

CNN News Highlights — Butterfly Collector

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But it is Collins' collection of ____ which is most _____. This is massive.

Yes. It's the biggest collection of African butterflies in the world.

In total, Collins has over 4 million ____ from across Africa, including 1.2 million ____ in cases like these. This is a very expensive hobby.

Now in his 70s and running out of space and money to ____ the collection, he is trying to find it a new home. What do you want to do with this entire collection? ____ it needs to be available for scientists.

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Collins is hoping a ____ might _____. But he has so far ____ to find a buyer, in part because he wants to keep it as a whole.

It would be a ____ to break this up when it's such an entity and it's 30- or 40-people's life's work. And it needs to be tied to a university rather than a museum.

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Yes. Nailed it. Well done. I'm becoming good at this. This is a -- this is a beautiful one. Yes, it's beautiful. How do I hold it? Do I just? You can just hold it like this or like this.

Collins' assistant, Edgar Emojong, ____ the penning process.

So you're killing the butterfly right now?

Yes, now. This one is dead already. Oh, that was fast. It's clearly ____ work.

So you have to be gentle not to break the wing? Yes.

Collins thinks his most valuable butterfly is worth \$8,000. Where is it? I won't show you because, you know what, of course, if somebody says, oh, that's worth \$8,000, it disappears.

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The future of this vast trove for scientific research hangs in the balance. Without a buyer, it could all _____.

Translation

「十秒小知識，如果一隻蝴蝶的體溫低於華氏 86 度，它無法執行哪一項基本功能？吃東西、飛行、消化還是繁殖？

你的答案是飛行，這也解釋了為什麼蝴蝶總是曬太陽，並將翅膀對準那溫暖的陽光。現在，讓我們來認識一位花了大量時間觀察蝴蝶溫暖翅膀的男子。一位位於肯亞內羅畢的蝴蝶收藏家，投入了他一生的時間來尋找、保存和研究非洲蝴蝶物種，已經組成了世界上最大的收藏——超過四百萬隻蝴蝶。他現在正尋找新的收藏地點以及一位照料他數十年工作的看護人。CNN 的 Larry Madowo 帶我們了解這個收藏有多龐大。

這裡有一片葉子，葉子下面住著毛毛蟲。我們沒有帶進來，它們是自願進來的。

史蒂夫·柯林斯 (Steve Collins) 將他的生命奉獻給蝴蝶。他在內羅畢的花園是這些昆蟲的避風港。

每天我們都會清空這些，他們就會進來，我們會觀察並記錄他們的存在。

他每天在這裡捕捉、紀錄然後釋放蝴蝶。

「哦，小狗，我要拿這隻出來，因為它很漂亮。哦，我的天哪。這是白帶皇帝蝶。它正在用舌頭舔我的手指。」

但柯林斯收藏的保存蝴蝶是最令人矚目的。這真是龐大無比。

是的，這是世界上最大的非洲蝴蝶收藏。

總共有超過四百萬隻樣本來自非洲各地，其中包括一百二十萬隻被放在這樣的收藏箱中。這是一個非常昂貴的愛好。

現在他已經七十多歲，空間和維護收藏的資金也告罄，他正在尋找新的收藏地點。『你打算如何處理這整個收藏？』他說。『最終，它需要對科學家開放。』

這可能是世界上最大的私人蝴蝶收藏。這是幾十年來在非洲的工作成果。那麼，誰會願意為此付錢？甚至這樣的收藏會花多少錢？事情並不那麼簡單。

柯林斯希望一位富有的慈善家能夠介入。但到目前為止，他一直難以找到買家，部分原因是他希望能保留整體收藏。

『將其拆分會很遺憾，因為它是一個整體，且是 30 至 40 年人們一生的心血。並且它需要與大學而非博物館相關聯。』回到外面，我瞥見了每一個標本背後所付出的努力。

「是的，做得好。我越來越擅長這個了。這是一隻——這是一隻漂亮的。是的，很漂亮。我要怎麼拿？就這樣拿還是那樣拿？你可以這樣拿，或者那樣拿。」

柯林斯的助理，Edgar Emojong，帶我了解標本製作過程。

「所以你現在要殺死蝴蝶嗎？」

「是的，現在。這隻已經死了。」

「哦，真快。這顯然是一項費力的工作。所以你必須輕柔地避免弄斷翅膀？」

「是的。」

柯林斯認為他最有價值的蝴蝶價值 8,000 美元。在哪裡呢？我不會告訴你，因為，你知道，如果有人說，『哦，那隻值 8,000 美元，』它就會消失。

「這看起來像是一份全職工作。嗯，已經失控了。你可以說這是一種癡迷。」

這個龐大的科研寶庫的未來懸而未決。若無買家，一切可能都會被浪費。



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