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Tarantula Defense

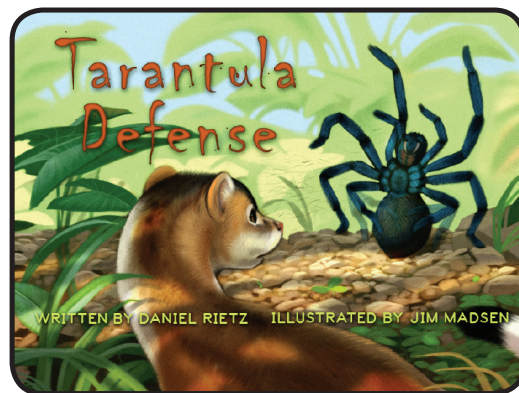
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Paired with *Don't Eat Me!*

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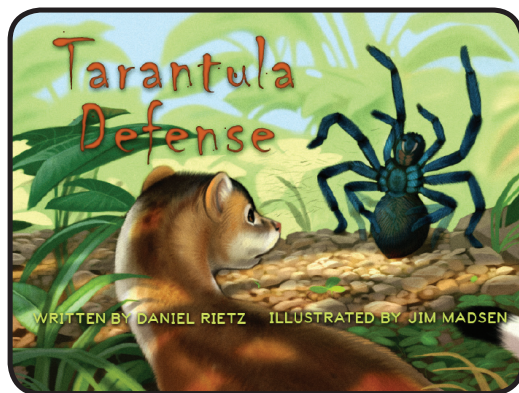
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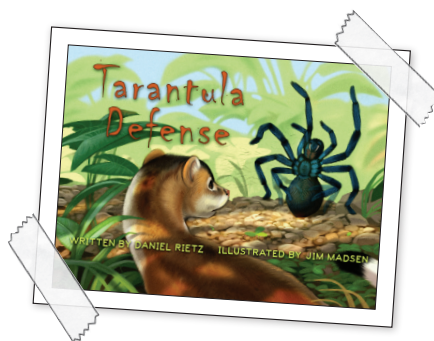
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Response Journal



Think about the article **Tarantula Defense**.

Write about an experience you had with an animal or an insect. Describe what happened. Where did it happen? What did you learn from the experience?

OR

Does this article make you think about something in your own life? Does it make you think of something you've read or seen? Write about it.

WORDS YOU MIGHT USE

This article reminds me of...
I remember when...
interesting
discovered

dangerous
watched
attacked
protect

caught
chased