

**“Spiders. Why did it have to be spiders?”**

**“Do you like my pets?” crooned the villain. “I had them imported at great expense from the hell planet Earth. The humans call them ‘daddy long-legs:’ native legend says that they are the most poisonous animals, pound for pound, that Earth has. Perfectly harmless to humans - the fangs cannot penetrate their skin - but our species is not so *rugged*, yes?”**

**“Farewell, Mister Hurn. I would stay and watch you receive my darlings’ kisses - such delightful irony! - but I have a planet to steal.”**

***Typical overkill, thought the spy as the spider-tube slowly descended. Earth fleas would have been sufficiently deadly...***

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