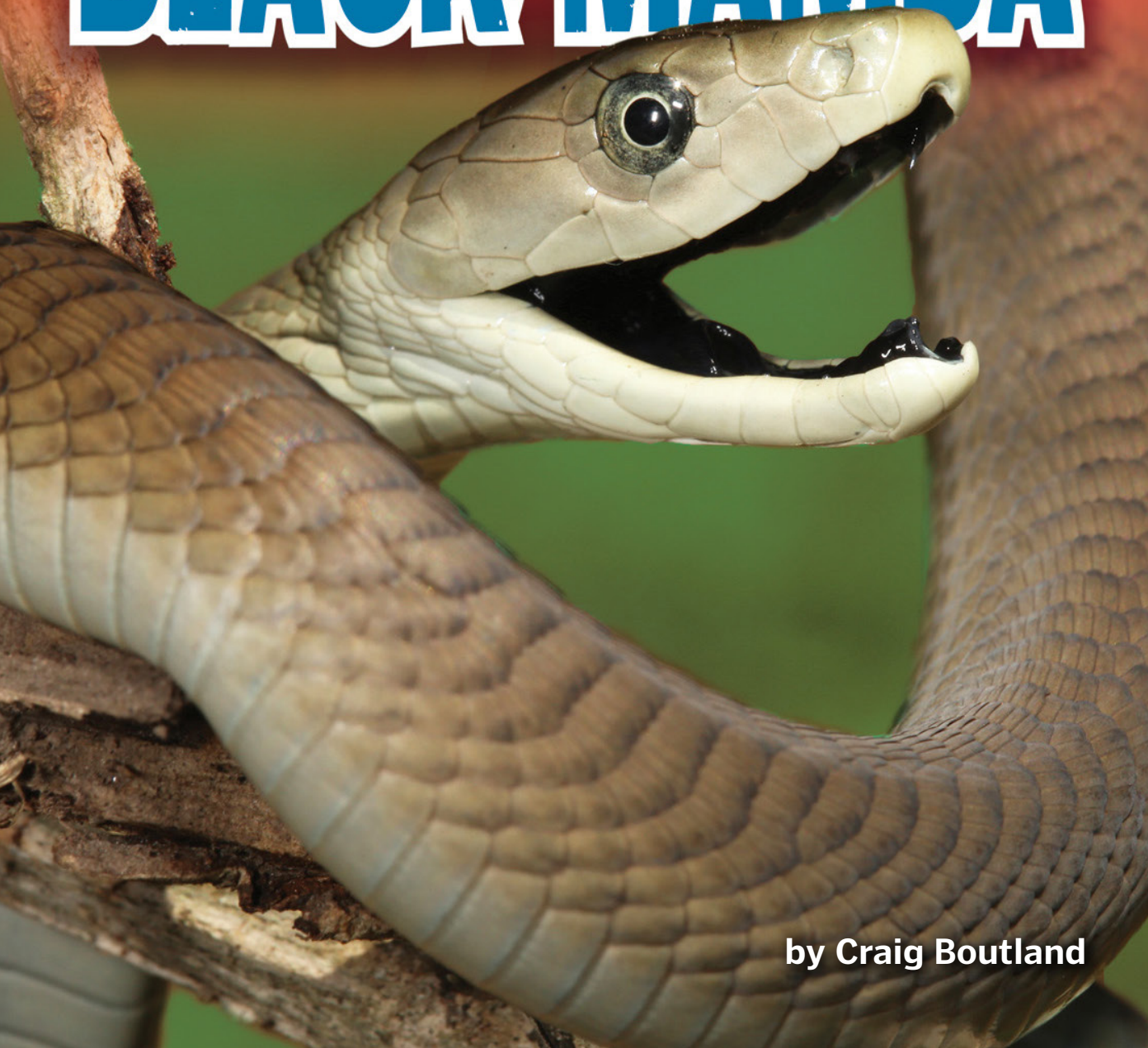




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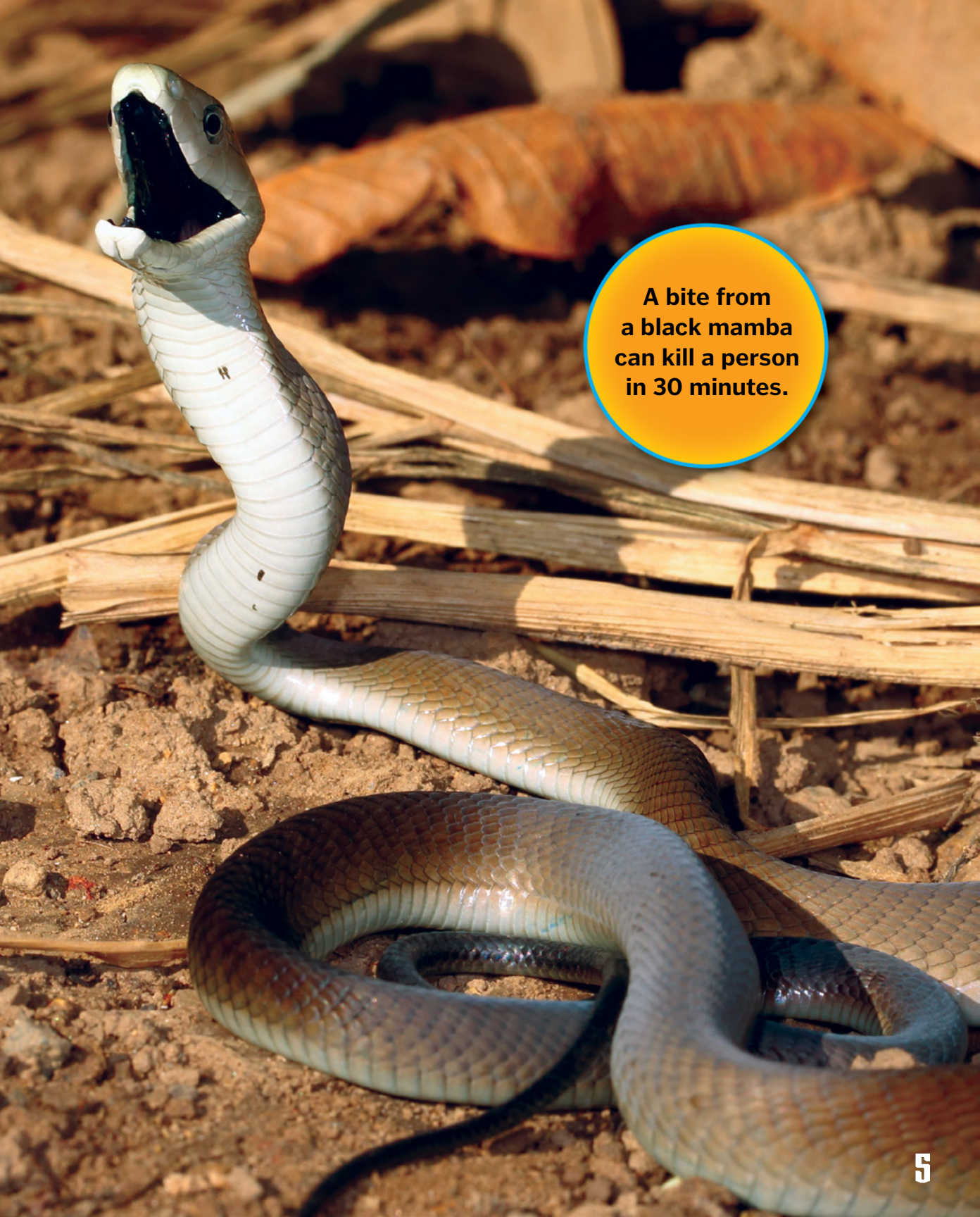


Danger on the Path

A young woman was walking toward her home in the African country of Kenya. She didn't see the snake on the path ahead. But she felt the bite and a burning pain. She had been bitten by a black mamba.

The woman was rushed to the hospital where doctors gave her **antivenin** to save her life. She was lucky. Not everyone survives an attack by a deadly black mamba.



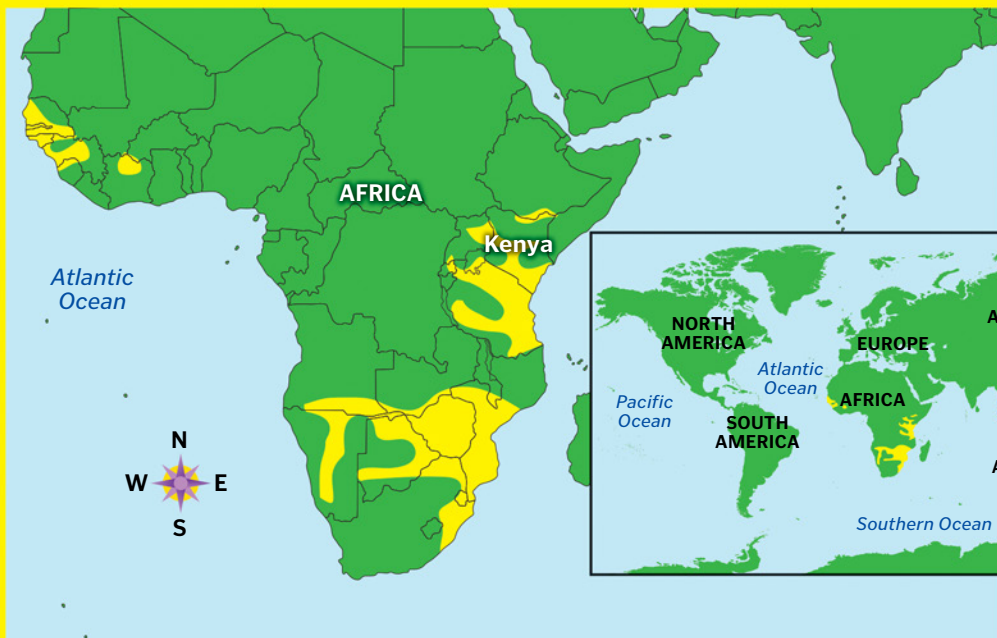


**A bite from
a black mamba
can kill a person
in 30 minutes.**

Home For a Killer

Black mambas live in western, eastern, and southern Africa. They are found in **savannas**, woodlands, forests, and rocky hills.

The deadly snakes hunt during the day. At night, they sleep in hollow trees or between cracks in rocks. Sometimes, they find shelter in old animal burrows or termite mounds.



 Where black mambas live

**A black mamba
often sleeps in the
same place each
night.**



A termite mound