Call the Men in Black

Creature features much?

While this looks and feels like it could present at a veterinary clinic with maybe, idk, a therio issue, this beauty is actually a Creatonotos gangis moth that thrives in Southeast Asia and parts of Australia.

At least it's the right colors.

Most of the time the beast looks like a normal moth (just wings and all), but it is J-U-M-B-O. When preparing to mate, four tubular, scent glands inflate like hairy balloons, expelling pheromones for attraction. (Humans, we lucked out.)

When C. gangis is just a caterpillar, before it transforms into its mothy self, it eats plants with alkaloid chemicals. Some plants evolved toxicity to discourage insects from eating them, but the caterpillars bit back, evolving with a necessity to ingest toxic plants in order to grow these, um, hairy, scary,
pencil-like appendages. The toxins have the added benefit of making the, already pretty dang frightening moth undeletable. No worries.

**Weird science.** You’re welcome.

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Registered Cowboys will receive an email reminder mid-July. Watch your inbox or contact **Sharon** at any time for information.

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