

A corridor leading to the room and the room itself were simple and minimal. Gray, a shade of brown here and there. Nothing unnecessary. Perhaps in a natural history museum of some kind, tough to say.

Surrounded by silence we approached. Charcoal colored pebbles with fiery orange-red speckles were covering the floor behind a wide and tall glass wall. There were two of them poised with their grasshopper-like legs and chameleon-like heads. Their bodies a few inches in length with forest green exoskeletons. I never saw them move, but I knew they could as their poses shifted a few times. I zoomed in on one to admire projections that reminded me of roses.

A small plaque: "*Aarcteron*: went extinct 300 million years ago, modern version appeared in late Cretaceous."