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Following Kuperberg, a spider is a generators-and-relations description of the category of representations of a quantum group, given in terms of trivalent graphs called webs. It is an open problem (outside of type A and rank 2) to find such a description for quantum groups associated to simple complex Lie algebras. We will discuss work that provides a conjectural formulation of the type C spider in rank 3. Further, we prove that our construction shares a number of properties with the category of finite-dimensional representations of quantum $\mathfrak{sp}(6)$; in particular, we provide a purely combinatorial/diagrammatic formulation for the quantum $\mathfrak{sp}(6)$ link invariant. Time permitting, we'll also discuss the general $\mathfrak{sp}(2n)$ case, and implications for categorification. (Received January 21, 2020)