

Atomic Grasshoppers

Get your luggage inside! Otherwise, atomic grasshoppers—
jaws rasping, kaleidoscopic eyes black-on-red, dabbing forelegs,

fencing-foil antennae—will eat their way through brick & beam
till nary a foundation stone remains. Why did Jackie call her friend

“The Head”? Psycho-pharmacological reference? Obsolete detail
from an adolescent growth spurt? Snow puffs under the windowsills.

The movie ended forty years ago. No one here to lick or ignore.