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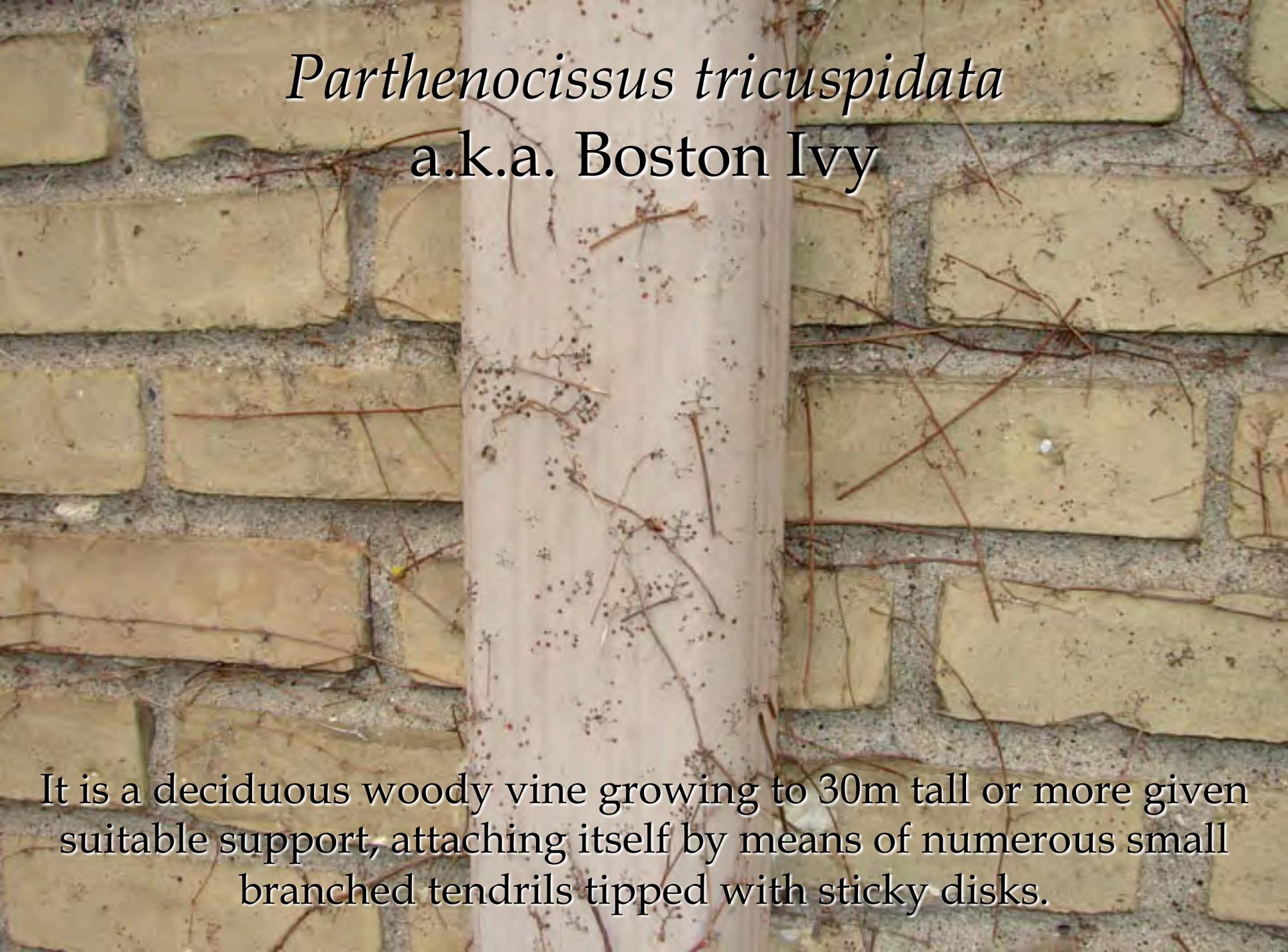




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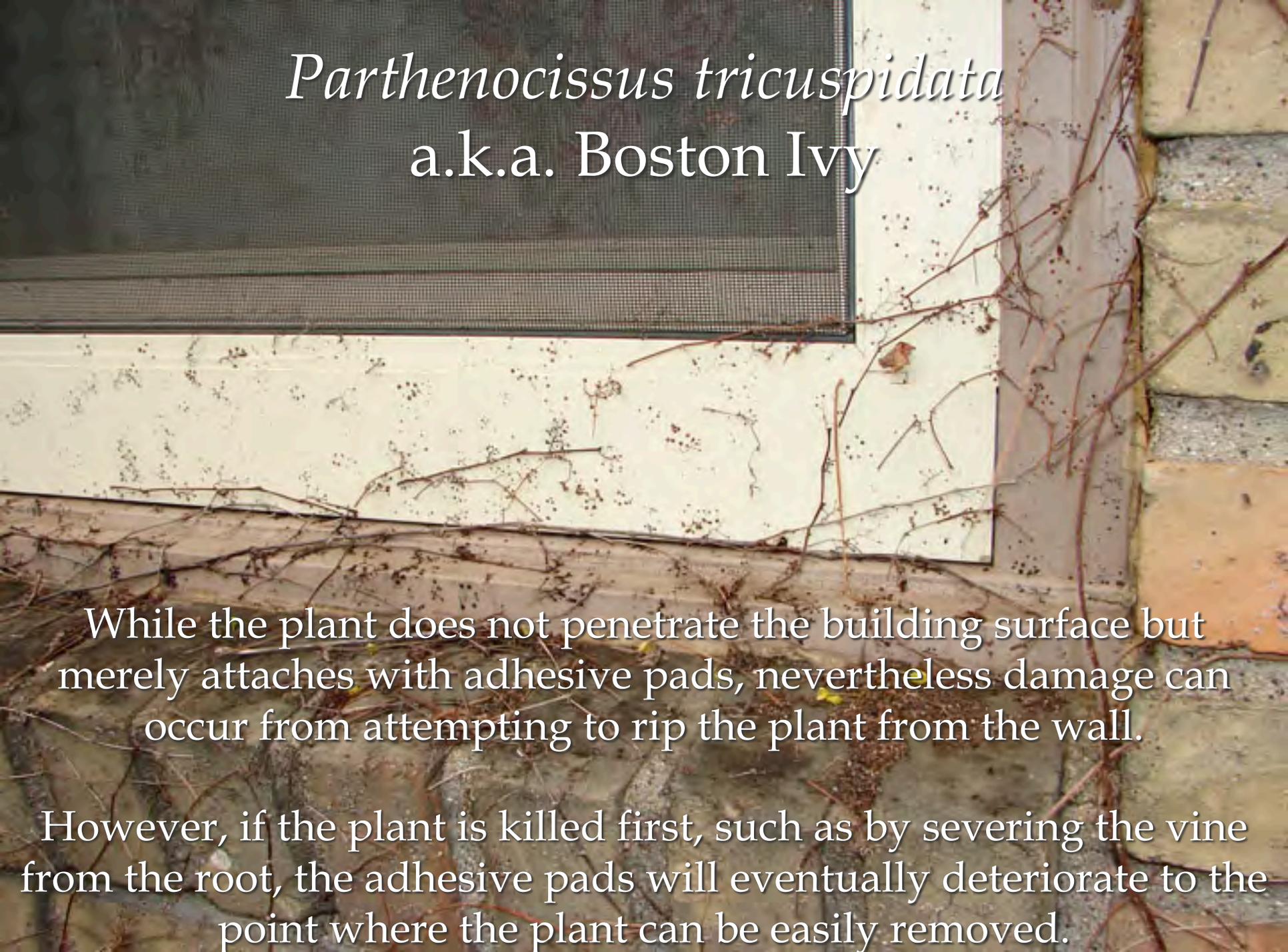
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It is a deciduous woody vine growing to 30m tall or more given suitable support, attaching itself by means of numerous small branched tendrils tipped with sticky disks.

A photograph showing the exterior wall of a building. The wall is composed of light-colored bricks and a white-painted section. A window with a dark mesh screen is visible in the upper left. Numerous thin, brown, woody vines of Boston Ivy are climbing the wall, particularly concentrated around the window and on the brickwork. The vines are bare, suggesting a late autumn or winter setting.

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While the plant does not penetrate the building surface but merely attaches with adhesive pads, nevertheless damage can occur from attempting to rip the plant from the wall.

However, if the plant is killed first, such as by severing the vine from the root, the adhesive pads will eventually deteriorate to the point where the plant can be easily removed.



**BE KILLING SIN
OR IT WILL BE
KILLING YOU!**

A study of John Owen's "A Mortification of Sin"

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The Foundation for Mortification

Romans 8:13

“If you through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body you shall live.”



What is Mortification? The Nature of Mortification



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1. What it AIN'T



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2. What it IS



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“Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect,
but I press on to make it my own.”

Philippians 3:12



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“When a man on some outward respects forsakes the practice of any sin, men perhaps may look on him as a changed man. God knows that to his former iniquity he has added cursed hypocrisy, and is now on a safer path to hell than he was before. He has got another heart than he had, that is more cunning; not a new heart, that is more holy.”

~John Owen (p.70)

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“A man may be sensible of a lust, set himself against the eruptions of it, take care that it shall not break forth as it has done, but in the meantime suffer the same corrupted habit to vent itself some other way - the same lust, only the streams of it are diverted.”

~John Owen (p. 71)

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1. A Habitual Weakening of Sin



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“Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me and I in him. As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not as the fathers ate and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.” ~Jesus

“I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.” ~Jesus

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“I urge you as aliens and strangers in the world to abstain from sinful desires which war against your soul.”

~1 Peter 2:11

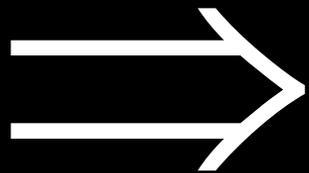
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“As a man nailed to the cross he first struggles and strives and cries out with great strength and might, but, as his blood and spirits waste, his strivings are faint and seldom, his cries low and hoarse, scarce to be heard; when a man first sets on a lust or distemper, to deal with it, it struggles with great violence to break loose; it cries with earnestness and impatience to be satisfied and relieved; but when by mortification the blood and spirits of it are let out, it moves seldom and faintly, cries sparingly, and is scarce heard in the heart; it may have sometimes a dying pang, that makes an appearance of great vigor and strength, but it is quickly over, especially if it be kept from considerable success.”

~John Owen (p. 75)

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New decisions, changed habits, affections purified, thoughts transformed, & new loyalties established



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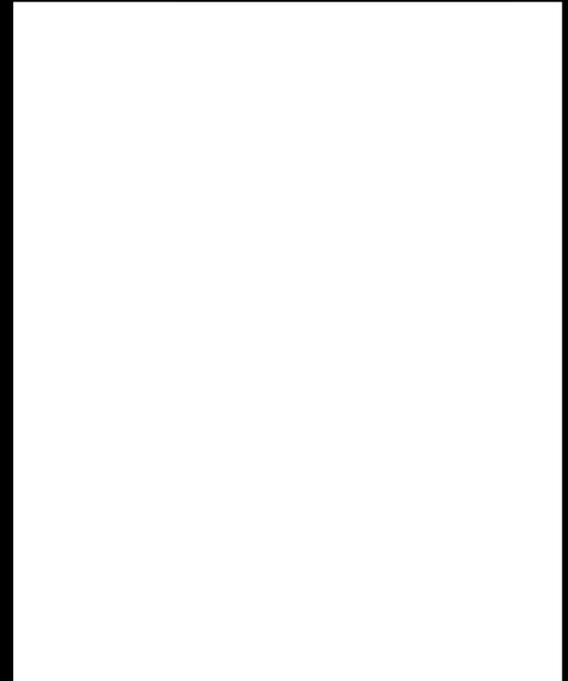
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“The greatest trick the Devil ever pulled was convincing the world he didn't exist.”

~Kevin Spacey, *The Usual Suspects* (1995)



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“Put on the [full battle gear] of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.”

~Ephesians 6:11

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“Such a one never thinks his lust dead because it is quiet, but labors still to give it new wounds, new blows every day.”

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“Pick up your cross daily and follow me.”

~Jesus

Mortification CONSISTS IN:

1. A Habitual Weakening of Sin
2. Constant Fighting and Contending Against Sin
3. Frequent Success (as a direct result of #1 and #2)



“How are you, through the Spirit,
going to starve sin and fight
against sin so that you can live?”

