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The Bug Gallery Exhibit Films

Final Script

The Bug Gallery Exhibit Films (15 films)

Sample scripts for three "Finding a Mate" films

Script #1: Rhinoceros Beetle

1.



NN00502 (#9)

From below, a male rhinoceros beetle climbs up on a knob on a log

Whoa!

Is something horning in
on the territory of this
rhinoceros beetle?

2.



NN00503 (#10)

The rhinoceros beetle runs down the length of the log to come face to face with his rival

It's time to fight and
defend his turf

3.



During their battle,
horns with the strength
of a weight-lifter



can pick up and
toss away the rival

NN00501 (#8)
Male rhinoceros beetles
fighting on a mossy log

4.



A clash, scrimmage,
skirmish, all-out
wrestling match

Retreat of the opponent
spells victory

NN00500 (#7)
Male rhinoceros beetles “wrestling”

on a mossy log

5.



Winner claims the
territory

NN00502 (#9)
Male rhinoceros beetle perched on top
of the knob

6.



and with it,

the right to mate

with the waiting female

NN00525 (#32)
Female rhinoceros beetle

Script #2: (Dragon-headed) Katydid

1.



Macho serenade

The sexy call
of the male katydid



Forewings rubbed
together
produce his song

NN00521 (#28)
Wings of chirping katydid

2.



a move called
stridulation

NN00520 (#27)
Katydid stridulating

3.



Long and loud
says he's strong

It lures the female
to his territory

and shouts out
that it's a good
choice

NN00519 (#26)
Male Katydid stridulating to attract female's
attention

4.



Mating is the prize
for the most impressive
crooner

NNOO516 (#23)
Katydid mating

Script #3: Stalk-eyed Flies

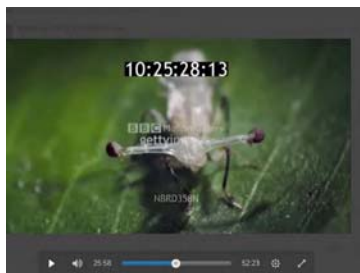
1.



What wins the female
in the world of
male stalk-eyed flies?

NN00529 (#35) at 25:50
Closeup of stalk-eyed fly

2.



The longest eye stalk
comes out ahead

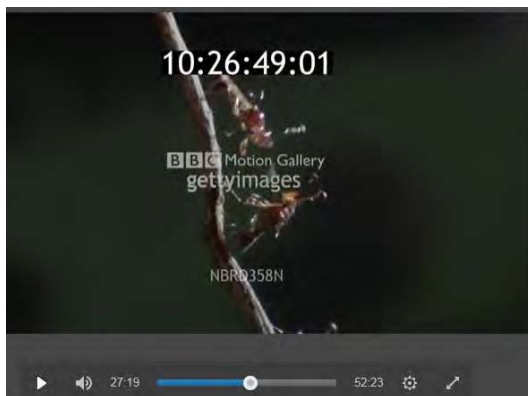


NN00529 (#35) at 25:59 +
A sequence that shows the stalks growing

3.



If foes are evenly
matched



they fight it out

NN00529 (#35) at 27:15+

4.

(Placeholder image)



(footage with action that is comparable-looking)

despite size differential)

like elk, but many
million times¹
smaller

¹ A male housefly weighs about 11 mg. A male elk can weight 315 kg. Conversion: 1 kg = 1 million milligrams

5.



The loser retreats

NN00529 (#35) at 27:30
The losing fly turns around and leaves

5.



When it comes to
attracting the female
flies

the eyes have it

NN00529 (#35) at 27:40
The winning stalk-eyed fly

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