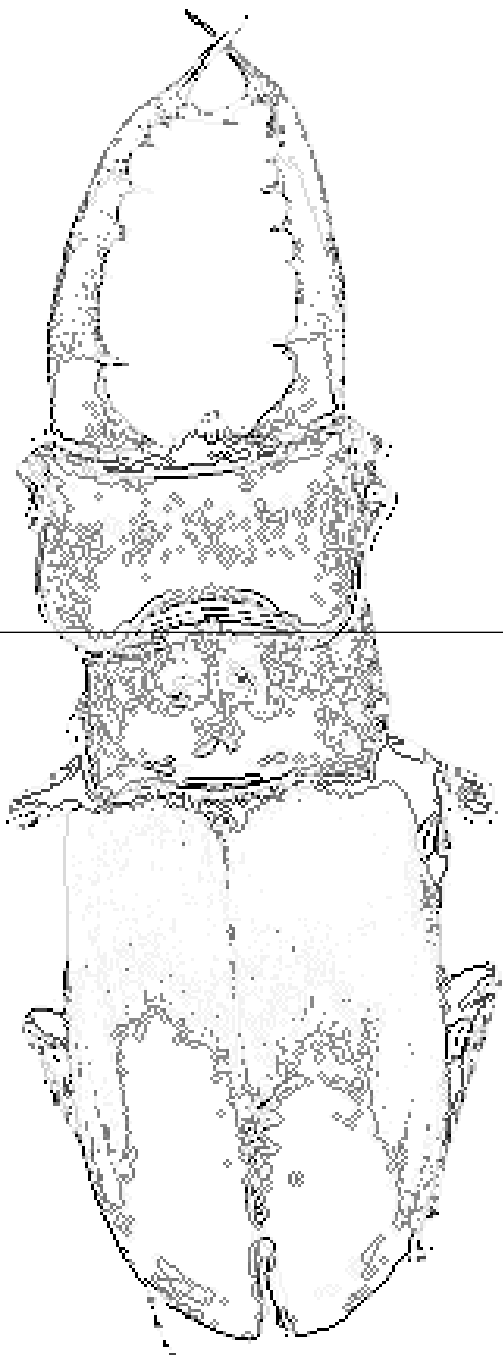


Coleopteran



Beetles of many species were their prolific alter-egos, metallized emerald and burnt sienna, mobile, articulated, silent. Surrounded by families *Scarabidae*, *Buprestidae*, *Cyrambicidae*, they were circumnavigating the globe among ancient Coleopteran dynasties.