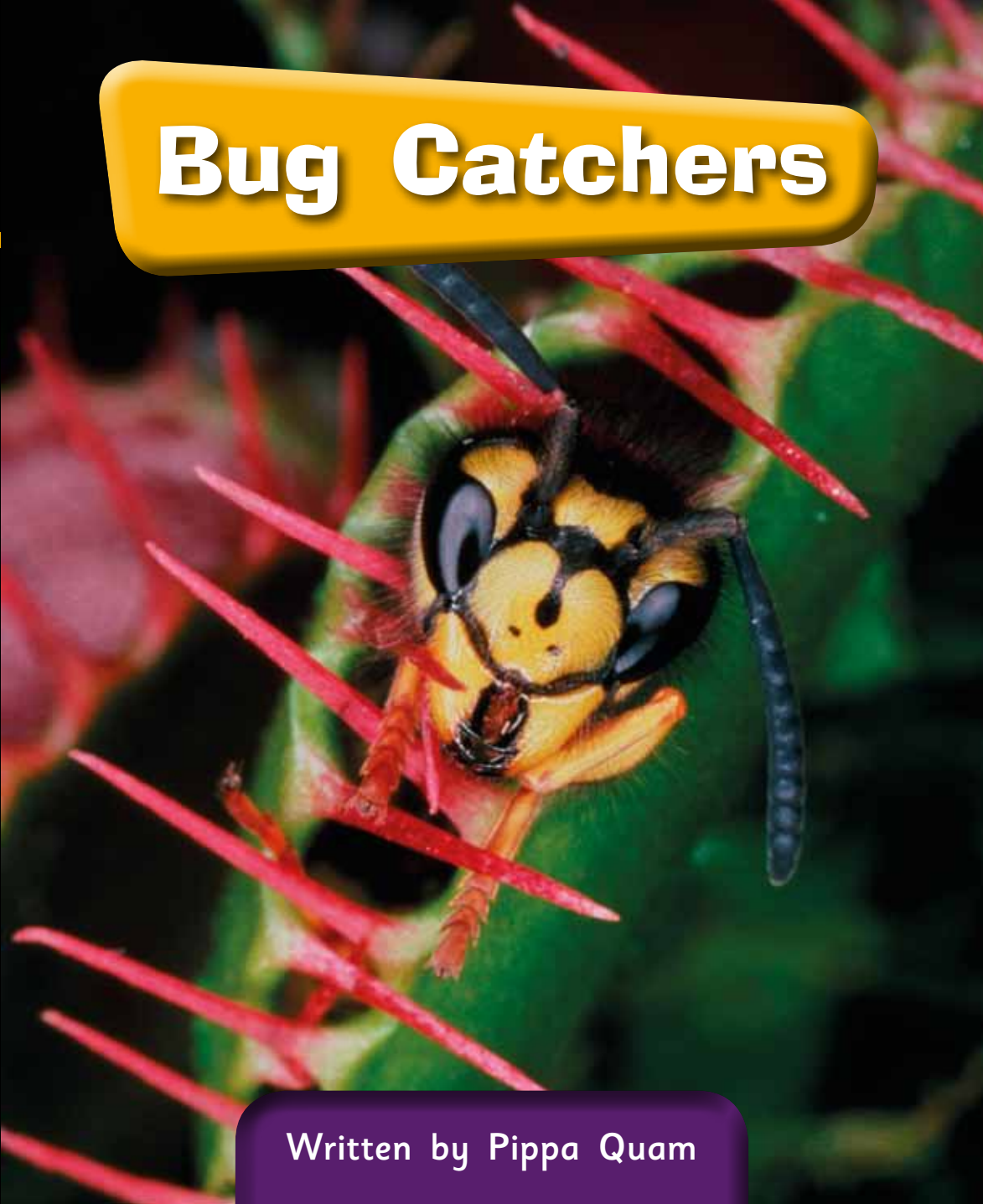


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Introduction

All plants need water, sunshine, and food, or **nutrients**.

Sometimes, plants cannot get enough nutrients from the soil they live in.

Some plants live in the very wet soil of swamps. There are not enough nutrients in the swamp for them.

How do plants like this get extra nutrients? Sometimes, they catch and eat bugs. Meat-eating plants like these are called **carnivorous plants**.

These plants live in a swamp.

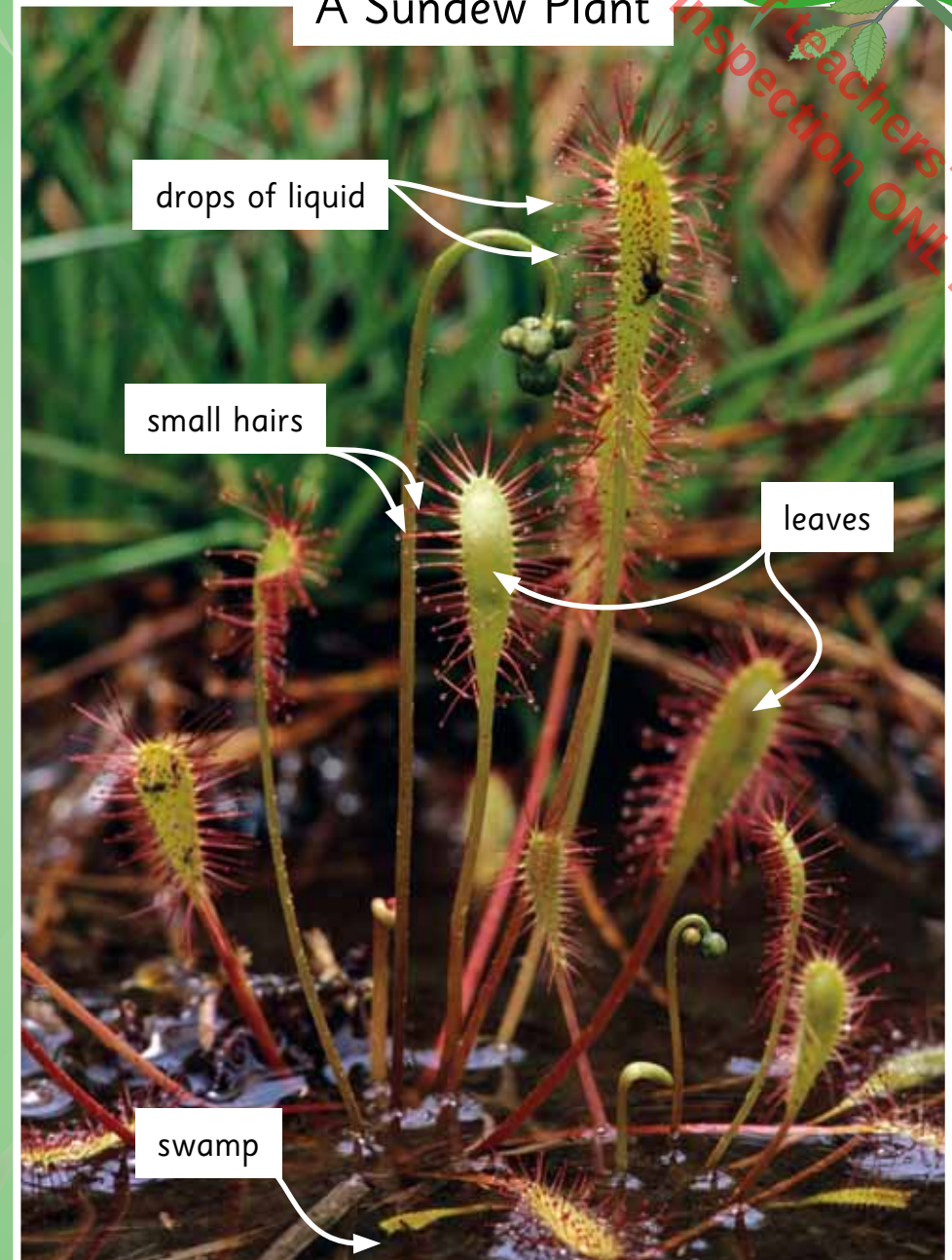


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The Sundew Plant

The sundew plant can be found on almost every continent of the world. This carnivorous plant is well suited to life in swamps. However, it sometimes lives in deserts, too. Its leaves are covered in small hairs. On the tips of the hairs are tiny drops of liquid that look like dew. This gives the plant its name.

A Sundew Plant



The liquid on the hairs smells sweet to attract insects. However, the liquid is not nectar. It is a sticky glue. Sometimes, an insect crawls onto a leaf to drink the liquid. It gets stuck in the glue. The insect tries to get out, but the liquid is too sticky.

An insect crawls onto a sundew leaf.

