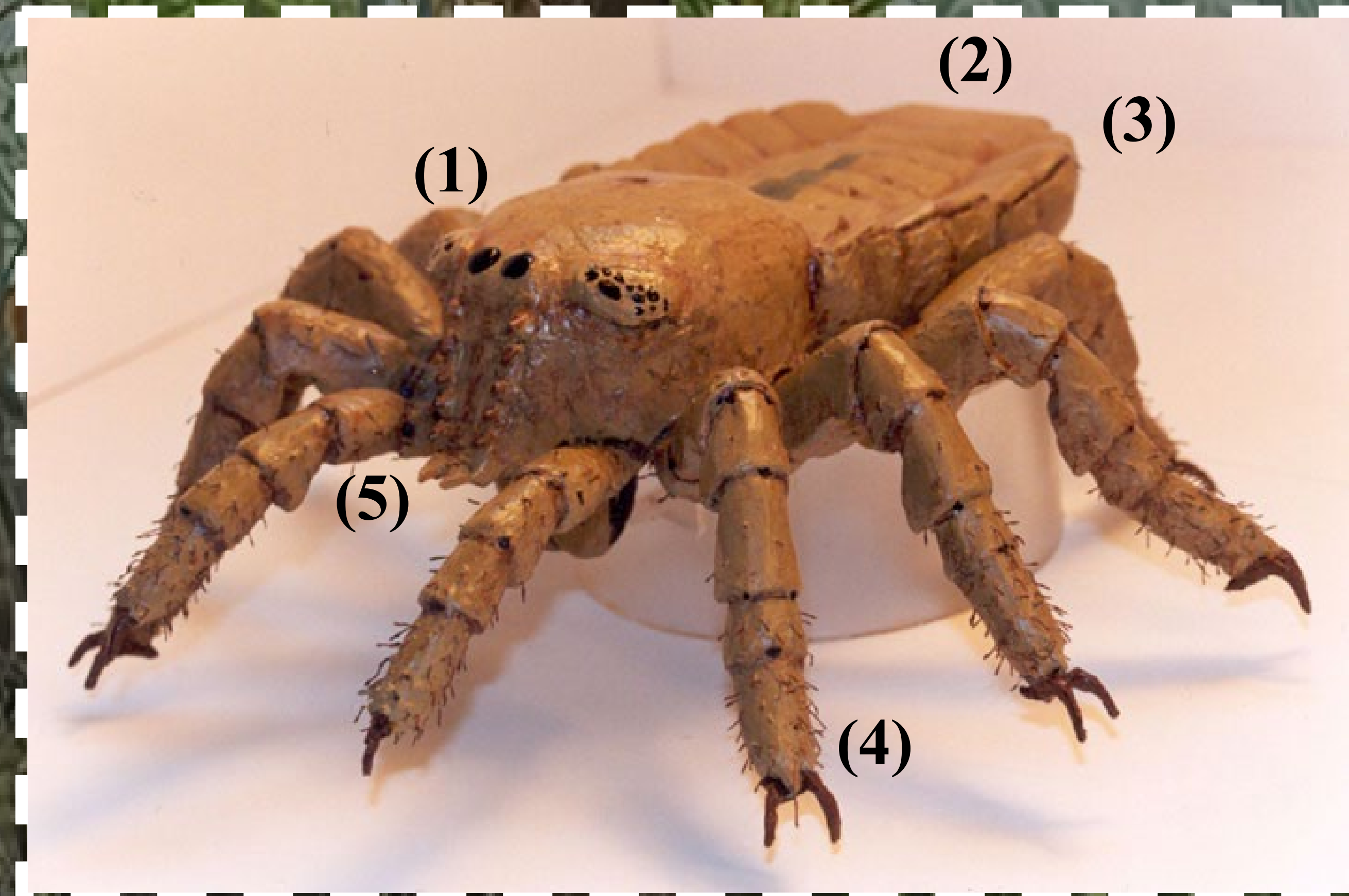


# Trigonotarbida Exploration

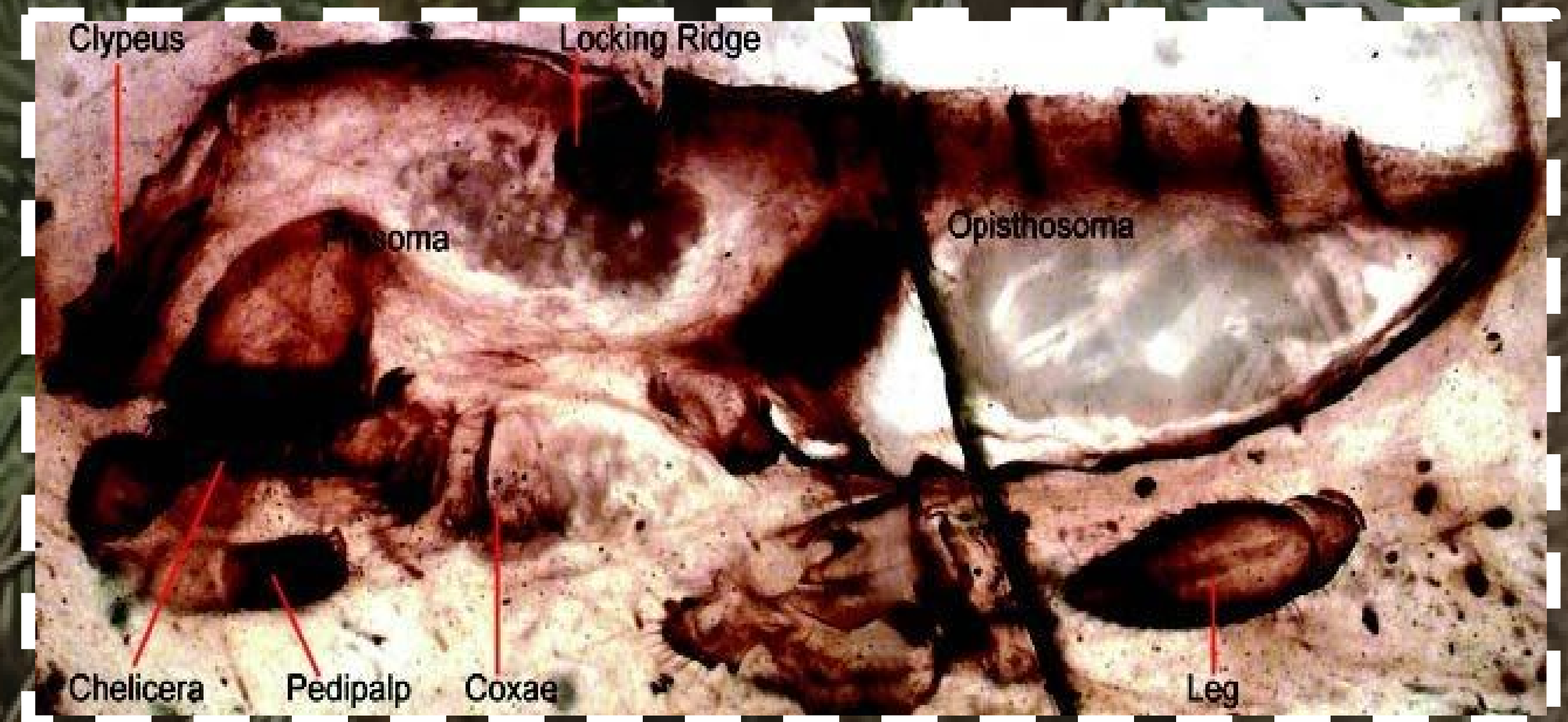
Trigonotarbids are a group of extinct arachnids - eight-legged bugs like spiders, scorpions and friends - that inhabited the Earth's earliest terrestrial ecosystems. In fact, they were some of the land's first apex predators! Come take a look at these fascinating creepy-crawlies. And to any arachnophobes, don't worry - they went extinct about 250 million years ago, before mammals like us even existed [B].

## Lifelike Reconstruction



3-dimensional reconstruction of the Rhynie chert trigonotarbid [A]

## Fossils



A side-on trigonotarbid fossil from the Rhynie Chert, Scotland [B]

## Fossil Sites



A map of sites where Trigonotarbids have been found [C]



An exceptionally preserved trigonotarbid fossil featuring defensive adaptations, such as spines [B]



Another trigonotarbid fossil, this one from the upper Carboniferous Coseley Lagerstätte [B]