

Ancient amber encases animals and DNA

In the 1993 film “Jurassic Park,” miners discover a mosquito entombed in a red-yellow substance, supposedly carrying the DNA of long-extinct dinosaurs, waiting to be revived by modern scientists. It’s a dramatic moment, but as recent events have shown, amber’s real-life exploits are so much more interesting.

This month, a team of researchers in Oregon and Germany released a series of remarkable photographs of a 100-million-year-old flower frozen in the act of sexual reproduction in a piece of amber. This just after scientists released images of an ancient species of cockroach trapped in amber. In 2012, amber gave us a pair of 100-million-year-old spiders locked in combat.

How did these living things become encased in their golden tombs?

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