



Real Heroes
versus
Rita Mosquito



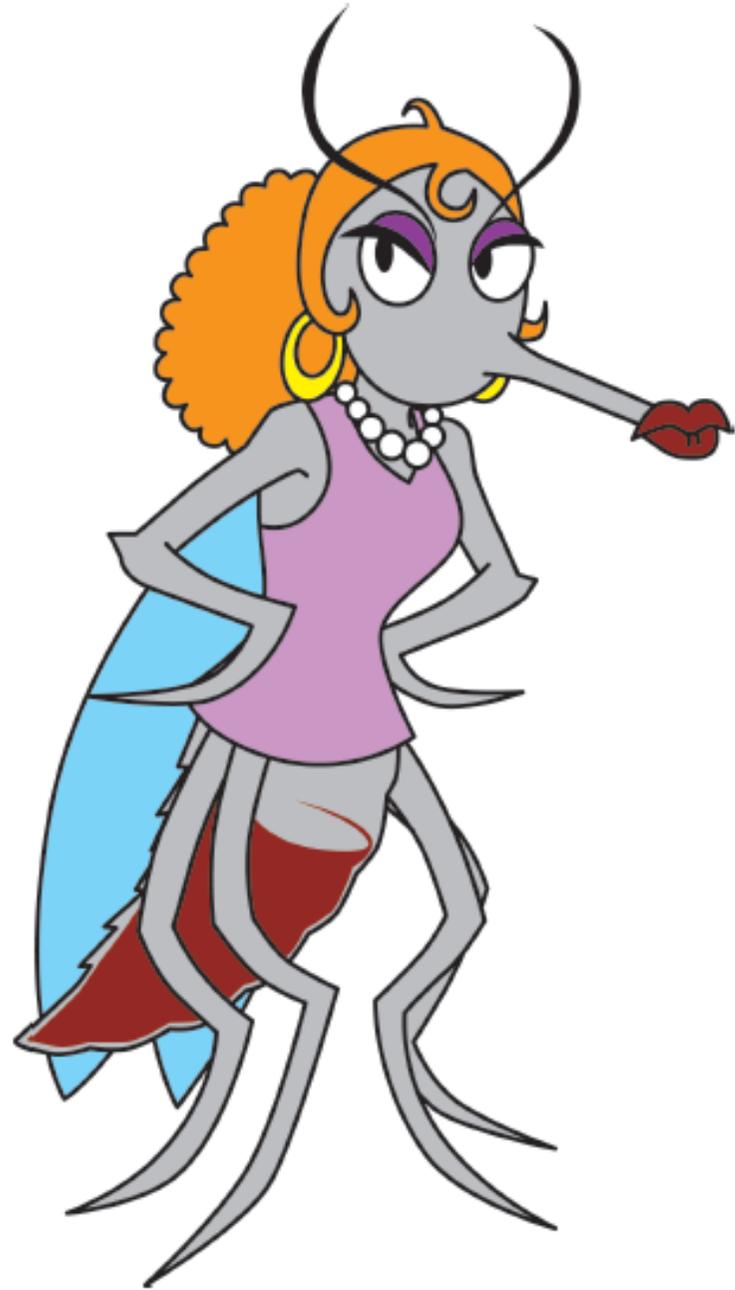
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Meet Rita Mosquito



Rita may look small and nice.
She's quiet and doesn't
make a sound. But don't be
fooled!

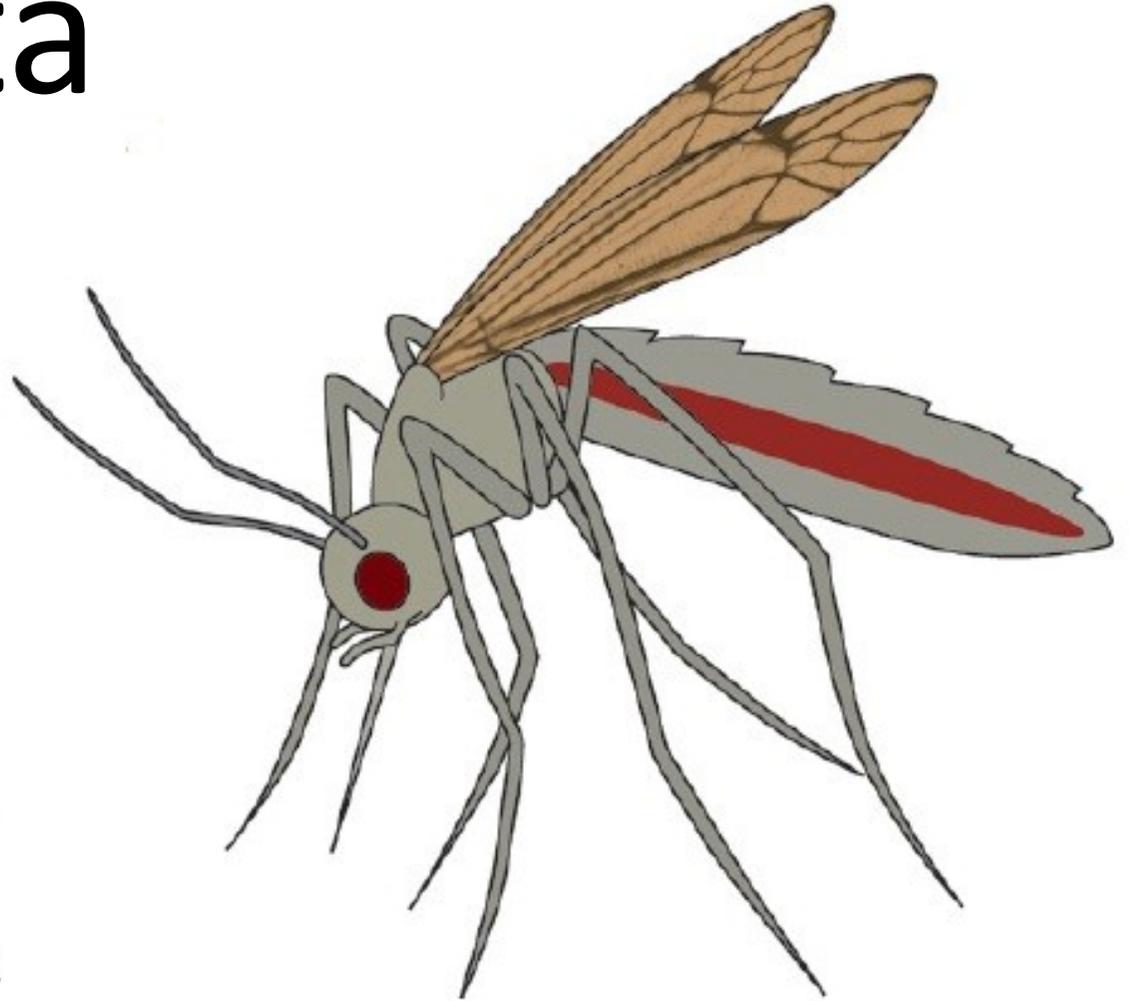




Rita is dangerous. She eats blood. She stings. She spreads disease. She can even kill people.

The Real Rita

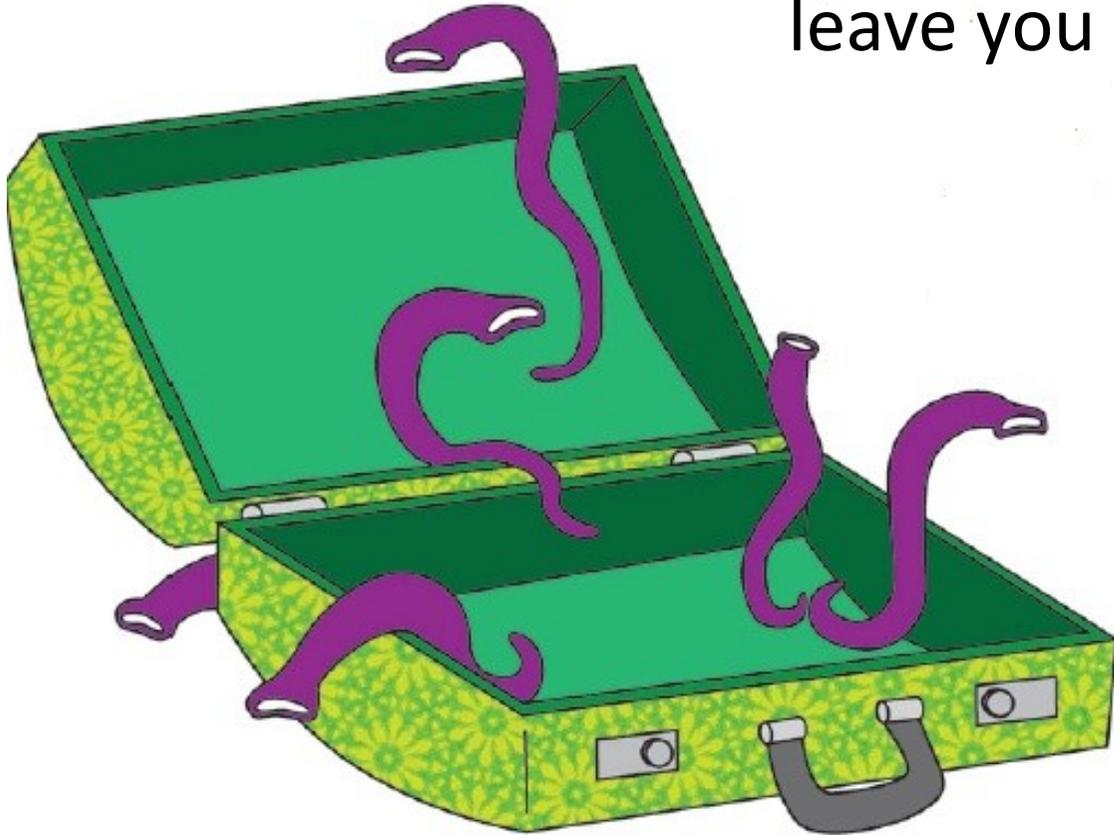
Rita lives in tropical areas.
To those who really know
her, her name is
'anopheles'. (Psssst.... Rhymes
with "enough of peas")

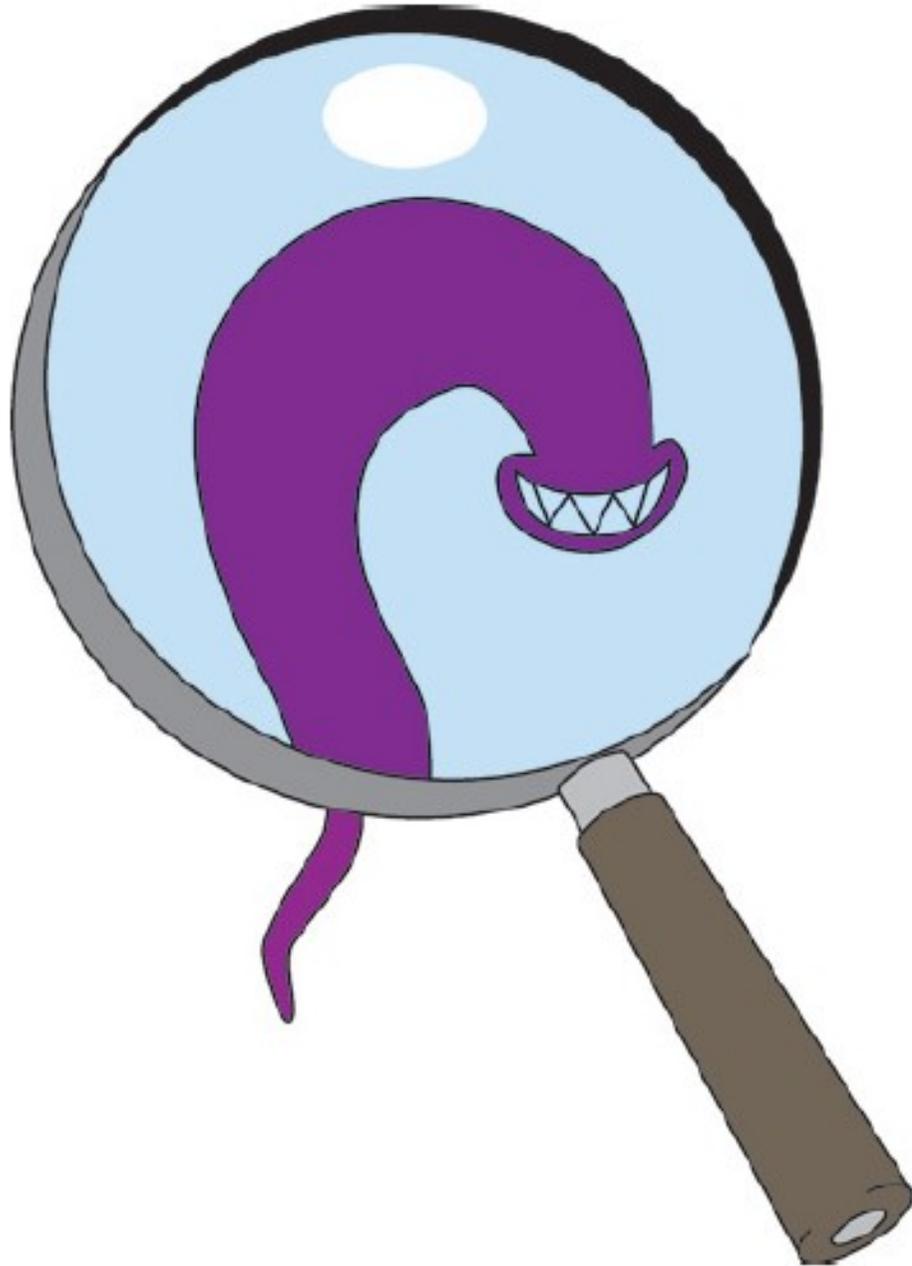




Rita doesn't mean to be bad or to harm anyone. She just has some baggage.

Rita carries around tiny little parasites called *plasmodium falciparum*. This unwanted baggage can make you vomit, give you fever and chills and leave you in bed, unable to move.



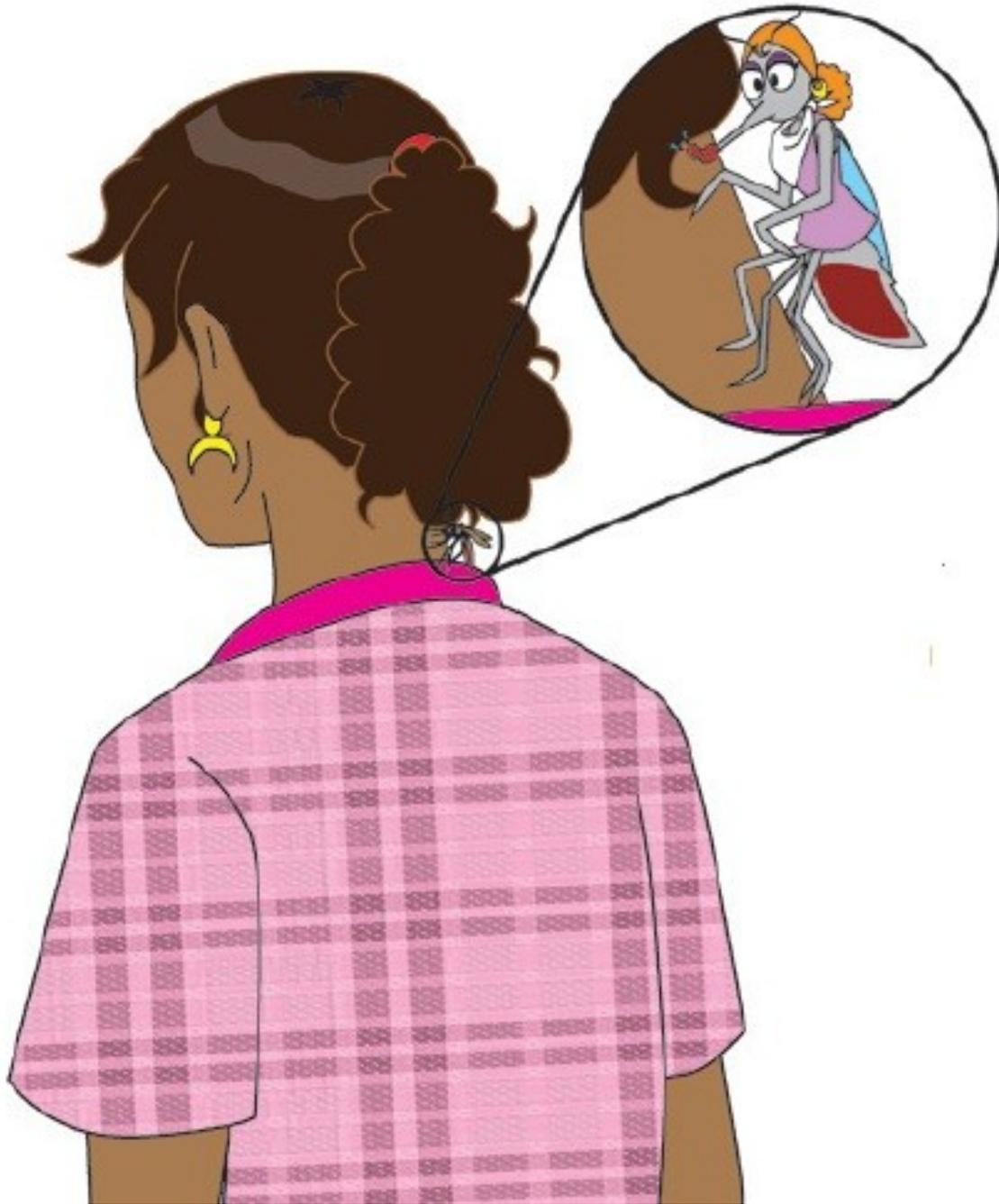


Rita's microscopic stash of parasites is silent and deadly. You don't know she has dropped them into your body until you feel very, very sick. This disease is called malaria.

The truth is.... Rita sucks blood!

Rita sucks the blood of someone with malaria at night, picking up the unwanted baggage of the *plasmodium falciparum* parasite.





The she bites other people and drops the parasite into them too— giving them malaria as well.

Rita can be a real pest!



But Rita can be stopped
from her sickening, even
deadly mission.....

.... by Real Heroes!!



Real heroes know that Rita Mosquito can be stopped by very special force fields.



These force fields can protect children of all ages, entire families, and even entire villages. These force fields are called....



BED NETS!!



Even tiny Rita Mosquito cannot get through the fortified threads of a super, insecticide-treated bed net that is properly tucked in all the way around the bed.



Who are these Real Heroes
who use these nets to stop
Rita from spreading disease
and death?

These Heroes are the people
who buy bed nets for their
families.



These Heroes are children across the world who take shelter under bed nets at night and keep Rita from biting them and their brothers and sisters. They are preventing the spread of malaria.

