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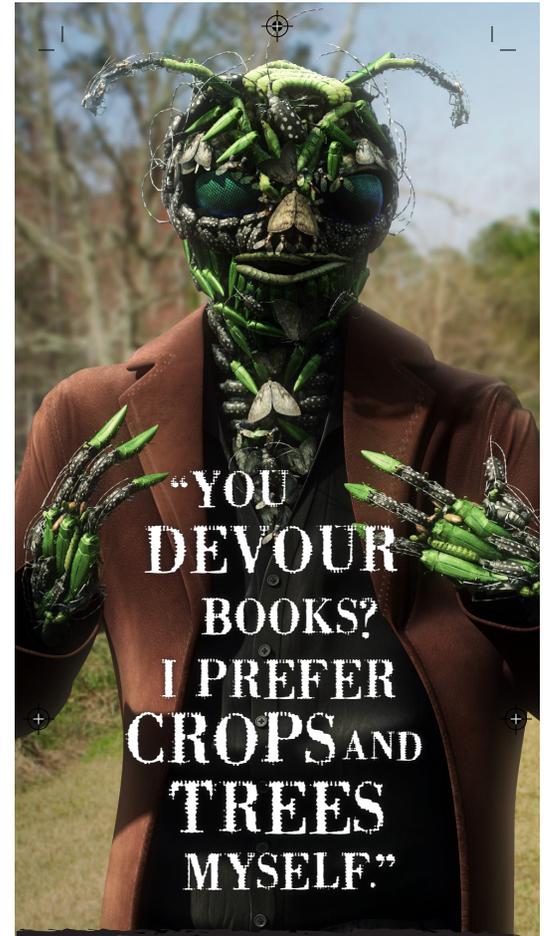
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**Plant Carefully.** Buy plants from a reputable source and avoid using invasive plant species.

**Do Not Bring or Mail** fresh fruits, vegetables, or plants from state to state unless cleared by agricultural inspectors beforehand.

**Cooperate** with quarantine restrictions and allow authorized agricultural workers access to your property for inspection.

**Keep It Clean.** Wash outdoor gear and tires between fishing, hunting or camping trips. Clean lawn furniture and outdoor items when moving from one home to another.

**Learn to Identify.** If you see signs of an invasive pest or disease, report it at [www.HungryPests.com](http://www.HungryPests.com).

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