

Awful, Disgusting Parasites

HEAD LICE

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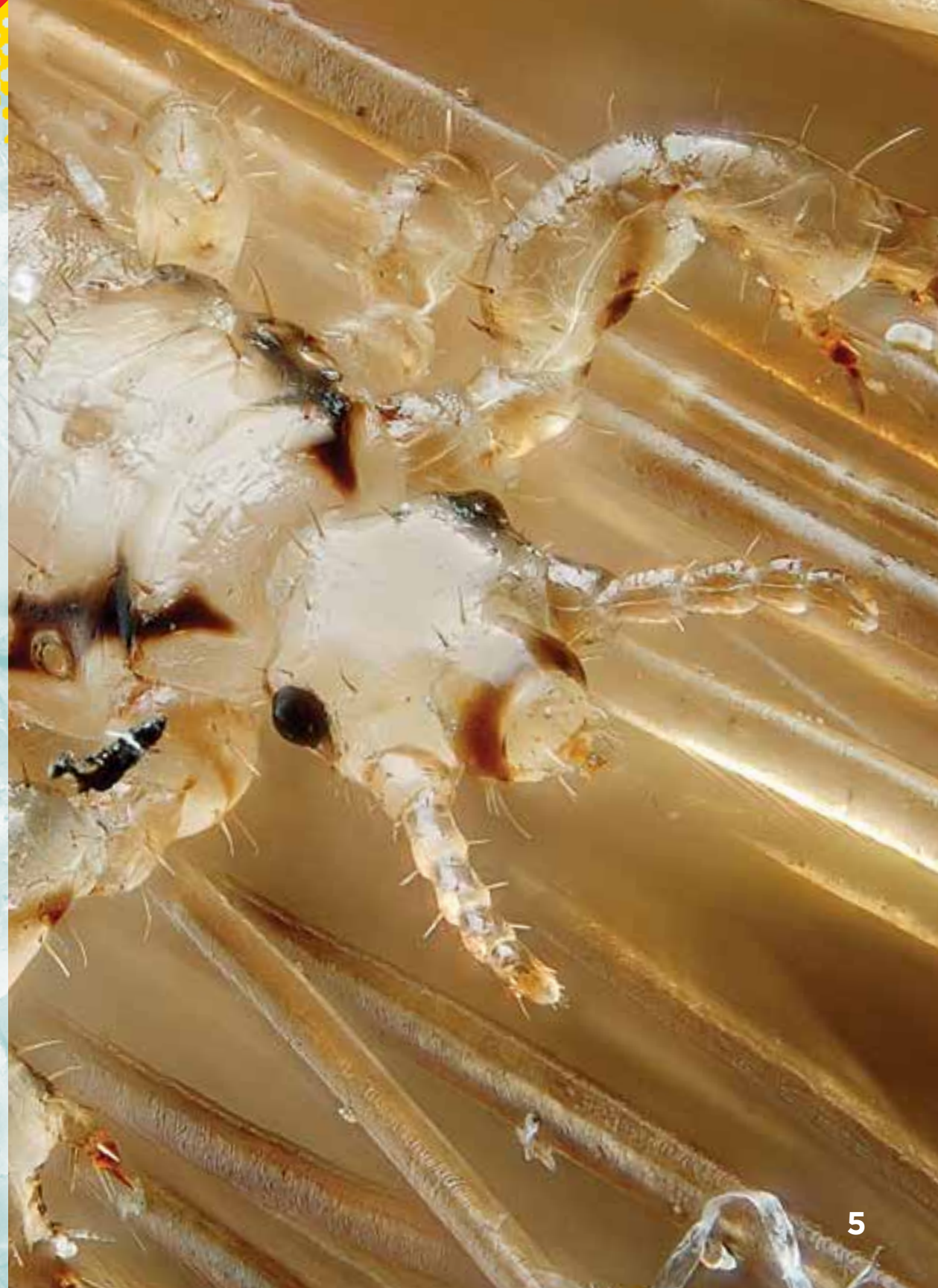
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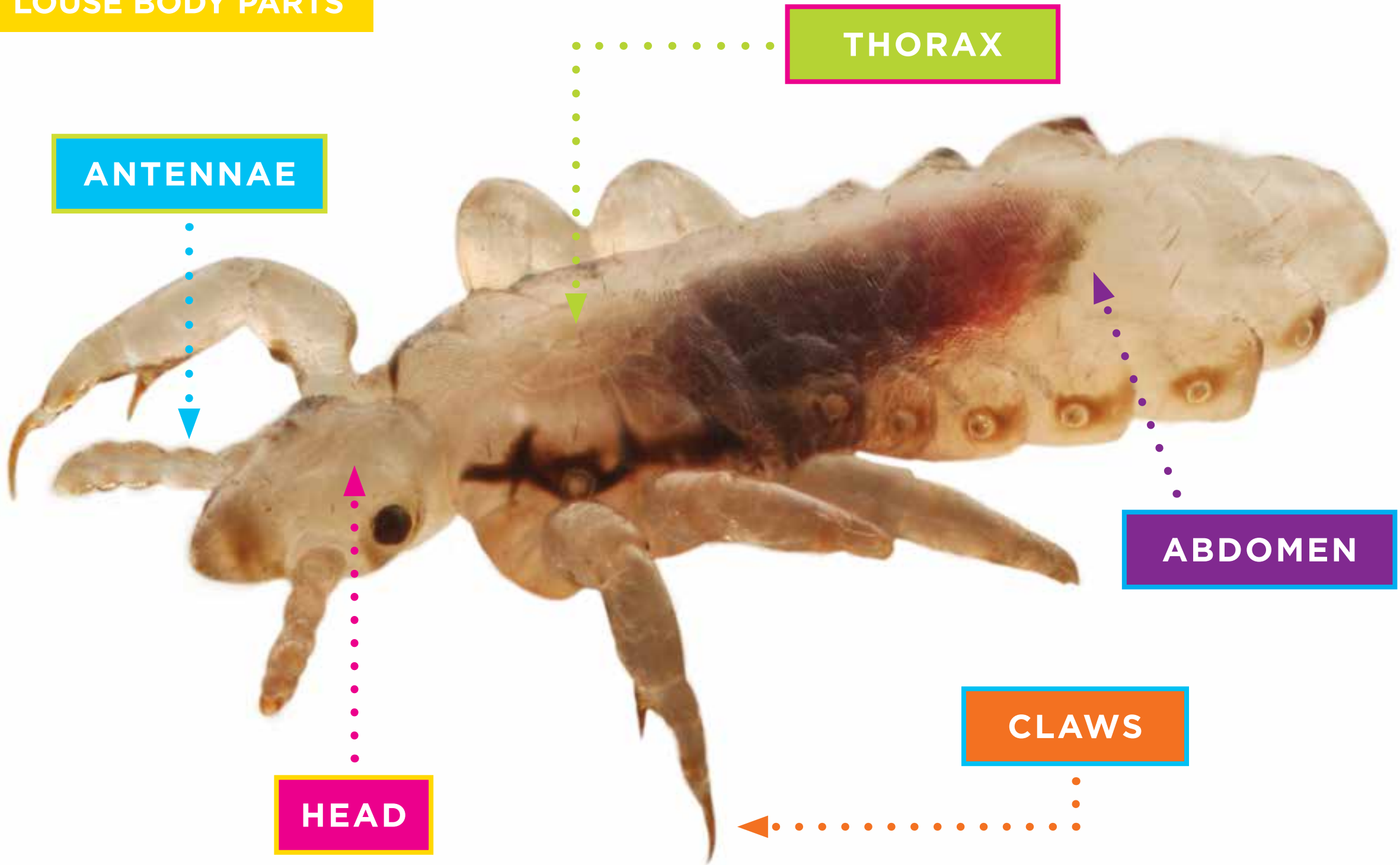
the Head Lice

Lice creep and crawl on a person's head. They bite down for a meal of blood. Then they quickly spread from person to person.

Lice are **parasites**. They live and feed on humans. These bloodsuckers are small and flat. They are hard to spot.



LOUSE BODY PARTS



Tricky

Travelers

Head lice do not fly or hop. They crawl. Claws help them hang onto hair. Lice also move fast and avoid light.

Head lice crawl from person to person when heads touch. Heads touch during hugs. Sharing a screen can also bring heads together.

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As lice eat and grow, they change colors.

