Meet the Cane Toads: Nature's Not-So-Slimy Superheroes!

What emotive words have been used in the title?

What is the attitude of the headline?

Once upon a time in the land Down Under, there lived some pretty peculiar creatures called cane toads. These toads might look like your average frog, but they're actually quite unique! Let's hop into the fascinating world of cane toads and discover why they're both special and a bit controversial.

What part of the text tells the reader that frogs and toads are different?

Who are these Cane Toads? Cane toads, also known as Bufo Marinus, are large amphibians native to South and Central America. But hold your horses (or toads!)—what are they doing in Australia? Well, back in the 1930s, cane toads were brought to Australia to control a pesky beetle that was munching on sugar cane crops. But, as it turns out, the toads ended up causing more problems than they solved. Oops!

What is the scientific name for a cane toad?

What does native to South and Central America mean?

Why were cane toads brought to Australia?

Was this a good idea? Why?

Superpowers of the Cane Toads These toads might not wear capes, but they sure have some amazing abilities!

1. **Tongue of Destiny:** Imagine having a super stretchy tongue that can snatch insects in the blink of an eye! That's exactly what cane toads have. Their long, sticky tongues help them catch yummy bugs for dinner.
2. **Toxin Tolerance:** Cane toads have special glands on their skin that produce toxins. These toxins can make animals sick or even cause predators to think twice before trying to make a meal out of them. Talk about a natural defense mechanism!
3. **Night Vision:** Ever wonder what it's like to see in the dark? Well, cane toads have excellent night vision, which helps them hunt for food and avoid becoming someone else's snack when the sun goes down.

What superpowers make cane toads dangerous to Australian native animals?

Why is night vision irrelevant (not important as a protect measure for cane toads?

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