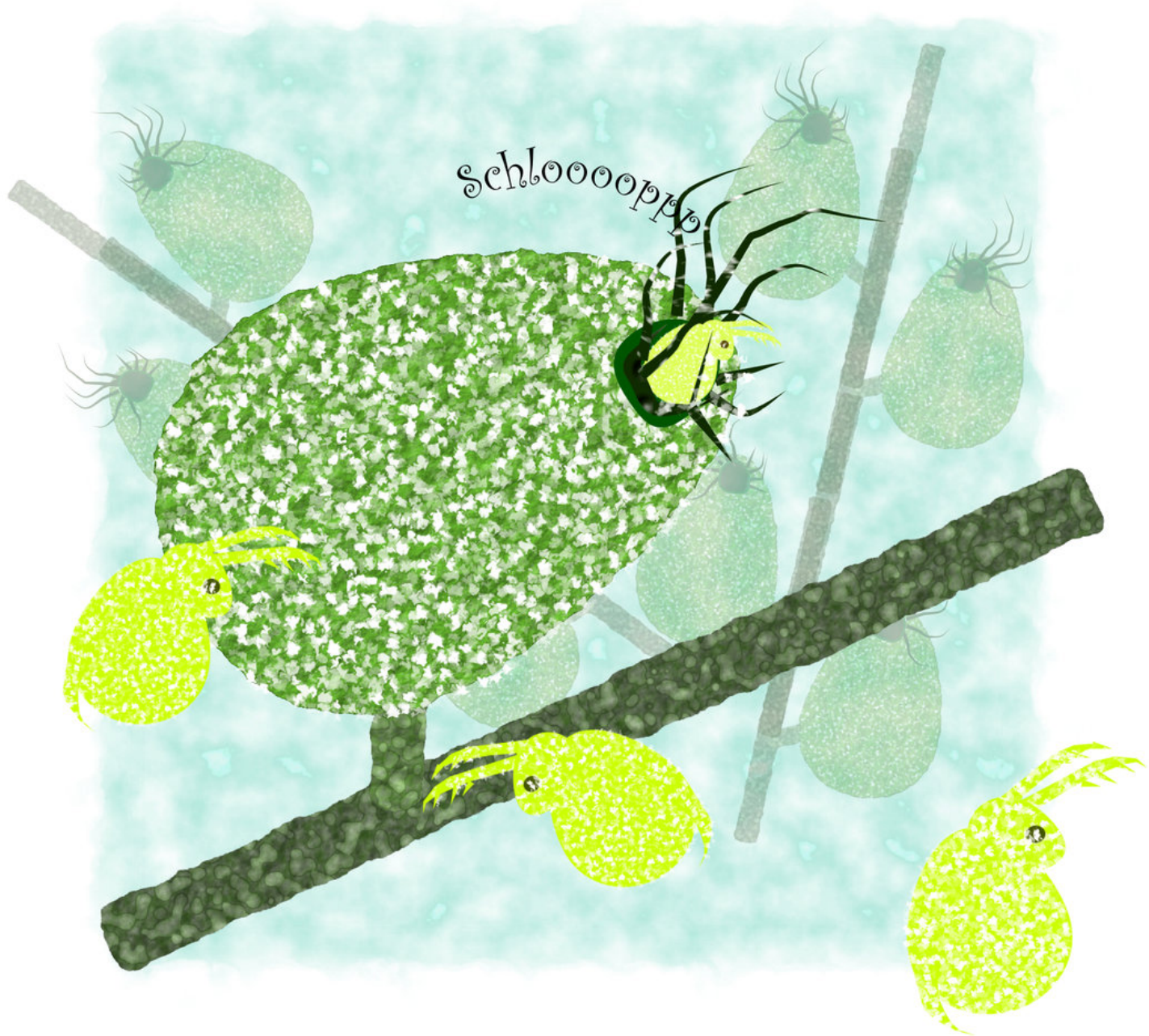
The Pitcher Plant's big belly
Is full of slooshy slush
WHOOOOSH! The bugs slide on its tongue,
They fall and there's a hush.



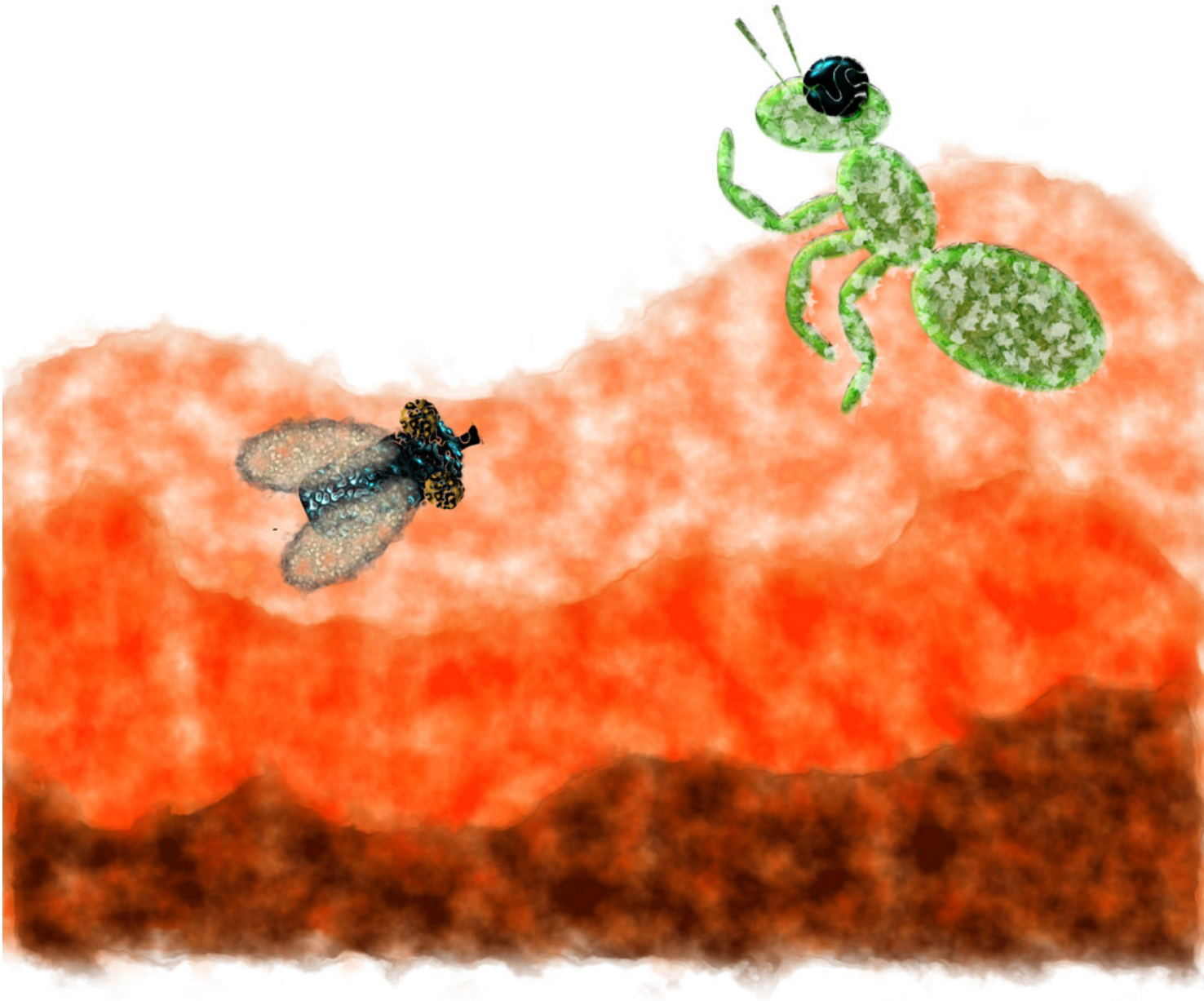
The Sundew has such spindly arms,
They're sticky and tend to droop.
PHWIKKKK! They roll a beetle over,
Now it's a ball of goop!



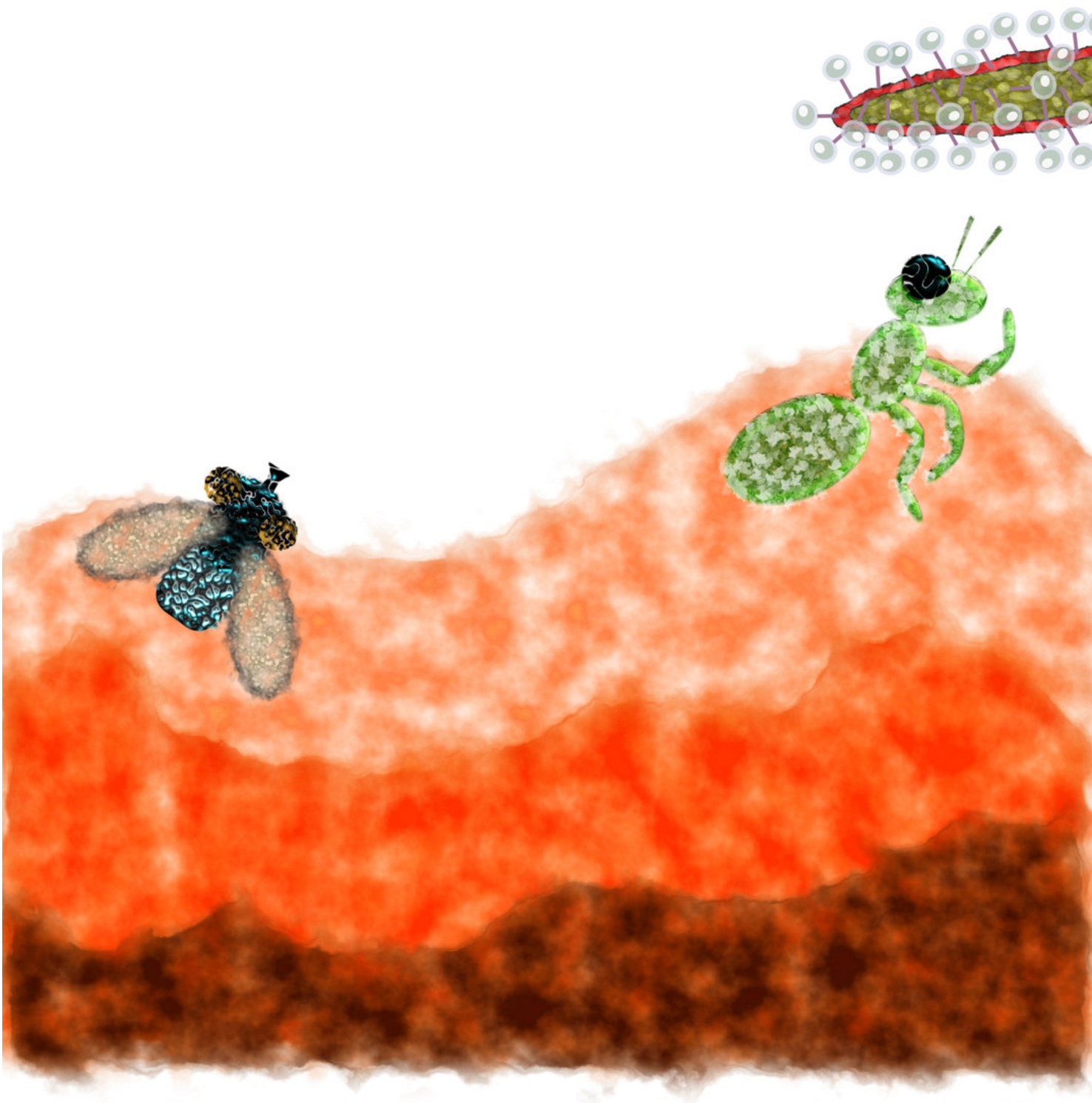
That's a Venus Flytrap
Its palms are big and hairy
THWAAACKKK! A fly is now snap-trapped
Gosh! that does look scary!



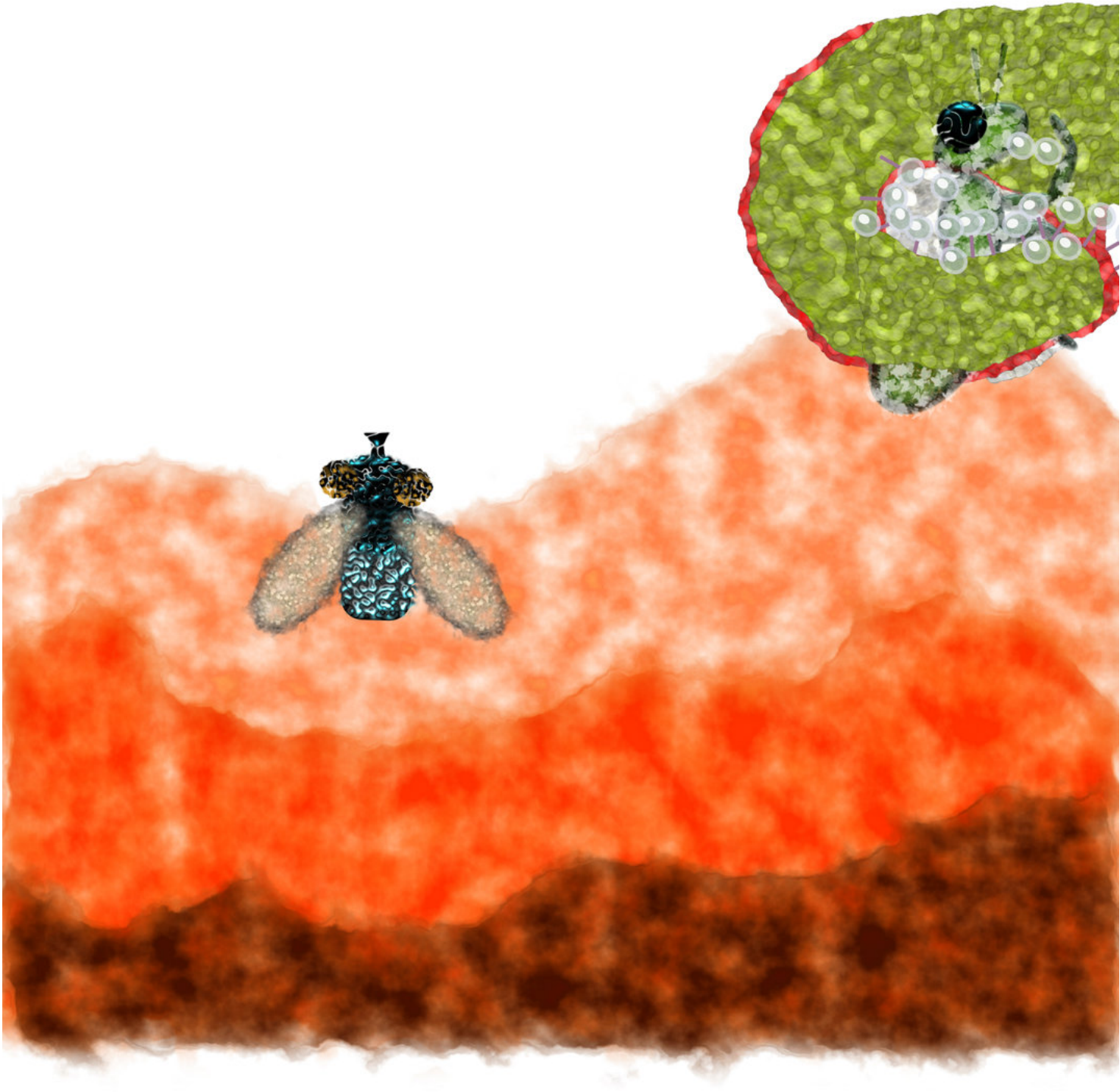
The under-water Bladderwort
Has big cheeks like a pouch,
SCHLOOOOP! it sucks in water-bugs
They go in screaming 'ouch'!



Tell me, Ant, why they devour,
those bugs and flies in flight?
Have they forgotten they are plants
who cook their food with light?



Dear Fly, from the soil and the sun,
If they don't get much to eat
They snack on poor, wandering bugs,
To get some extra meat.



Ah, thanks, dear Ant, for telling me,
now I really know!
But wait - there were so many of us,
(PHWIKKK!) where did everyone go?

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