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As we've learned, Copperheads are fascinating creatures, but they also have a complex relationship with humans. While they're not usually aggressive, they will defend themselves if they feel threatened, and their bite can be painful to humans. However, they also play an important role in controlling the population of rodents and other pests. So, let's remember to respect these beautiful, copper-headed creatures and their important place in our ecosystem!



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