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The unusual mating behavior of the bordered mantis mantis (*Stagmomantis limbata*) in Eastern Sierra, California, is far beyond cannibalism during mating often seen in other mantis species.

In the video, the female mantis has a size and power that surpasses that of a male. After being chewed off the head, the male mantis only left its intact body still crawling on its children and bringing the sperm pouch into the partner's body.

The male mantis can still finish mating despite losing its head thanks to the nerves in its abdomen still controlling body movement.



Experts say that it is necessary to kill mates during mating of mantis. Because the sacrifice of the male will provide more nutrients for the body to consume more of the energy of the female in reproduction and develop one hundred eggs. The death of male mantis will help many baby mantis be born. In addition, the lifespan of the mantis is quite short, they cannot survive the cold autumn night.

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