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PARASITES**

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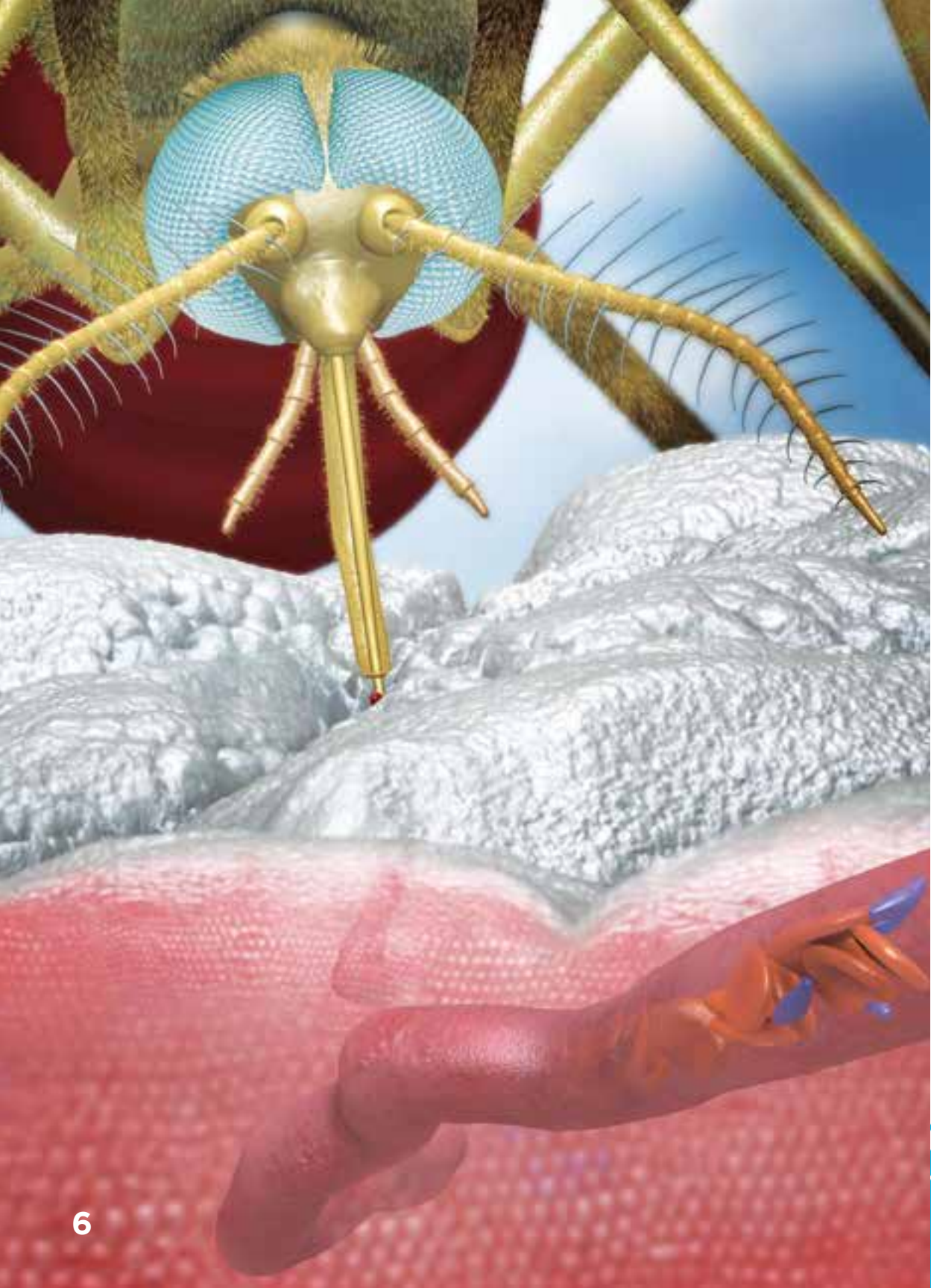
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The Flying Carrier

A mosquito landed on a sleeping boy's arm. It bit and sucked his blood. As it sucked, the mosquito's spit squished under the boy's skin. Soon, the mosquito flew off with a belly full of blood. A week later, the boy was very sick.





Sick from a Bite

The boy had an illness called malaria. He got it from the mosquito bite! Tiny creatures called malaria

- • • **parasites** were in the mosquito's spit.
- Parasites live and feed on people and
- other animals. And they can make
- people very sick.



Tricky

Travelers

Thousands of years ago, malaria parasites got inside some humans. No one knows how that happened. But scientists do know how they spread today. A mosquito sucks blood from someone with the parasites. The parasites get sucked up too. Then the mosquito bites another person. The parasites are passed on.

