



SKIN CRAWLERS

Explore the fascinating lives of the creatures who call us home- **from their perspective.**

4 X 1 HR Nature Series

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OVERVIEW




Humans and animals are hosts to **entire species** of living creatures who are born, live, feed, breed, and die on, or inside of, our bodies.

While they're not always friendly passengers, **they all depend on us for the survival of their species.** While we obsess about how to avoid or expunge them, they're simply trying to survive like the rest of us.

Through cutting edge Unreal Engine animation, impeccable research using the world's leading experts, and seamless storytelling,

Skin Crawlers explores the strange, fascinating, and frightening creatures that call our body home, **from their perspective.**





The audience may begin each episode with crawling skin, but in the end we'll be **rooting for the skin crawlers.**

TONE & STYLE

In the style of the world's best blue-chip nature documentaries, **Skin Crawlers** follows the fascinating life cycles of several incredible animals in each episode.

This series brings us **down to the dermis** with our **skin crawlers** in the style of the world's best blue-chip nature documentaries.



Just as we watch a lioness at a watering hole, or a baby elephant taking its first steps on the savanna,

we'll watch these little heroes **navigate** the sparse forests of **arm hair**, the dry deserts of **our cheeks**, the humid zones of **our crevices**, and even the soft globes of **our eyeballs**.

Across these **macroscopic landscapes**, we'll follow our creatures through the seminal moments of their life cycles. They'll give birth, evade their natural predators, search for their next feeding, and **survive** long enough to

save their lives and perpetuate their species.

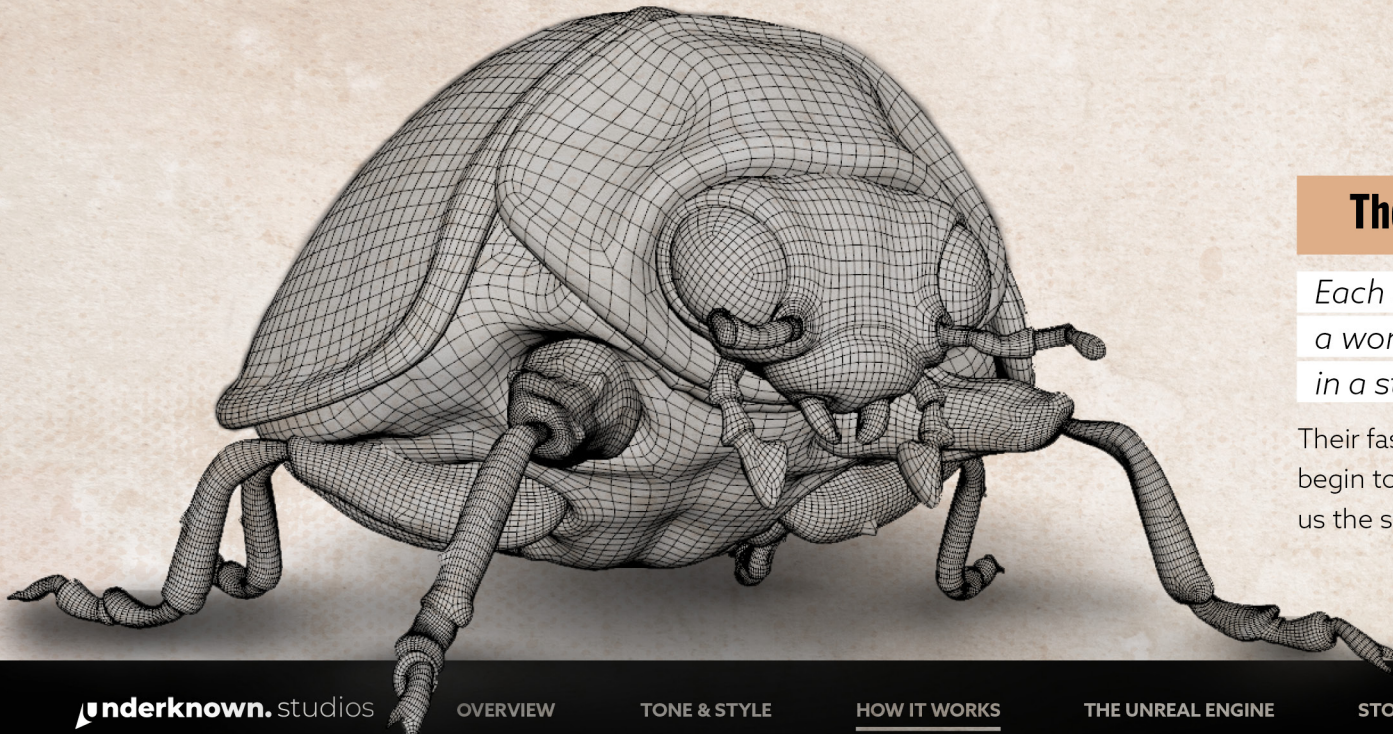


HOW IT WORKS

The Stories

Each episode weaves three crawlers' stories together across six acts.

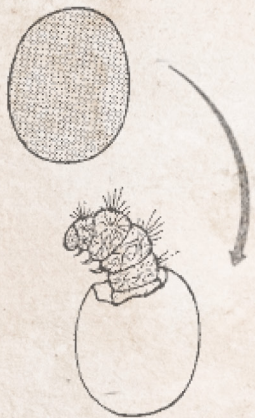
Each story will capture the **complete life cycle of a single creature** as they find a home, scour for food, encounter danger, fight for survival, raise their children, and, ultimately, die.



The Experts

Each story will be introduced by a world renowned entomologist in a stylized hero interview.

Their fascination with these creatures is infectious as they begin to **describe their unique lives**. As they begin to tell us the story of one particular bug, we'll fade into...



The Animation

Using the Unreal Engine, the human body is turned into a wondrous, alien landscape.

The hero crawlers will have **dynamic personalities** and their epic journeys will be action packed adventures of triumph and sorrow. These stories will be contextualised by...

The Narrator

Like other nature documentaries, the stories will be told through narration.

Combined with our dazzling visuals, we'll not only enjoy incredible storytelling about our individual "characters", but **fascinating insights** into their greater species and our own bodies.



THE UNREAL ENGINE

The Unreal Engine **is changing the game** of visual effects on television.



UNREAL
ENGINE

You've seen it in volume production for huge franchises like *Star Wars* and *Star Trek*, but Underknown Studios' in-house Unreal team is excited to bring its **incredible capabilities** and low cost workflow to the factual world.



Skin Crawlers uses **Unreal Engine**

to bring **cinematic adventure**

to the lives of these **little heroes** without dull, expensive macro photography.

STORYLINES

Rocky Mountain Wood Ticks

Dermacentor andersoni

Two tick sisters, who haven't eaten in a year, "quest" onto their second hosts - a dog walker and her pet- in order to lay their 8,000 eggs, but they'll need to contend with falling temperatures, poisonous saliva, and a barbed invader from the sky which pet owners may recognize as a tick remover.



Chigoe Flea

Tunga trimamillata

An expecting Chigoe flea begins her tragic, suicidal march to delivery when she burrows into a Brazilian cattleman's foot. But she'll need to escape detection as she grows 2,000 times her size.





Screw Worm Fly

Cochliomyia hominivorax

A newborn screw worm begin its life by burrowing into the open wound of a murder victim. They'll need to survive when their predatory cousins, cochliomyia rufifacies, arrive to eat them.

Botfly

Dermatobia hominis

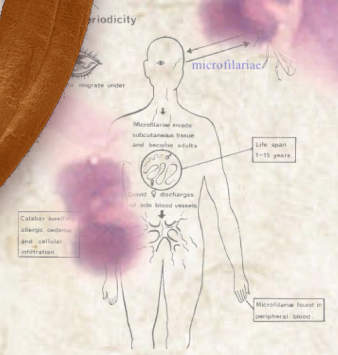
In South America, a botfly struggles to capture a mosquito to use as a "vector" for her eggs to survive under the skin of a human child, but her young will need to survive infection and suffocation for the family to live on.

STORYLINES

Loa loa

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The long journey of loa loa worm larvae siblings begins inside an Ethiopian horsefly. After transferring to their final human host, the family travels via rivers of blood, urine, sputum, and spinal fluid. But trouble comes when one of the family crosses the eyeball and is hunted by a metallic, airborne predator, who we know as tweezers.



Demodex

Demodex folliculorum

Atop the swaying eyebrow follicle of a new human father, a young, male demodex arachnid, or face mite, waits for a mate. After his suitor arrives, she lays her eggs inside the hair follicle. Our new demodex father dies, but his children transfer to the newborn human child, ensuring generations of demodex staying within the same human family.

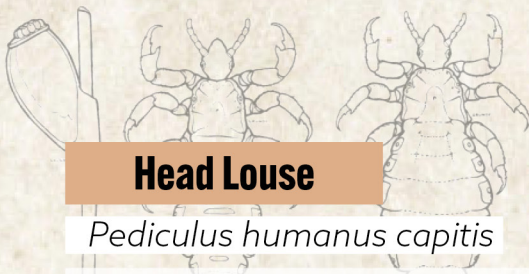




Crab Lice

Pthirus pubis

When a thriving crab louse is knocked loose from the only home it's ever known, his regular 30 day life cycle is dropped to mere hours. Survival depends on finding another host before it starves to death in a barren desert.



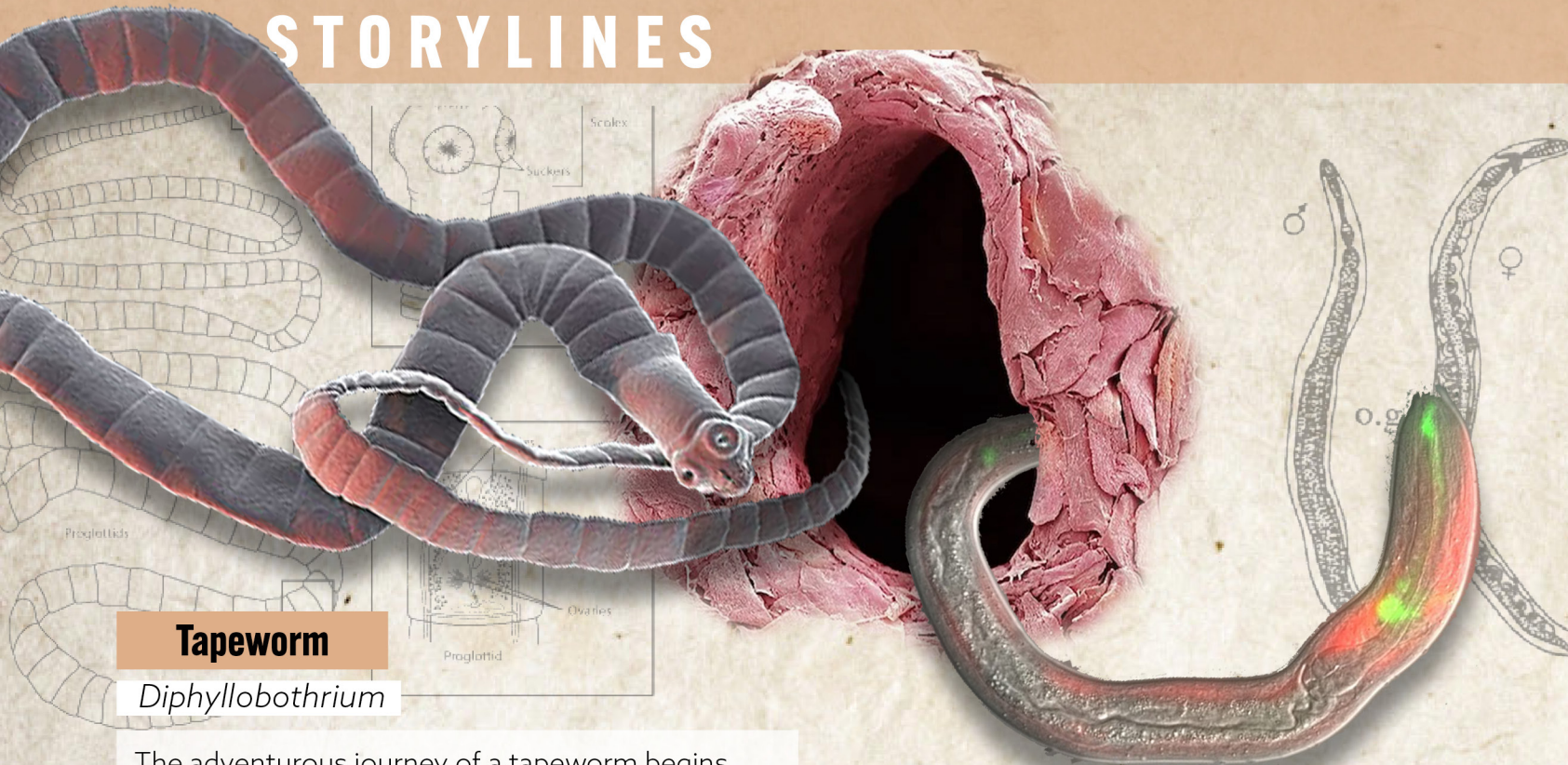
Head Louse

Pediculus humanus capitis

With no ability to fly or jump and even difficulty walking, a young head louse learns to use its extraordinary thumbed claw to climb. But she'll need to keep up her energy in order to lay her eggs and attempt to survive the chemical warfare inflicted upon her and her young.



STORYLINES



Tapeworm

Diphyllobothrium

The adventurous journey of a tapeworm begins when it is expelled from its human host as an egg. It voyages under the ocean's surface to hatch, but it will need to survive being eaten by no less than four predators in order to return to its final, human host.

Strongyloides

Strongyloides stercoralis

This coming of age story begins with larval Strongyloides catching the scent of urocanic acid on the wind and beginning the hunt for their first host. Once they attack, they must be coughed up and swallowed in order to finally arrive at their own breeding ground.



Itch Mite

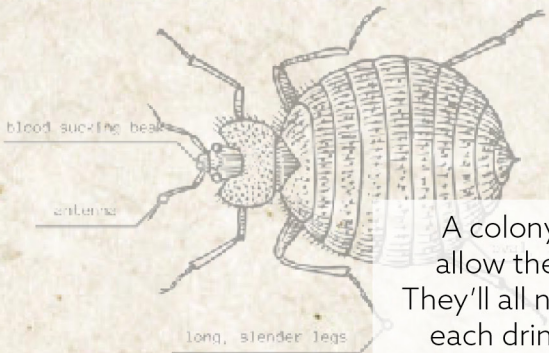
Sarcoptes scabiei

An orphaned itch mite begins her second molt. She'll only mate once in her life, and once she becomes pregnant, she sets out to find a suitable place to give birth.

Bed Bugs

Cimex lectularius

A colony of bed bugs search for the three conditions that allow them to eat: darkness, warmth, and carbon dioxide. They'll all need to eat once in order to grow and mature, but each drink they take puts them at greater risk of detection and soon a stifling vortex begins to hunt the colony.



THE STATS

Underknown knows that there's a big, engaged audience for these little parasites. No matter which one of our brands presents their unique stories, **the video is a massive hit.**



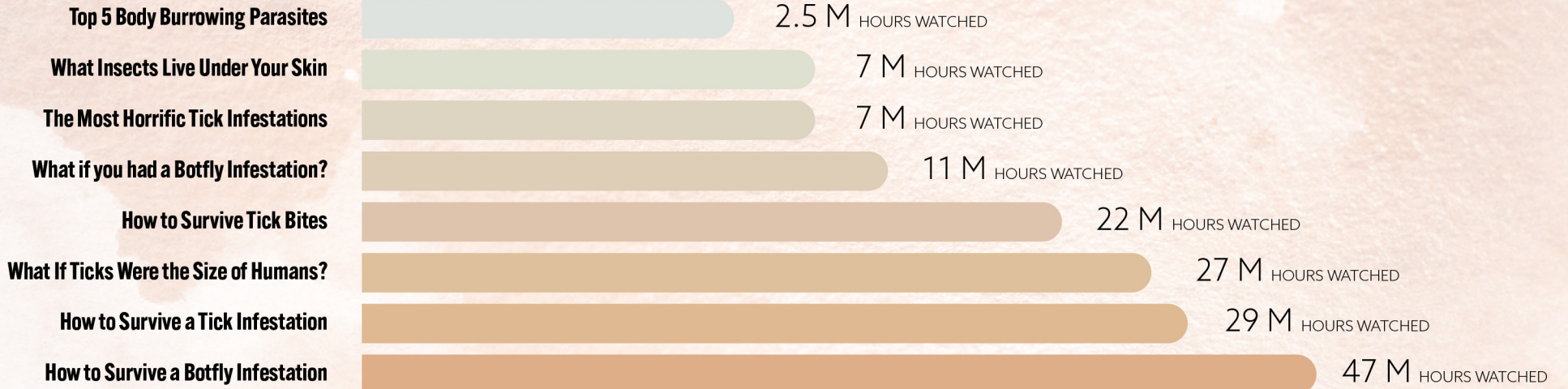
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VIDEOS



120 M
HOURS WATCHED



13,689
YEARS OF WATCH TIME



THE UNDERKNOWN AUDIENCE

Underknown is your **built-in**
celebrity attachment



63 M
FOLLOWERS



120 M
UNIQUE
VIEWS/MONTH



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LANGUAGES

When our content is released, we'll be able to activate this fanbase with an **extensive built-in marketing campaign in the form of:**

Host Reads

We'll create bespoke house ads inside of all our most popular shows that will activate our followers to tune in or sign up to watch our shows.

Social Shout-outs

A custom social awareness campaign on all of our TikTok, Twitter, Instagram, Facebook handles.

Polls

Our community is active and engaged in the production of our shows. We'll create custom polls in our YouTube and Facebook community pages to notify our audience of the launch dates and viewing times.

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