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Lawn man convinces coral snake to bite the dust



The coral snake's body rests in peace, in two pieces, after crossing the wrong piece of property on Friday (Sept. 7).

Story and Photo

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THE INK PAD -- A member of the lawn and forest maintenance crew at *The Ink Pad* had occasion Friday morning (Sept. 7) at about 9:30 a.m. to convince a coral snake that it had entered into the wrong area to survive.

The Ink Pad is property in Jemlands, an unrecorded geographical subdivision of the unincorporated part of Levy County between Carter's Crossroads and Fowlers Bluff. It houses the home and office of Jeff and Sharon Hardison, which includes *The Code Orange Office*, where most of the writing and editing for HardisonInk.com happens.

The worker had just completed properly broadcasting Amdro as noted on the label (the new kind of Amdro that kills instantly as well as into the future).

He was raking needles when the coral snake started slowly slithering by him. The groundskeeper said he looked at the snake and quickly determined it to be among the various venomous species that can cause injury and death to cats, dogs and humans.

Having determined a threat existed and that the creature was on the property 100 percent owned by Jeff and Sharon Hardison, the man smashed the skull of the snake. He then took great care to assure that it could not strike him in case it happened to magically come back to life, and he cut it in half for good measure.

Prior to burying the two parts, the worker who was now armed with a post-hole digger and a shovel, separated the head from the first half of the snake as yet another step to prevent possible pain from a bite of the snake.