

Growth

Birth of a dragonfly

Touch the pink buttons and see what happens.

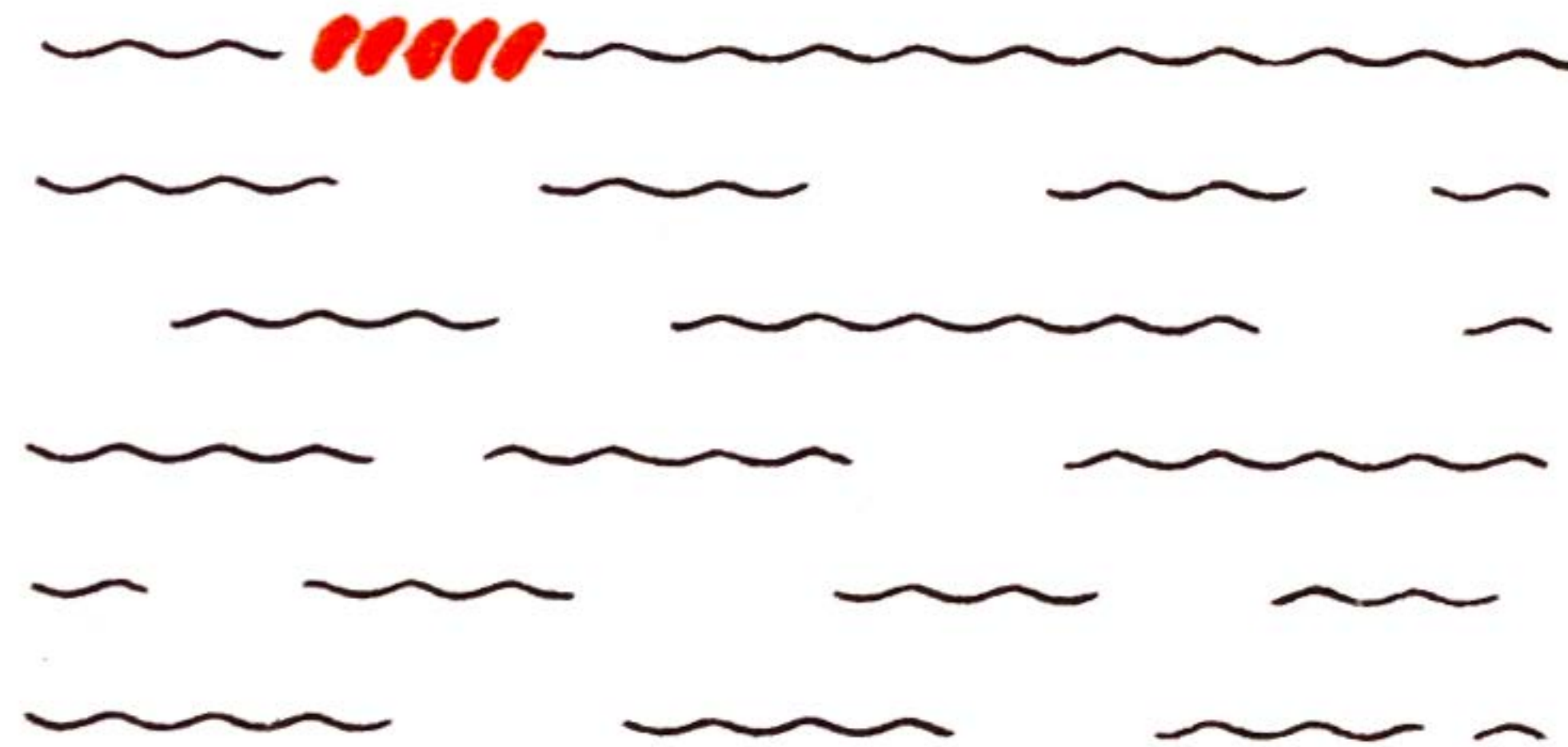
◀ ▶ Use the arrows to move backwards and forwards.

✕ Touch the cross to close a window.

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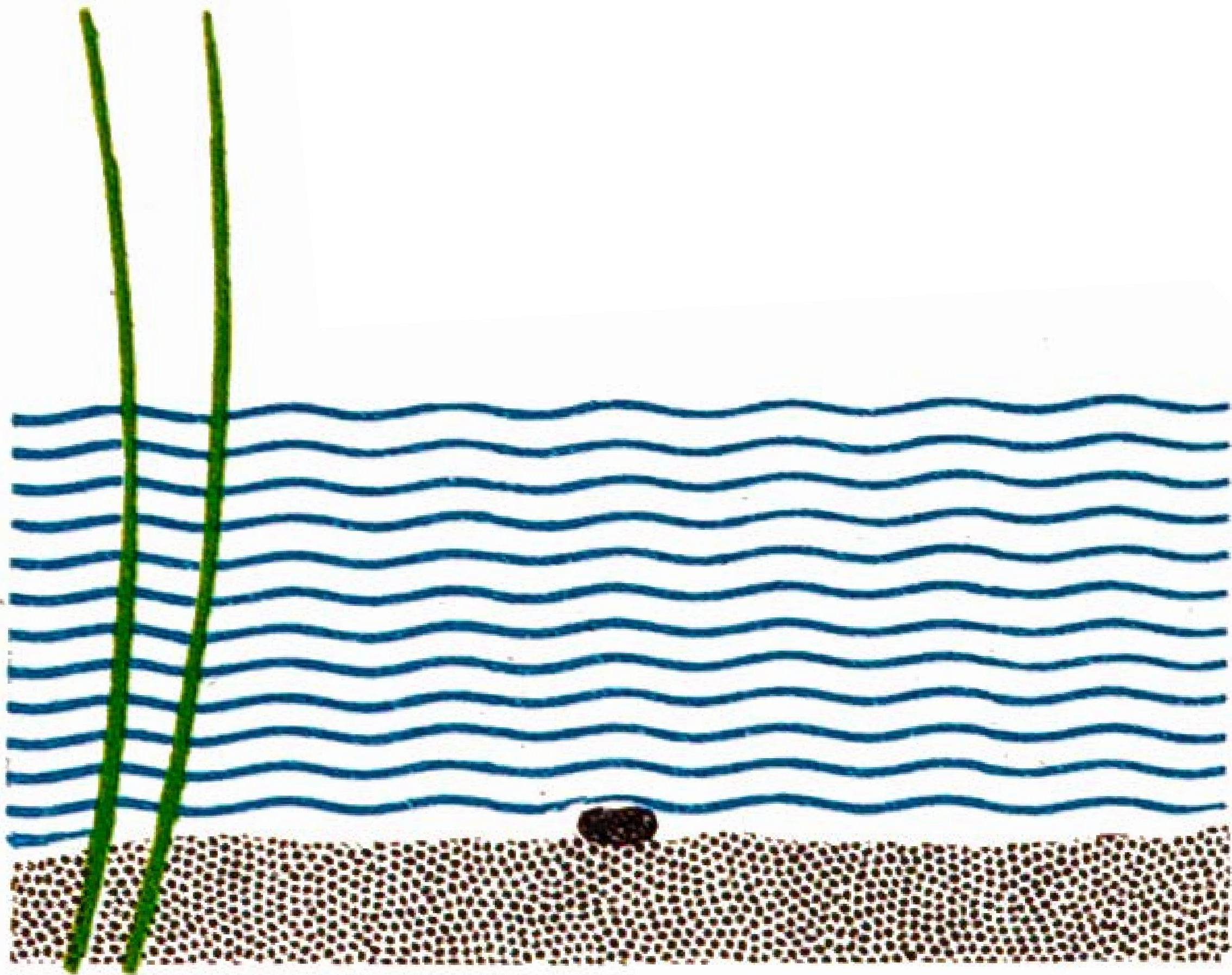


The mother lays her eggs on the water. They are covered with a kind of jelly which makes them sink.

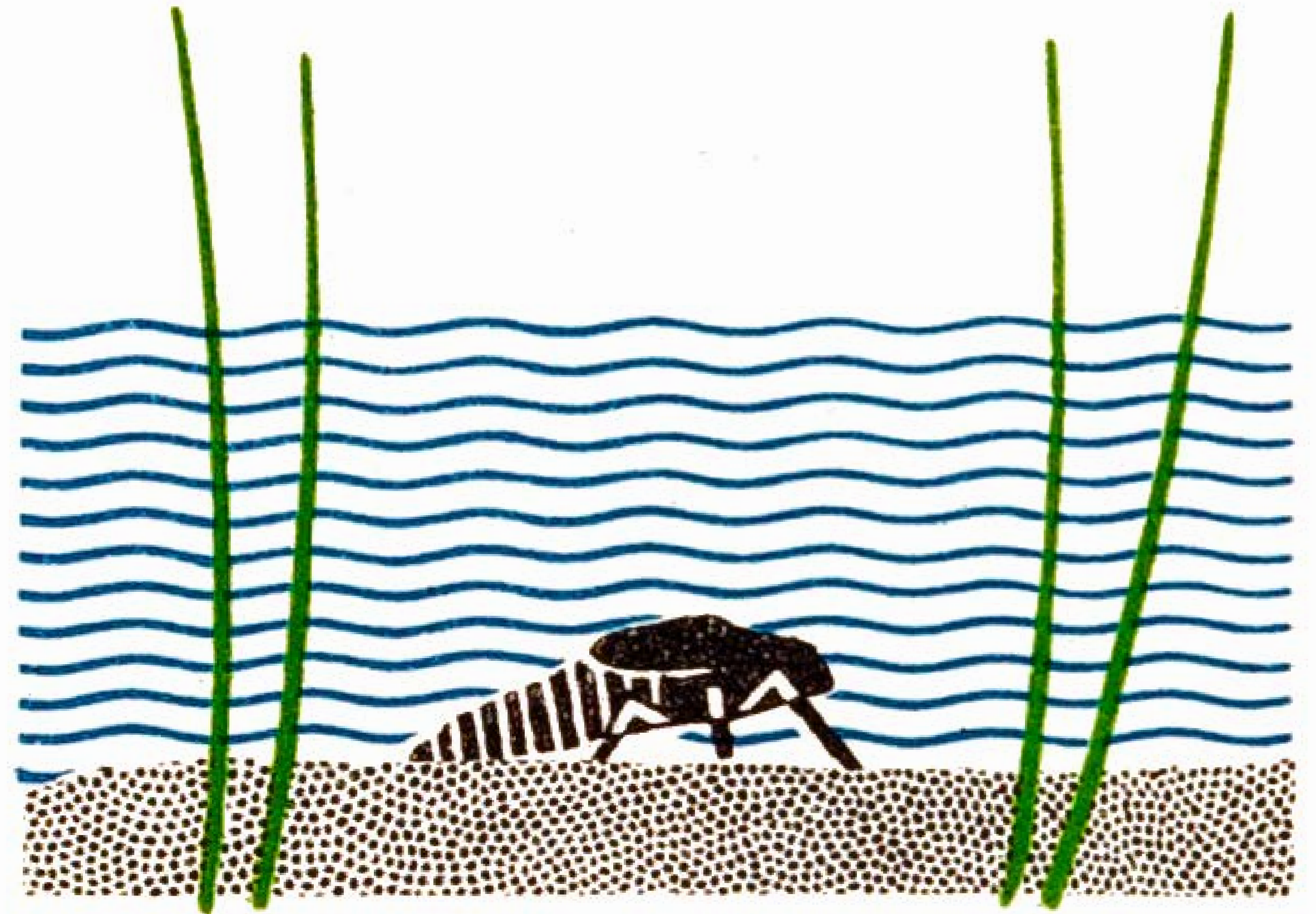


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The egg of the dragonfly rests underwater.



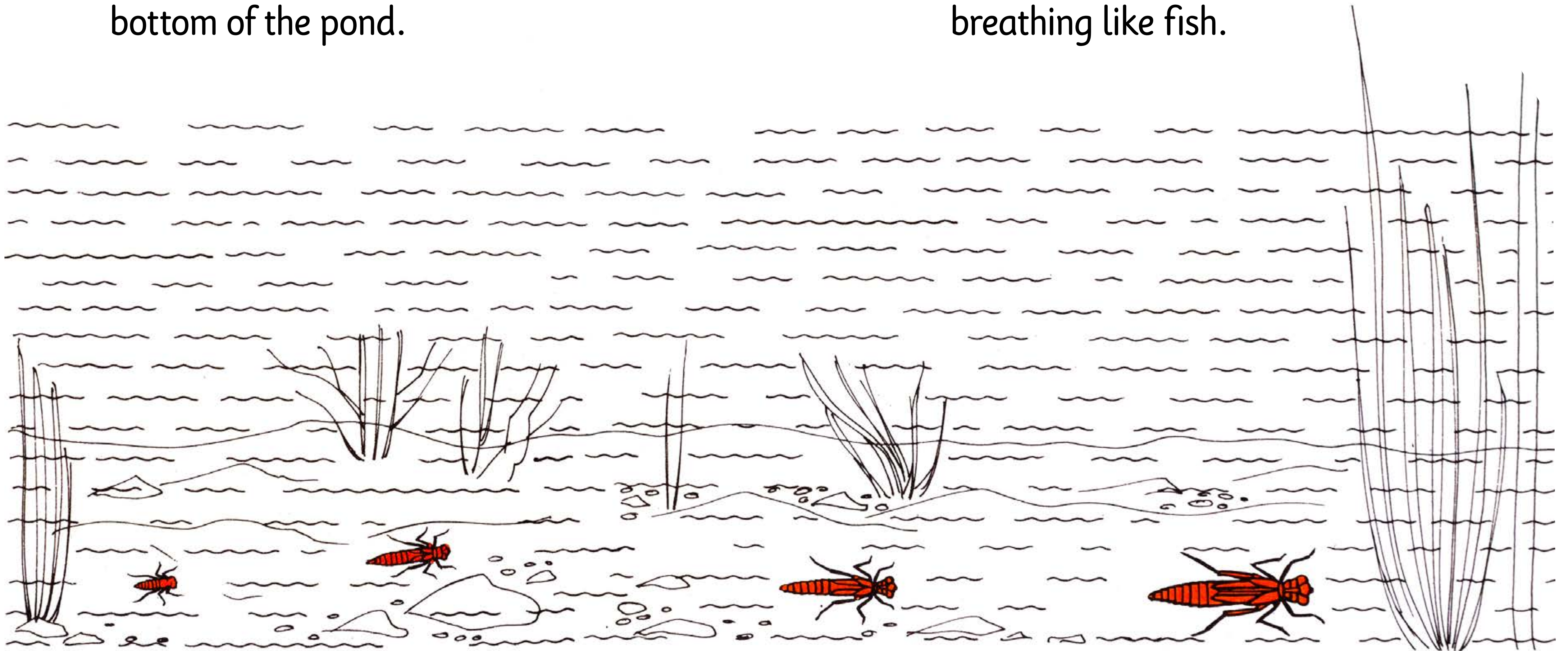
In time a tiny spider-like nymph hatches out.



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When the baby dragonflies hatch out of their eggs they wander about at the bottom of the pond.

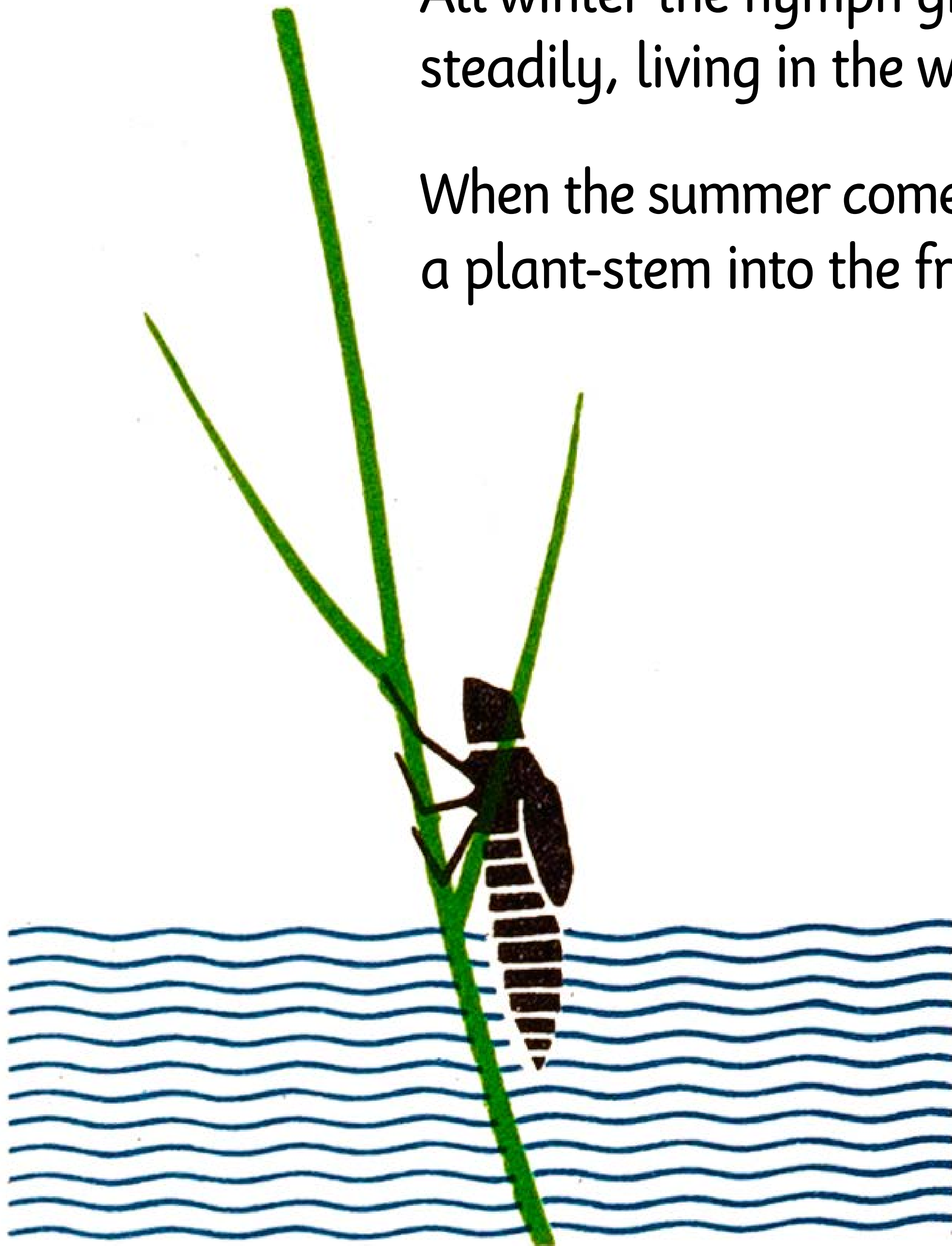
They live in this way for 2 or 3 years, feeding and breathing like fish.



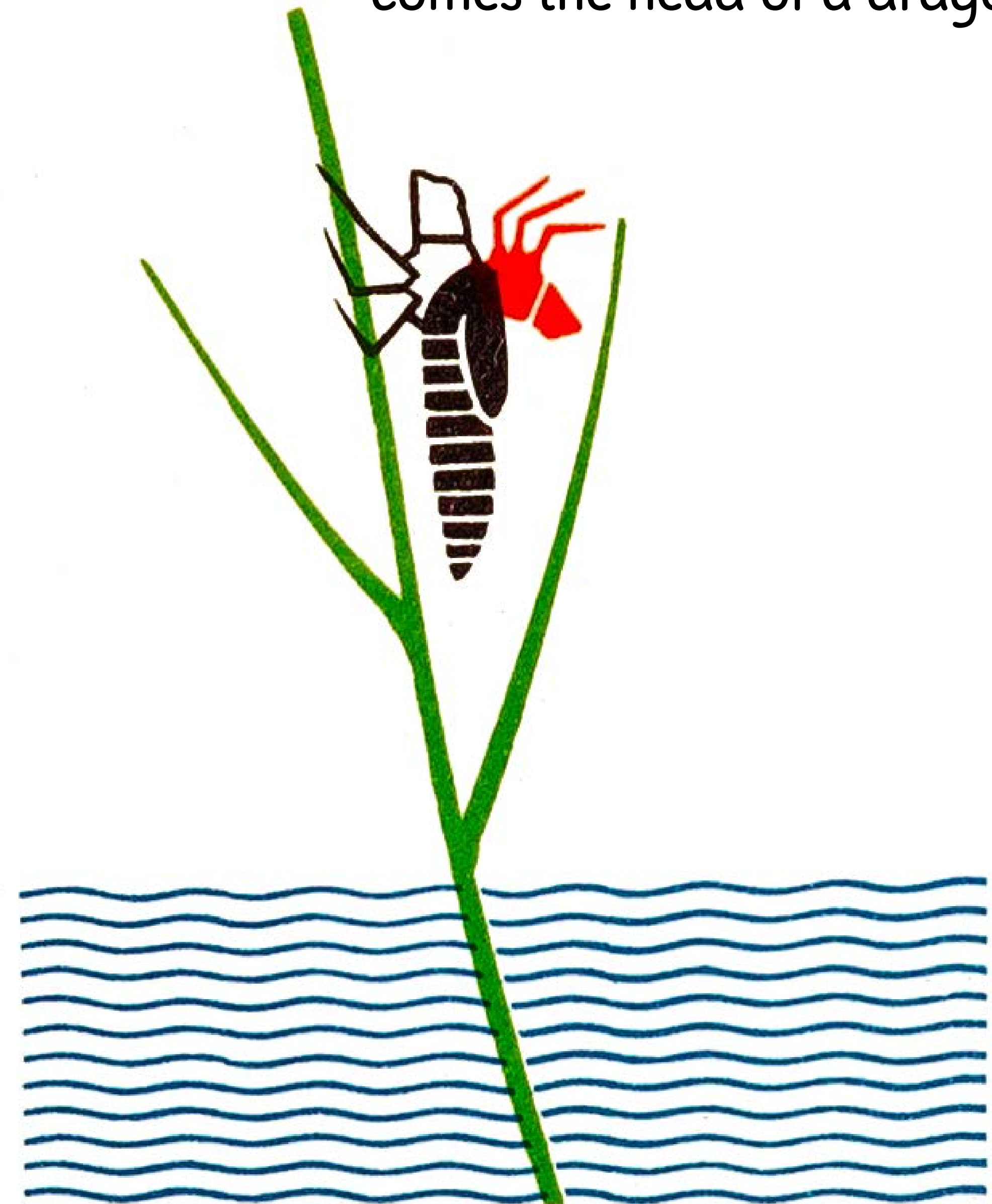
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All winter the nymph grows steadily, living in the water.

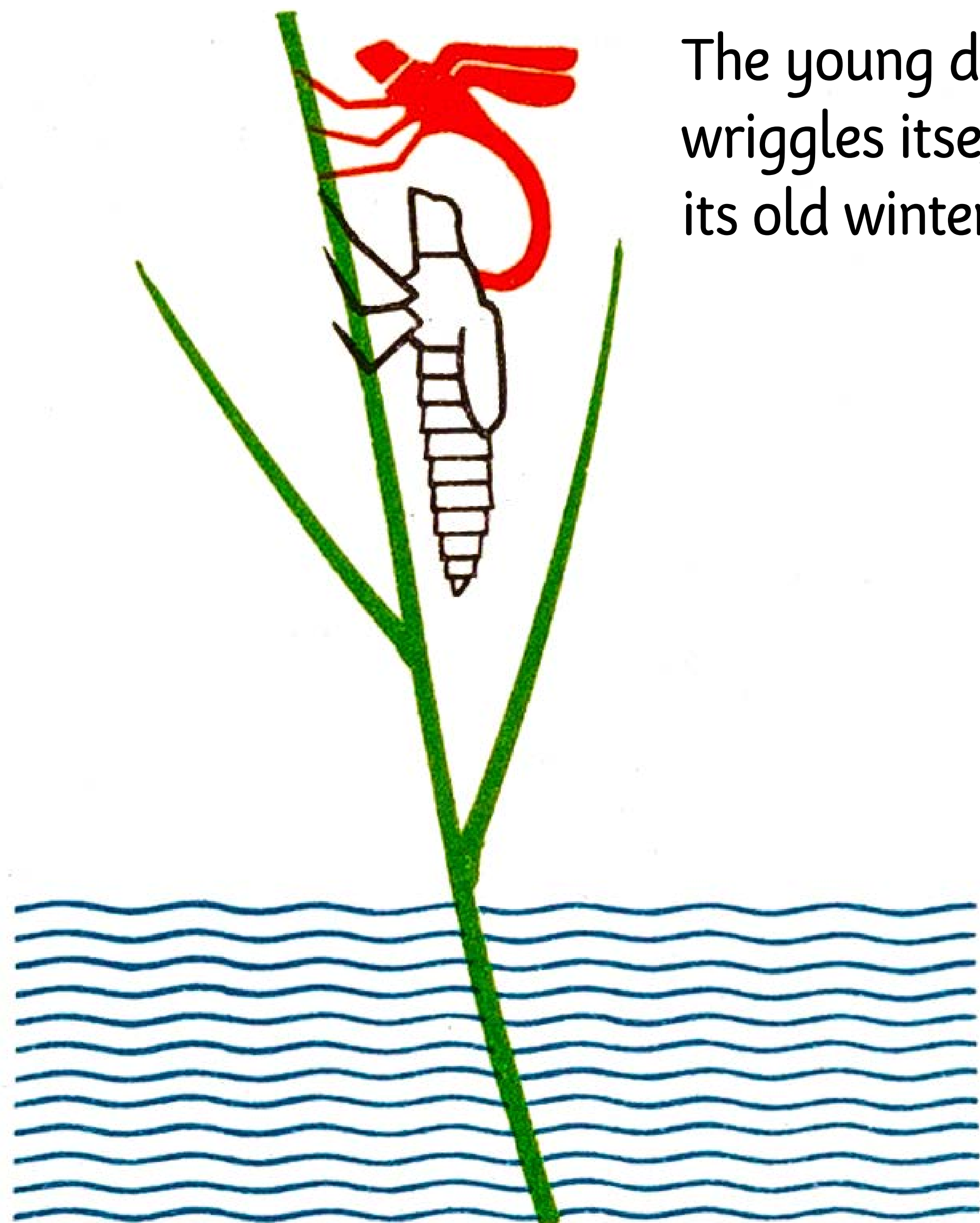
When the summer comes it climbs a plant-stem into the fresh air.



Soon its skin splits, and out comes the head of a dragonfly.



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The young dragonfly wriggles itself free of its old winter coat.

For 6 to 8 weeks it flies in the air as an adult dragonfly.

