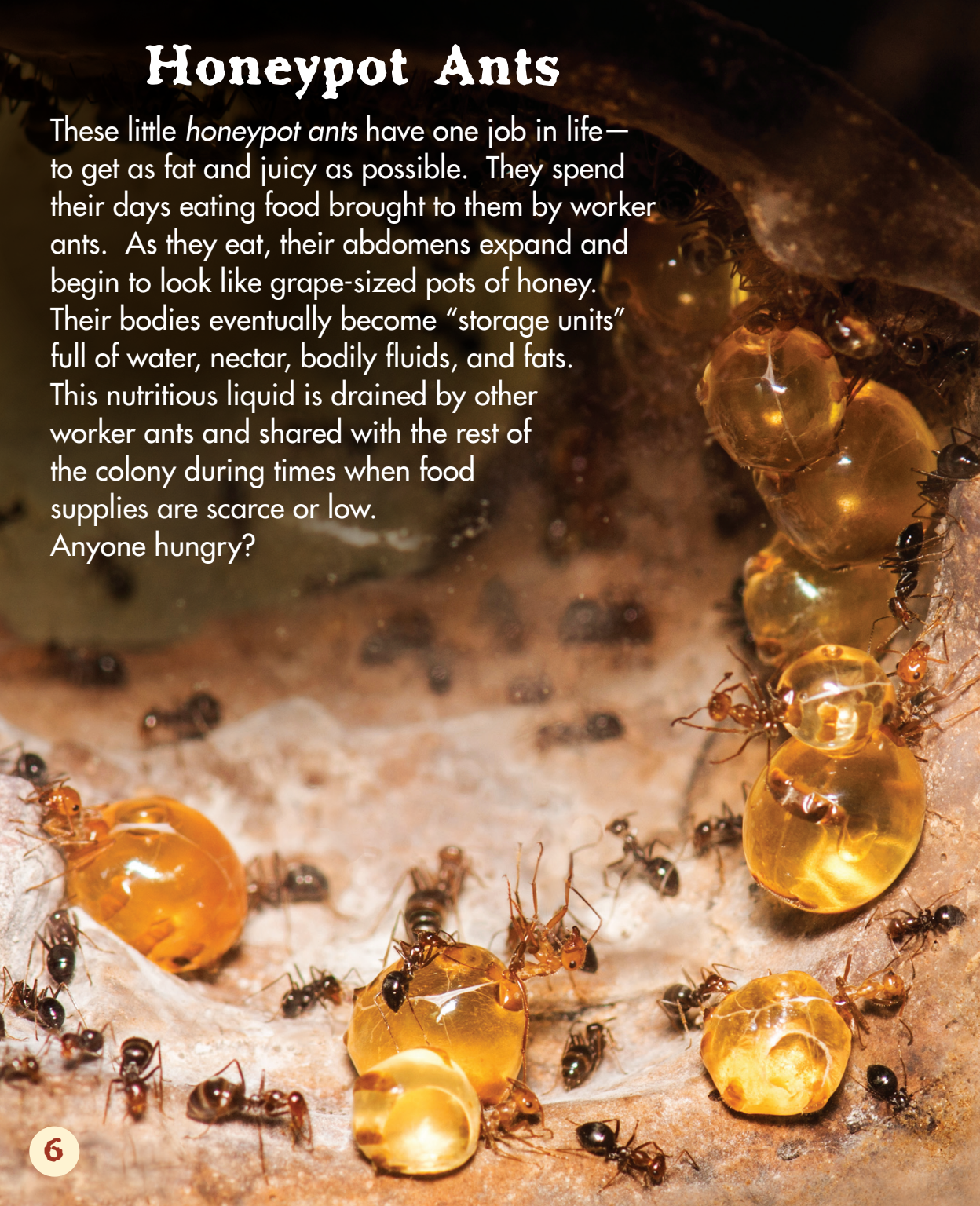


Honeypot Ants

These little *honeypot ants* have one job in life—to get as fat and juicy as possible. They spend their days eating food brought to them by worker ants. As they eat, their abdomens expand and begin to look like grape-sized pots of honey. Their bodies eventually become “storage units” full of water, nectar, bodily fluids, and fats. This nutritious liquid is drained by other worker ants and shared with the rest of the colony during times when food supplies are scarce or low. Anyone hungry?



Leafy Seadragon

Somewhere along the southern coast of Australia, a *leafy seadragon* waits among some seaweed. Leaf-like growths cover its body, blending it in almost perfectly. There it hides, ready to slurp up tiny creatures with its long, sucking snout.

When the sea dragon wants to move on to a new place, it just floats away on the ocean current—looking like any old piece of drifting seaweed.



Naked Mole-rats

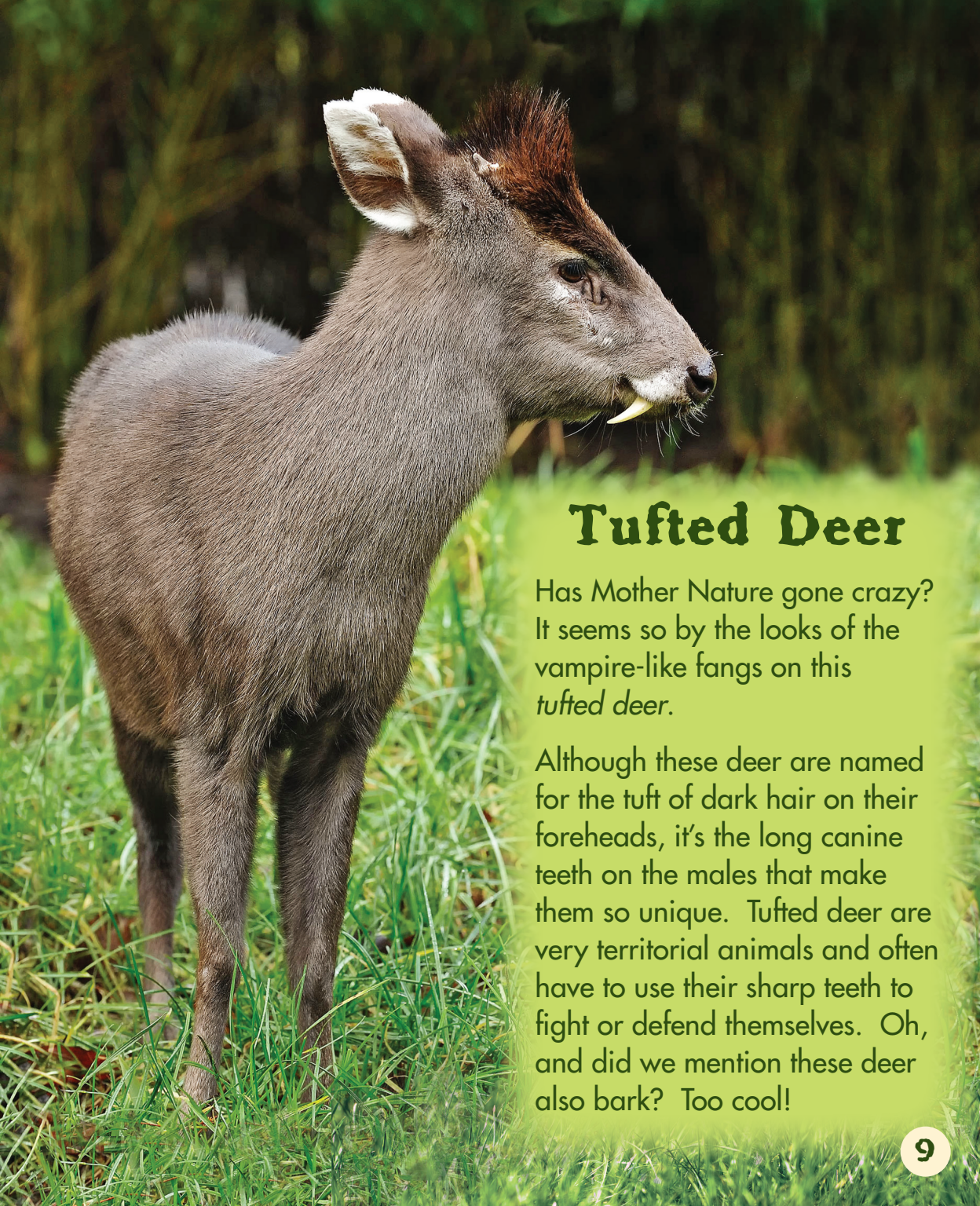
Could this be your worst nightmare coming true? Don't worry, although they may look a little scary, these hairless **rodents** are herbivores and mostly eat roots and tubers. In fact, there's a good chance you'll never encounter a *naked mole-rat* because they live underground. They use their long front teeth to dig miles of tunnels in search of food.

Although they are mammals, naked mole-rats behave more like bees and termites. They live in colonies where a single queen gives birth to all the young. Up to 200 workers dig tunnels and guard the colony.



CREEPY OR
AMAZING?





Tufted Deer

Has Mother Nature gone crazy? It seems so by the looks of the vampire-like fangs on this *tufted deer*.

Although these deer are named for the tuft of dark hair on their foreheads, it's the long canine teeth on the males that make them so unique. Tufted deer are very territorial animals and often have to use their sharp teeth to fight or defend themselves. Oh, and did we mention these deer also bark? Too cool!