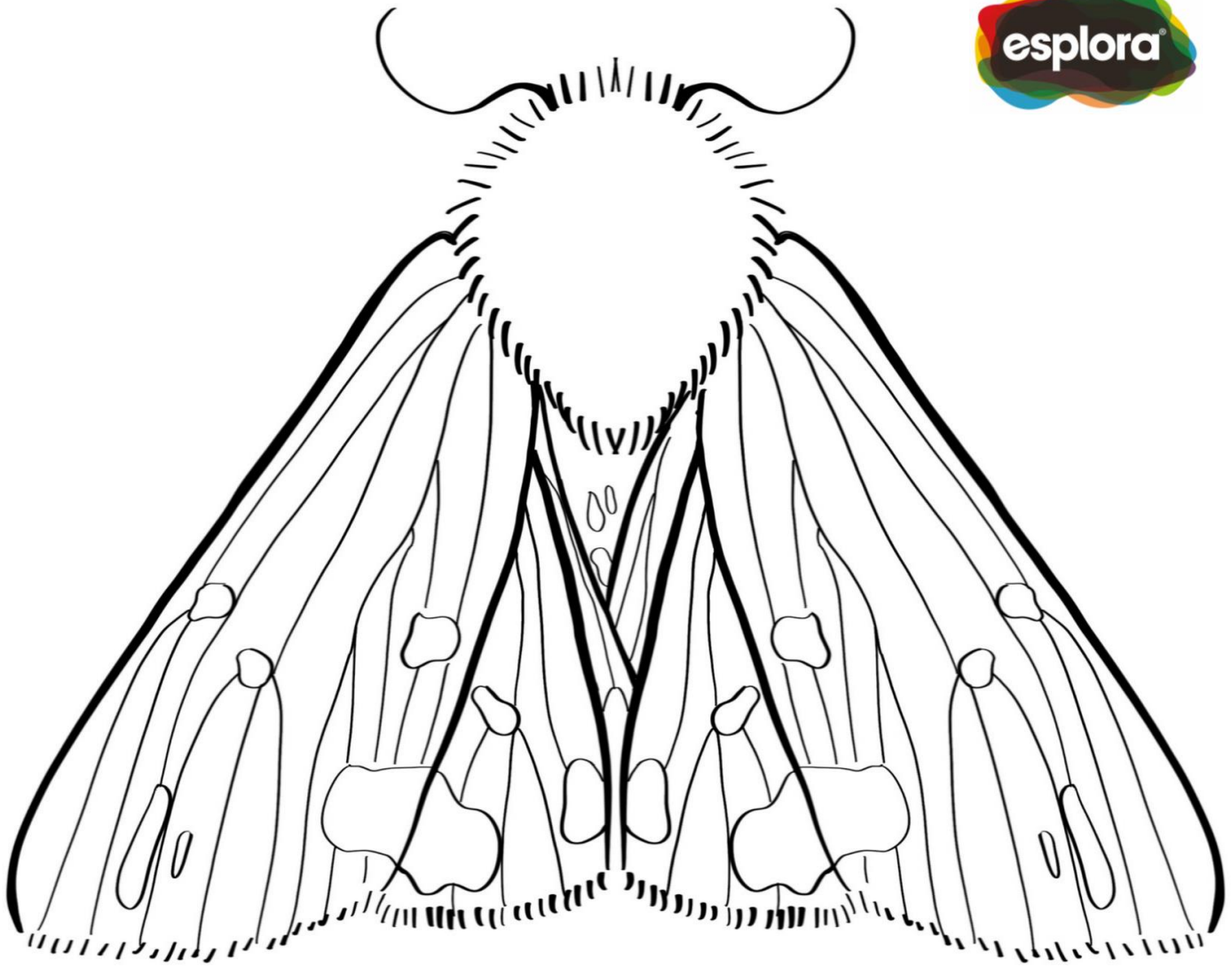


Maltese Swallowtail

The Maltese swallowtail butterfly is our only endemic butterfly! The bottom of its back wings look like tails of swallows. You can recognize it by its bright yellow and black wings with their blue band and red spots.

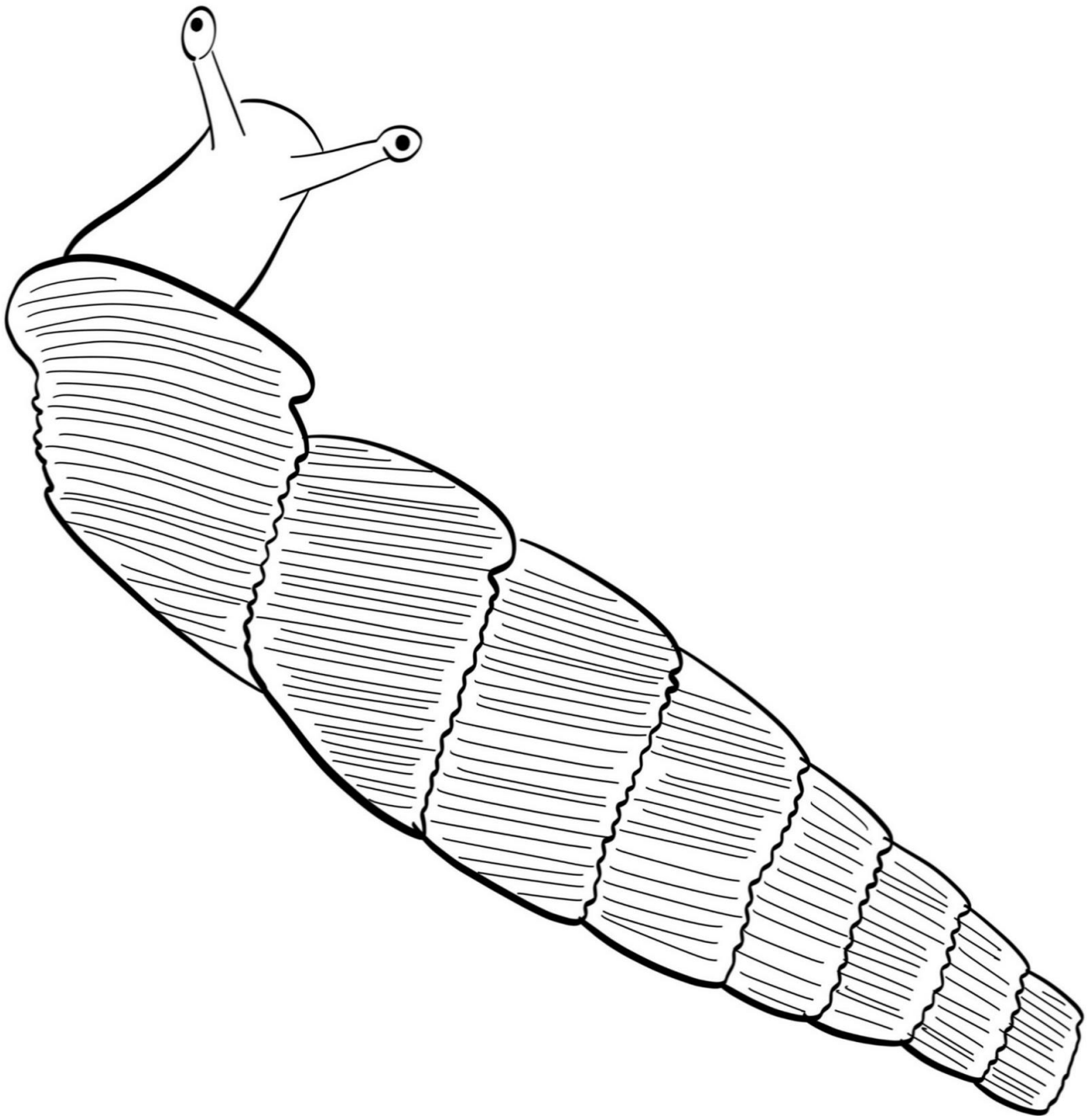




Maltese Ruby Tiger Moth

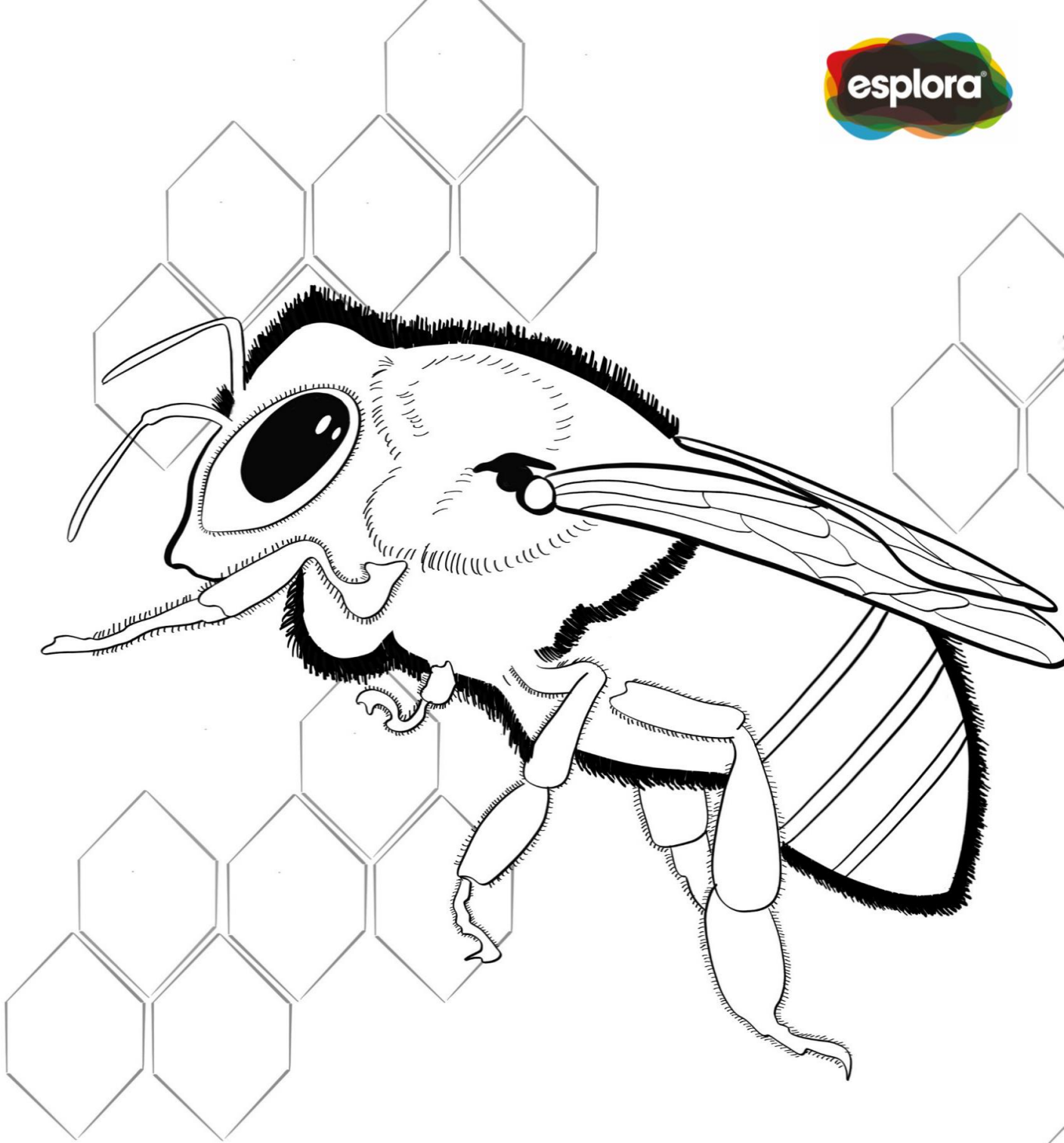
This moth is found only on the Maltese Islands. It is very hairy when it's a small caterpillar and hairy as an adult moth as well. It is named after its vivid red colour!





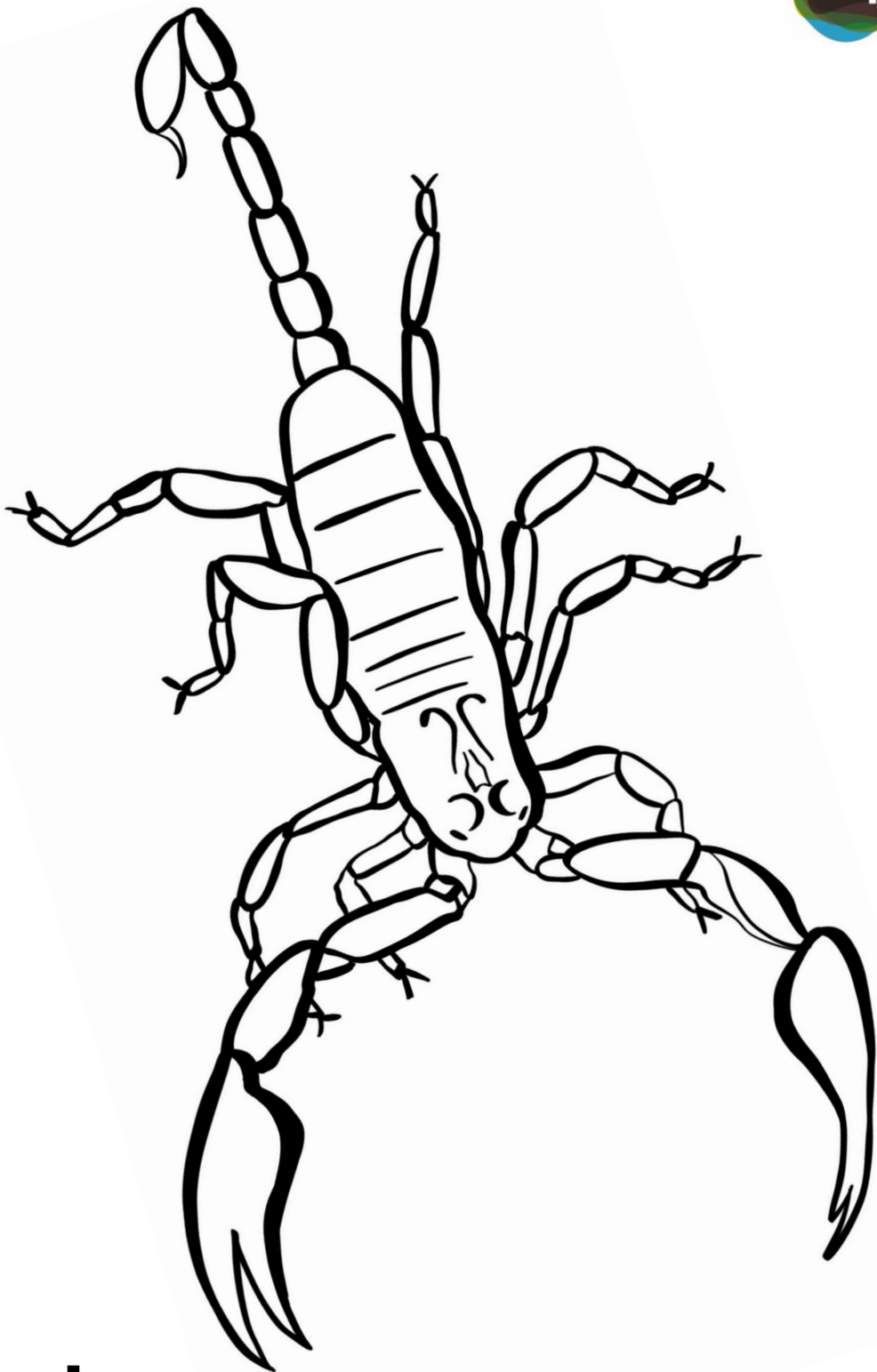
Maltese Door Snail

These snails are only found on the Maltese Islands and they're protected by law because they're endangered; which means that there aren't a lot of these snails left! They are usually found in between rocks, close to areas which are slightly wet.



Maltese Honey Bee

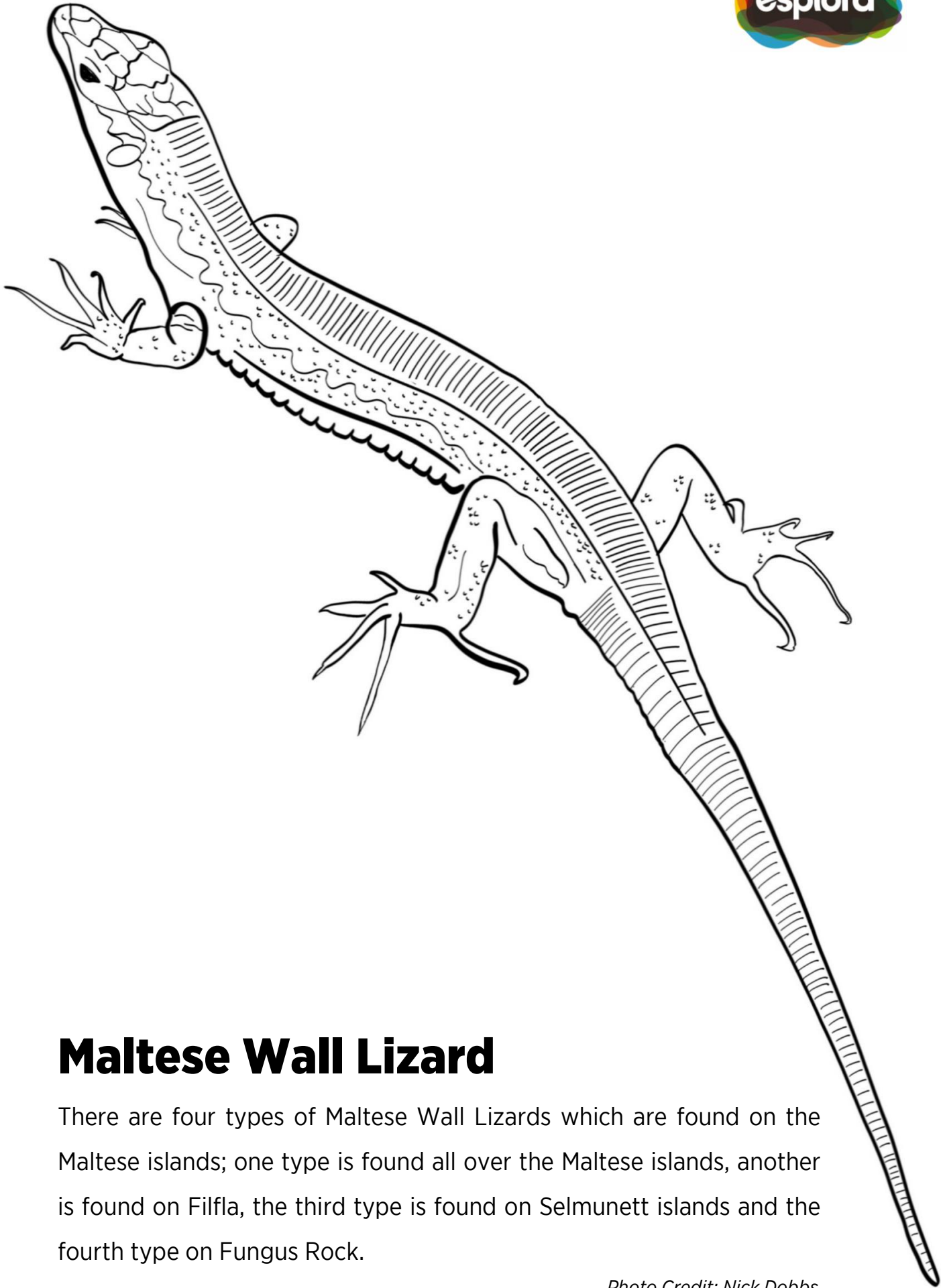
Bees come in all sorts of shapes and sizes but the Maltese Honey Bee can only be found on our islands so we need to protect it! Bees are important because they pollinate flowers and help us grow fruits and vegetables. Its body is very hairy so that it can carry as much pollen as possible.



Scorpion

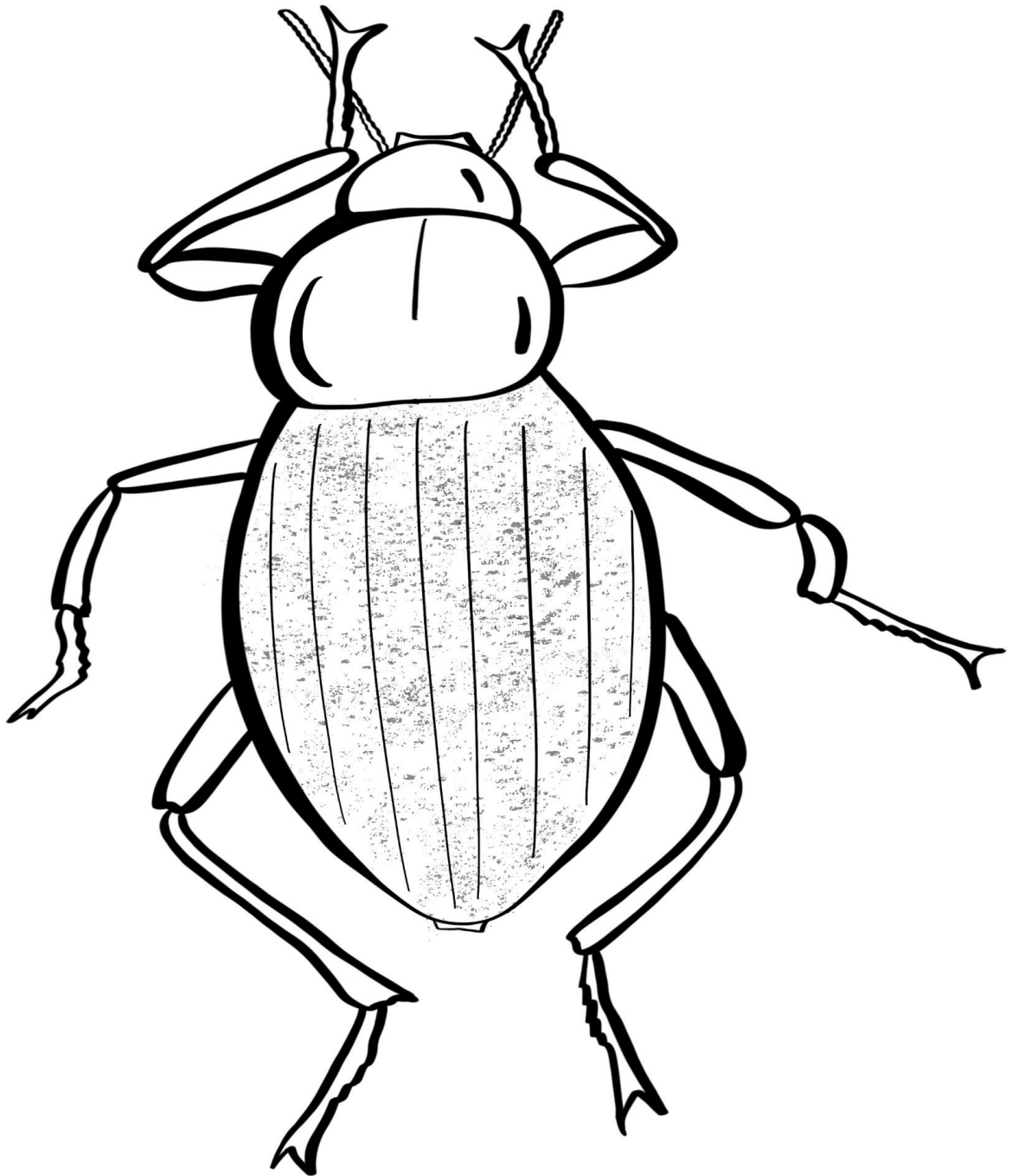
There is only one type of scorpion which is found naturally on the Maltese Islands. It loves to hide in dark and humid places and can sometimes be found in houses as well. This tiny Maltese scorpion has weak venom and uses its stinger to hunt insects such as cockroaches.

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Maltese Wall Lizard

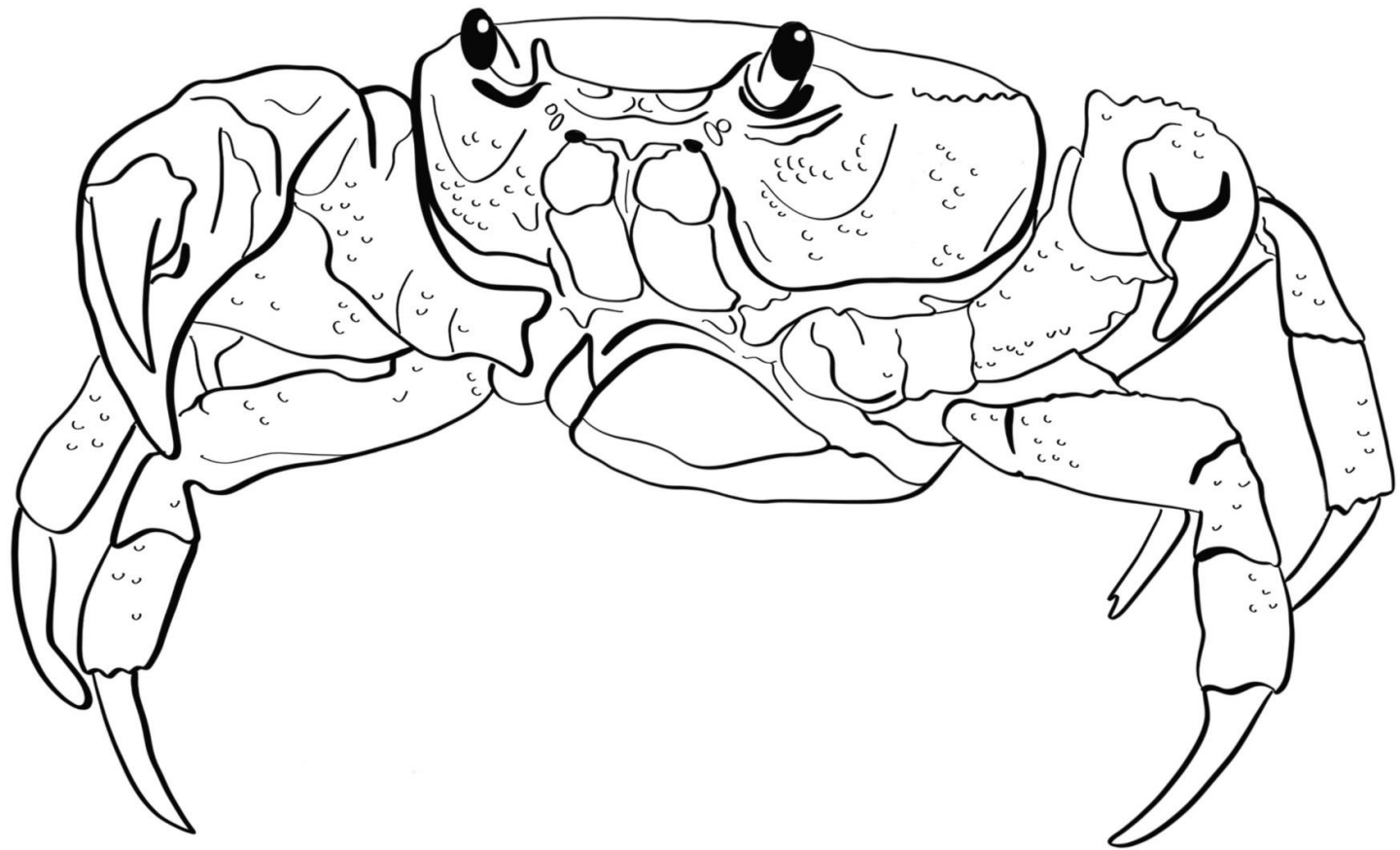
There are four types of Maltese Wall Lizards which are found on the Maltese islands; one type is found all over the Maltese islands, another is found on Filfla, the third type is found on Selmunett islands and the fourth type on Fungus Rock.



Maltese Field Beetle

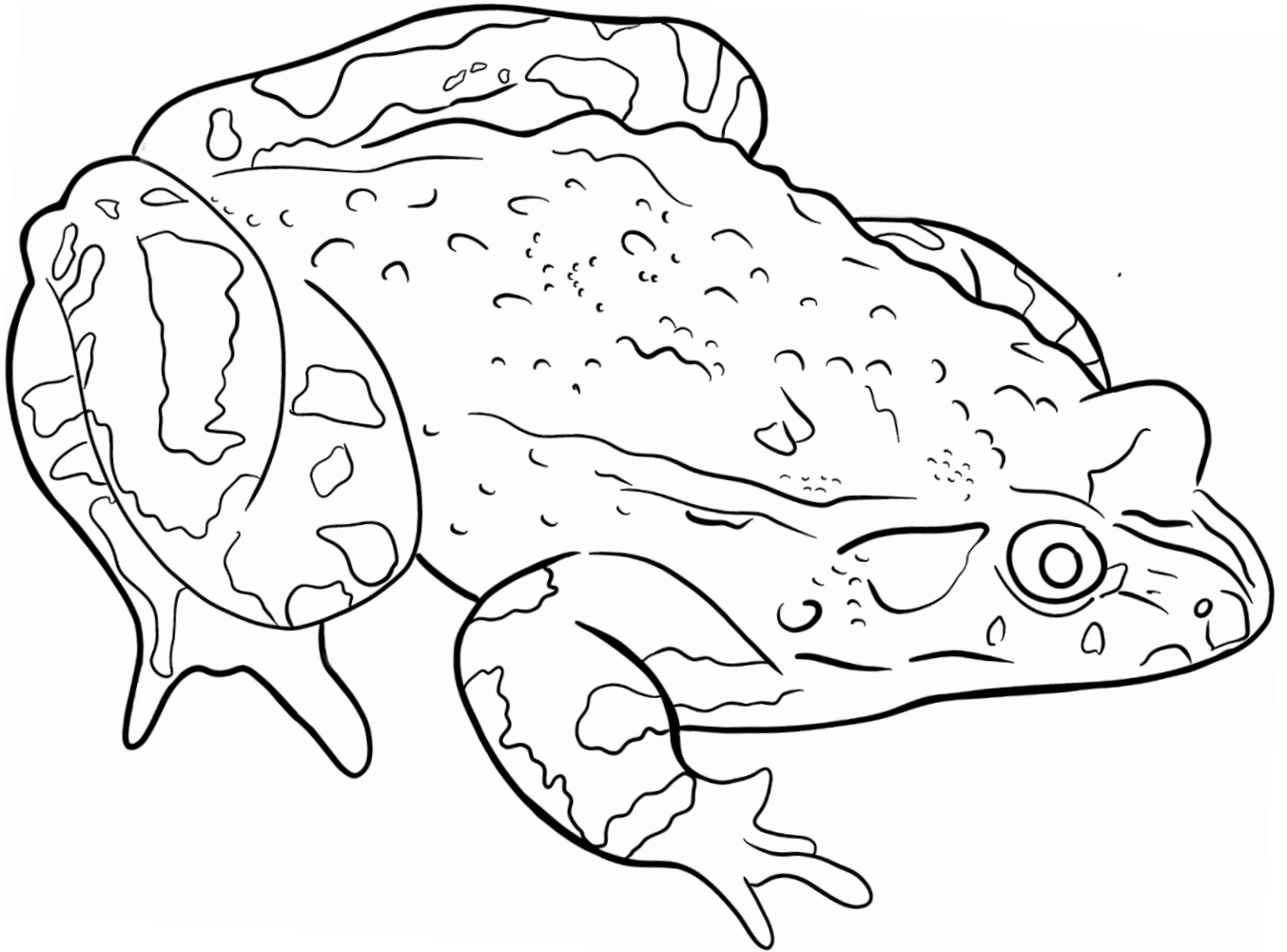
This beetle is endemic to Malta which means it can be found nowhere else in the world. It lives in the countryside, usually in coastal areas. Beetles are more scared of you than you are of them, so there's no need to harm them.

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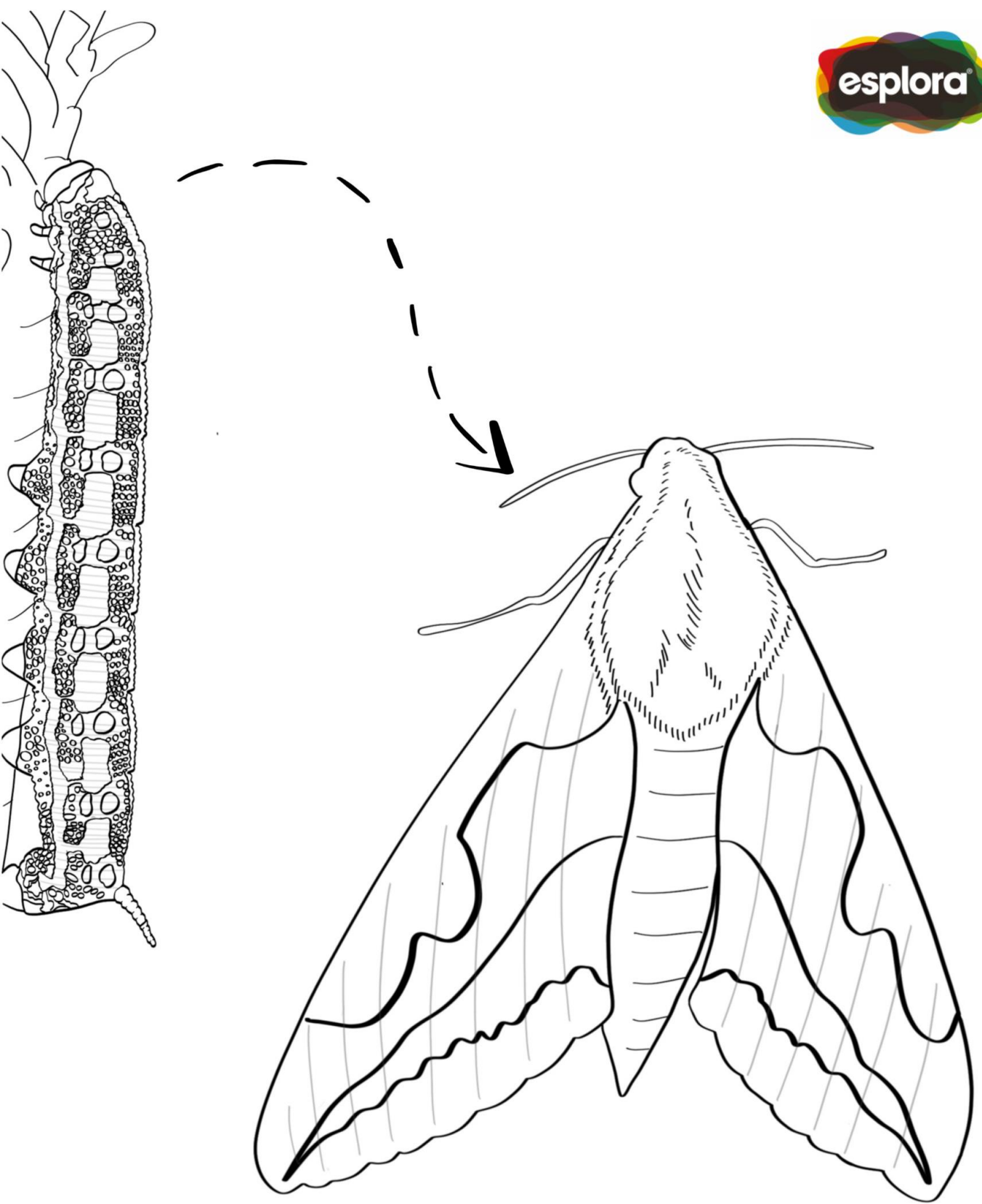
Maltese Fresh Water Crab

Did you know that when we had Maltese coins, the crab was on the five cent coin? These particular crabs can only be found on the Maltese Islands and live in fresh water streams which are usually found in valleys. Sadly, most of our valleys are built up so these streams are decreasing, making the fresh water crab endangered so there aren't a lot of these crabs left.



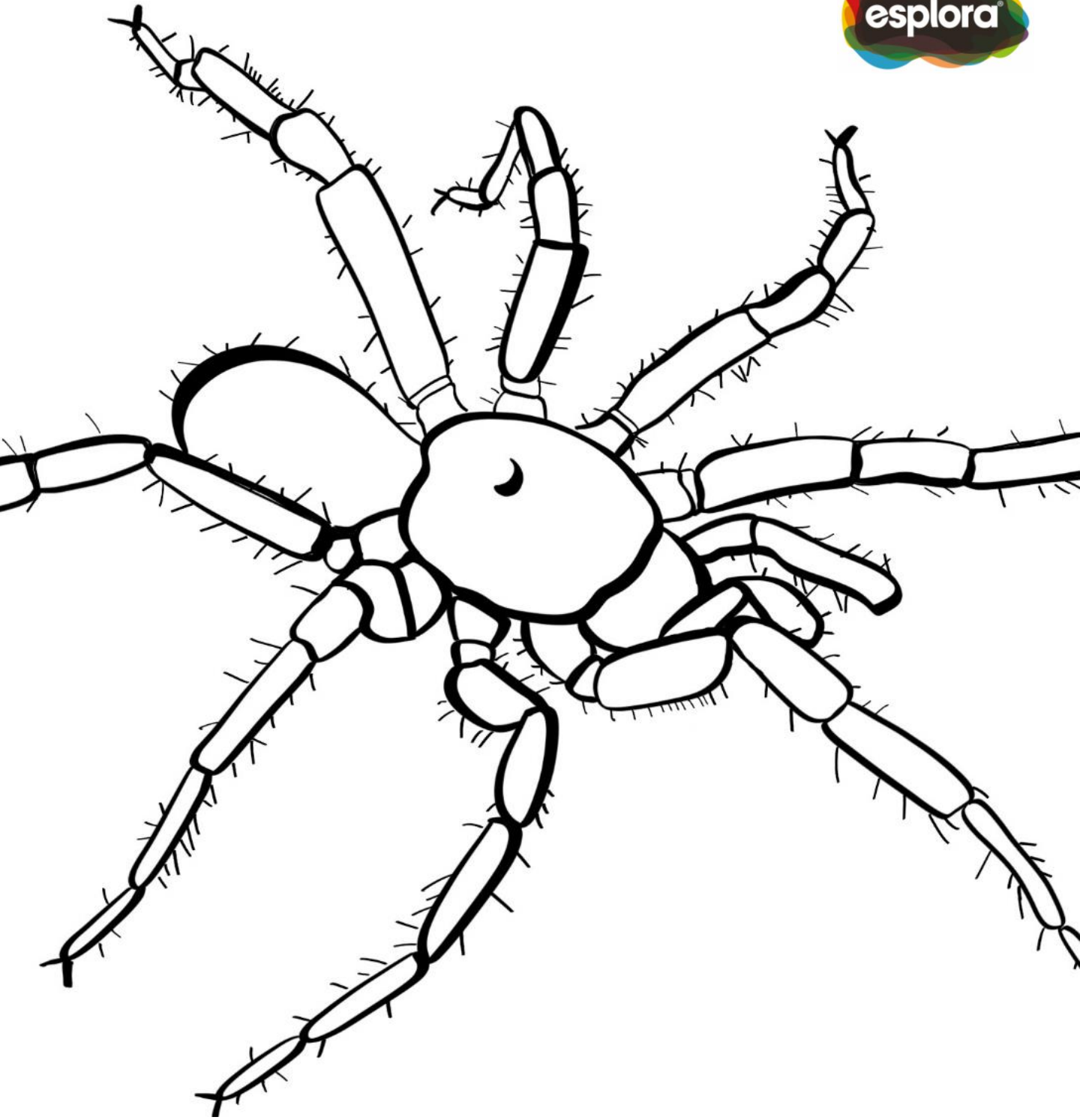
Painted Frog

There is a particular painted frog which is found only on the Maltese Islands and Sicily, and it is also the only amphibian species found naturally on our islands! They are protected by law which means they shouldn't be caught and taken from their home in the wild.



Maltese Spurge Hawkmoth

This moth is found only on the Maltese Islands and is named after the spurge plant which the caterpillar lives on before it turns into a moth. It's mostly found in rocky garigue areas where you can find a lot of spurge.



Maltese-Trap Door Spider

This type of spider is protected since it can only be found on the Maltese Islands. It lives for many years and lives in holes or tunnels in soil. It gets its name since it closes its home with a kind of door made out of soil and silk!