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Entomology

Sheds skins
periodically, leaves them green
on shrubs, kitchen floors,
backs and capillaries of mammals, goose-down
feathers. Becomes red when cold. Gestates.
Has wings, can't fly. Becomes the white
mock orange when threatened. May
also spit venom into eyes, or hiss citrus. In a hollow
thorax, vibrating tissues exude soft whirring. Inhabited: I.
Gives birth to live pupae,
lives off that which lives on. Does not enjoy
the company of others, the shrill of dark,
the sound of bees.

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