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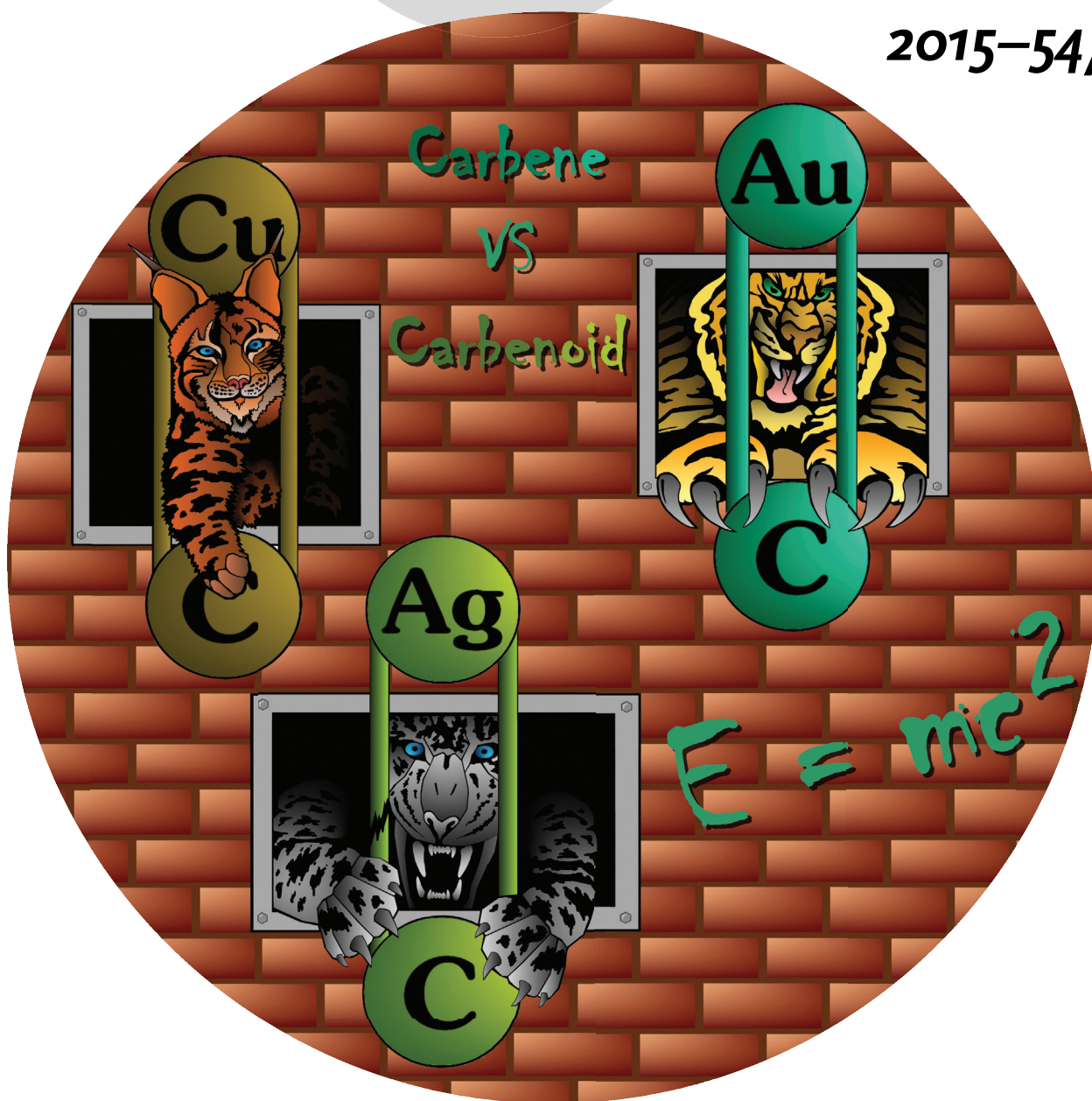
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Without heteroatom stabilization ...

... the carbenoid character of isostructural Group 11 metal carbene complexes increases in the order $\text{Au} \ll \text{Cu} < \text{Ag}$ as shown by B. F. Straub et al. in their Communication on page 10331 ff. The silver snow leopard breaking a bar of its cage symbolizes the marginal silver-to-carbene back-bonding and the high carbenoid character. The escaping copper lynx shows the short lifetime of the copper carbene complex. The gold tiger symbolizes the remarkable stability of the gold carbene complex. The “ $E = mc^2$ ” refers to the relativistic effects in gold’s valence shell.

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