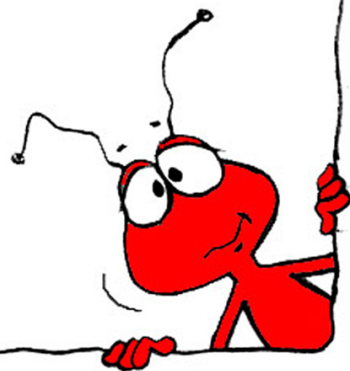


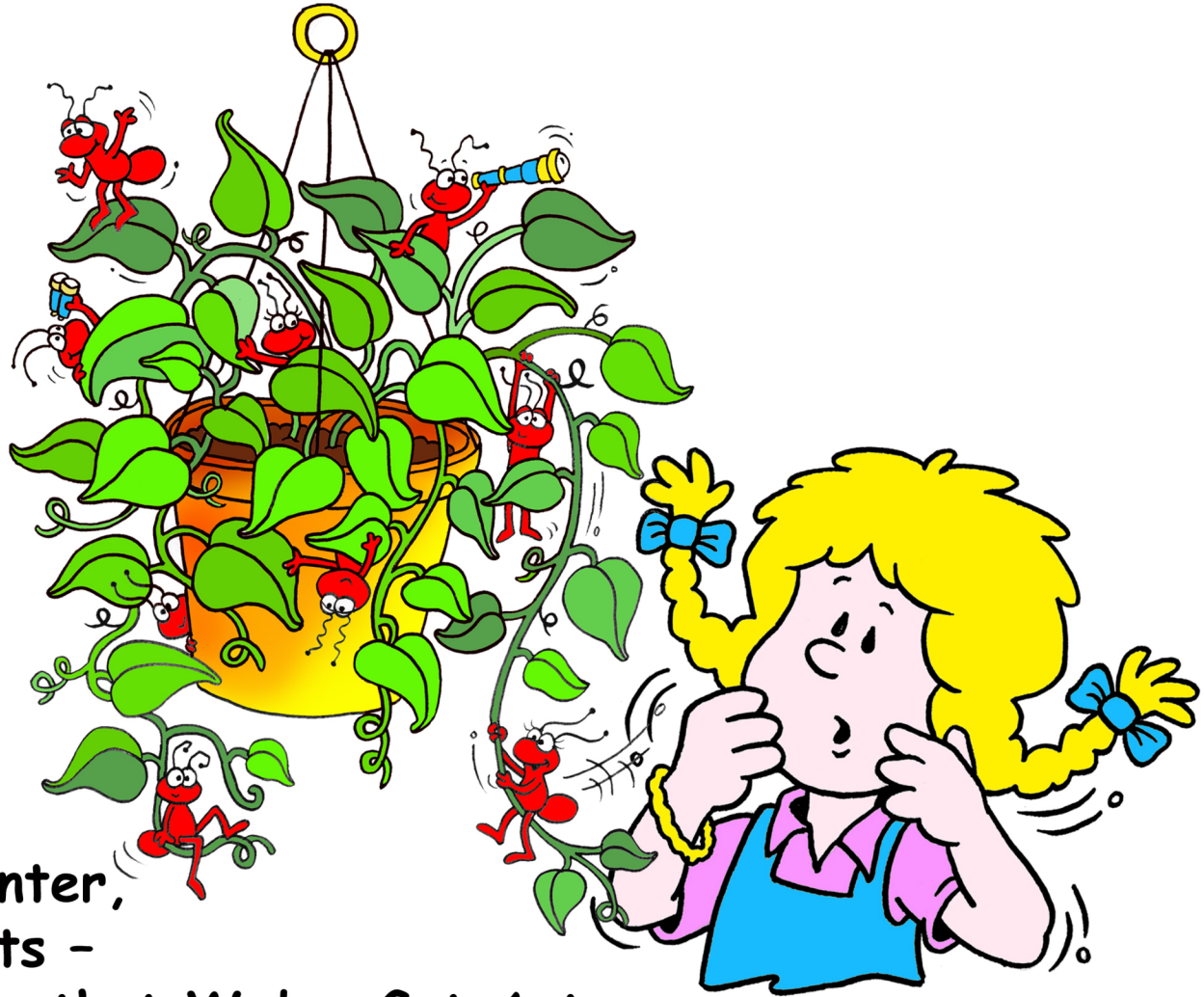
We've Got Ants!



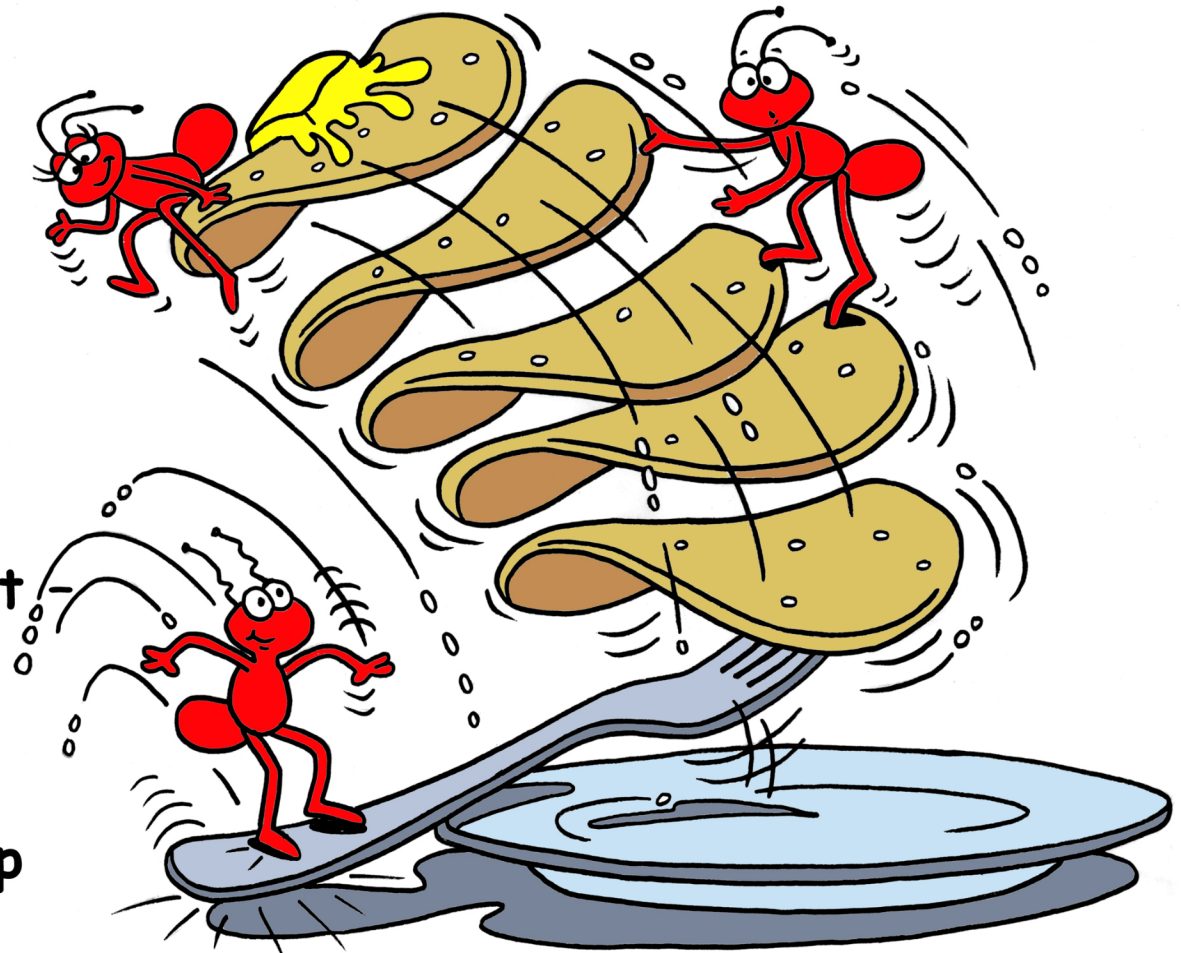
this book
belongs to



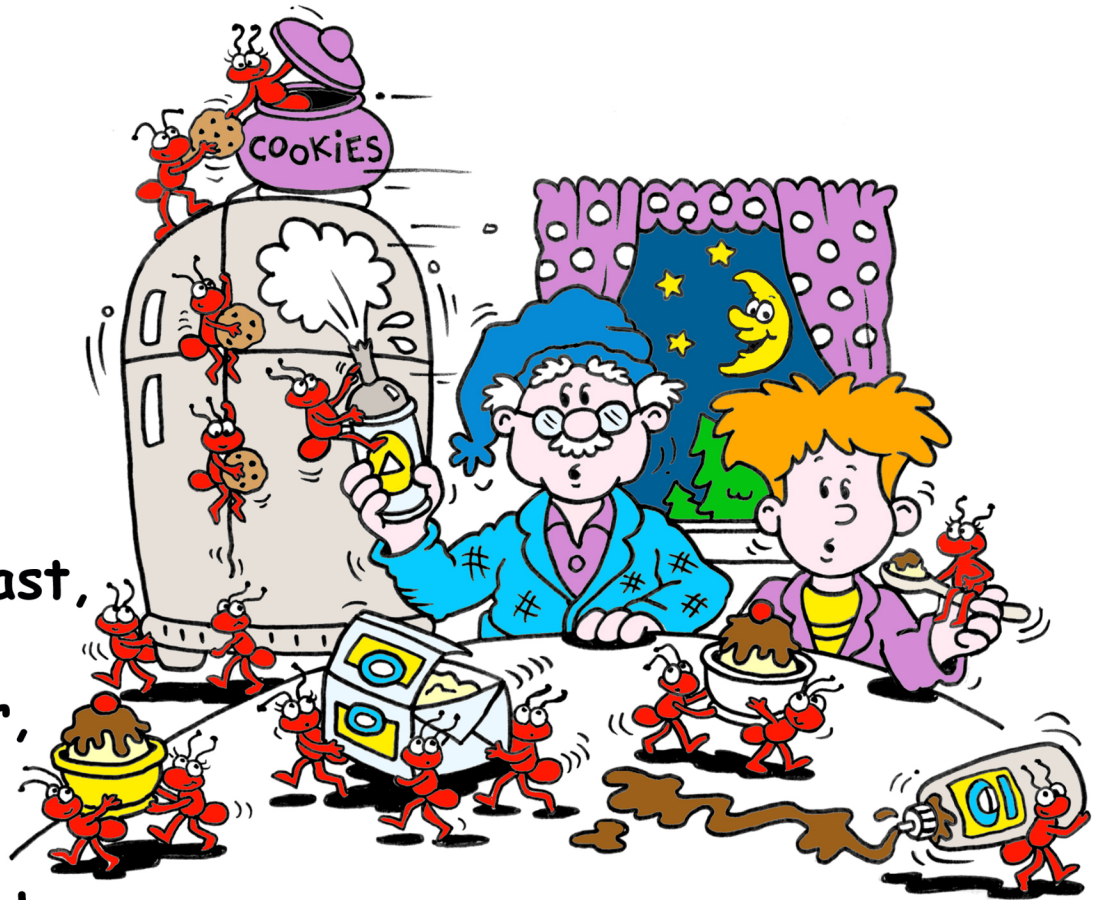
Close the
Windows,
Watch the
Walls,
Lock the
Closets,
Check the
Halls,
On the Counter,
In the Plants -
Mother says that We've Got Ants.



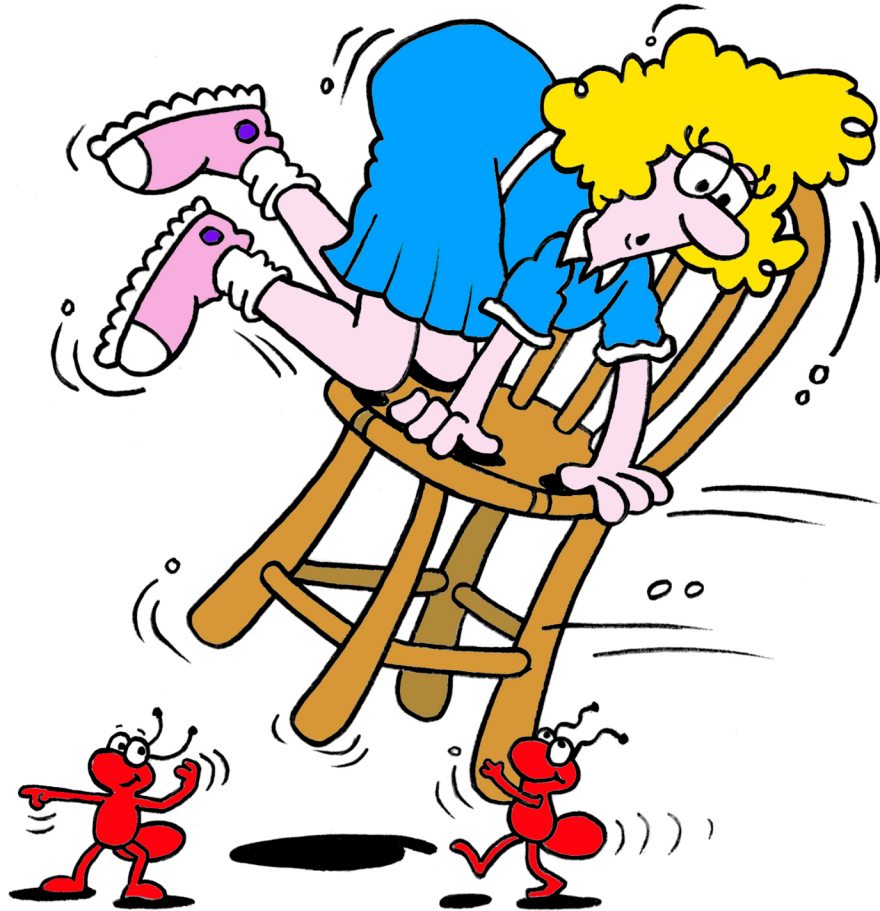
Two Ants,
Four Ants,
Six Ants, Eight -
Stole the
Pancakes
off my Plate,
Took the Syrup
and the Jam,
Swiped the Bacon and the Ham.



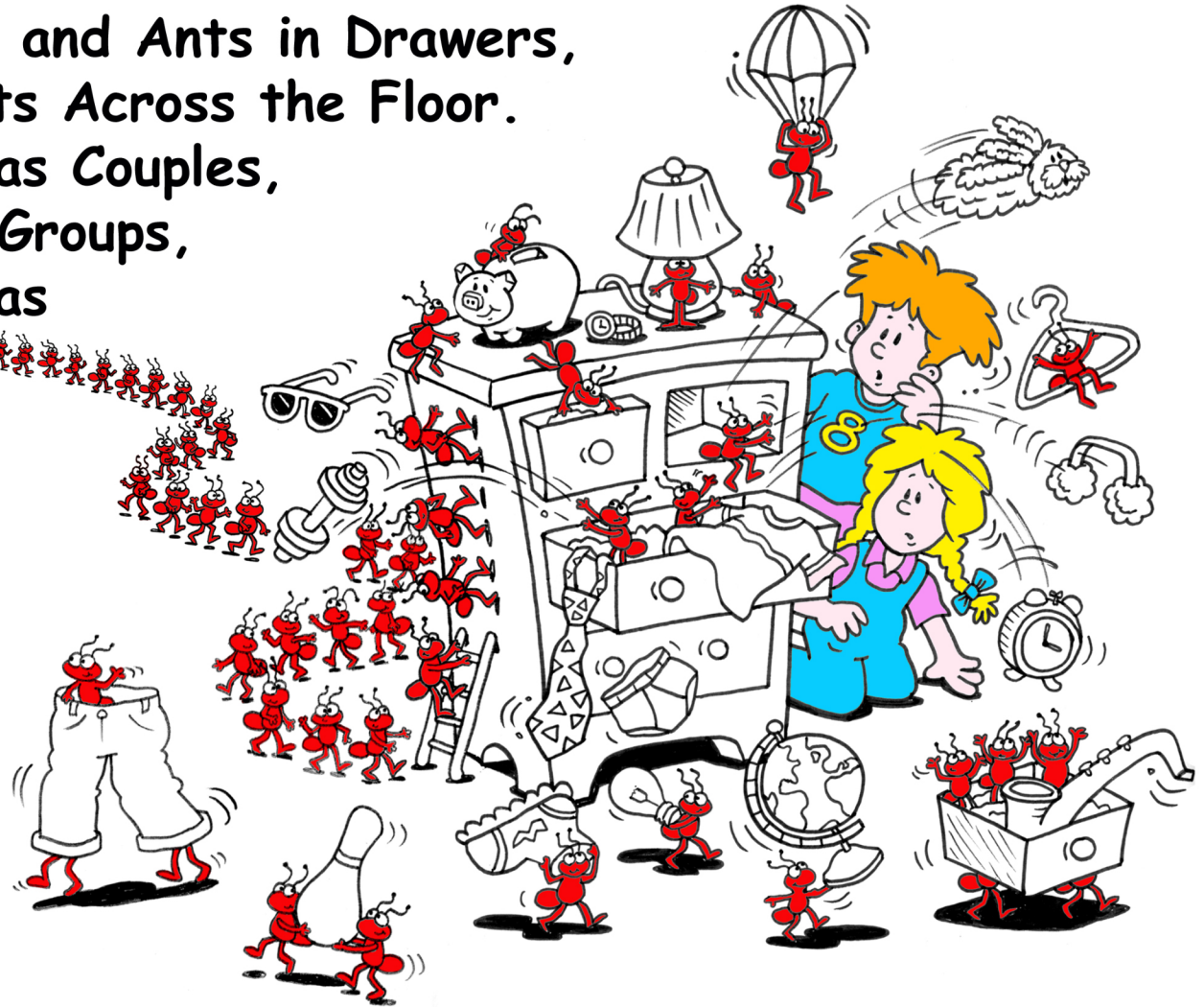
Eight at Breakfast,
Ten at Lunch,
Twelve at dinner,
then a Bunch
Joined us for
a late night snack,
Cleared the table, then came back.

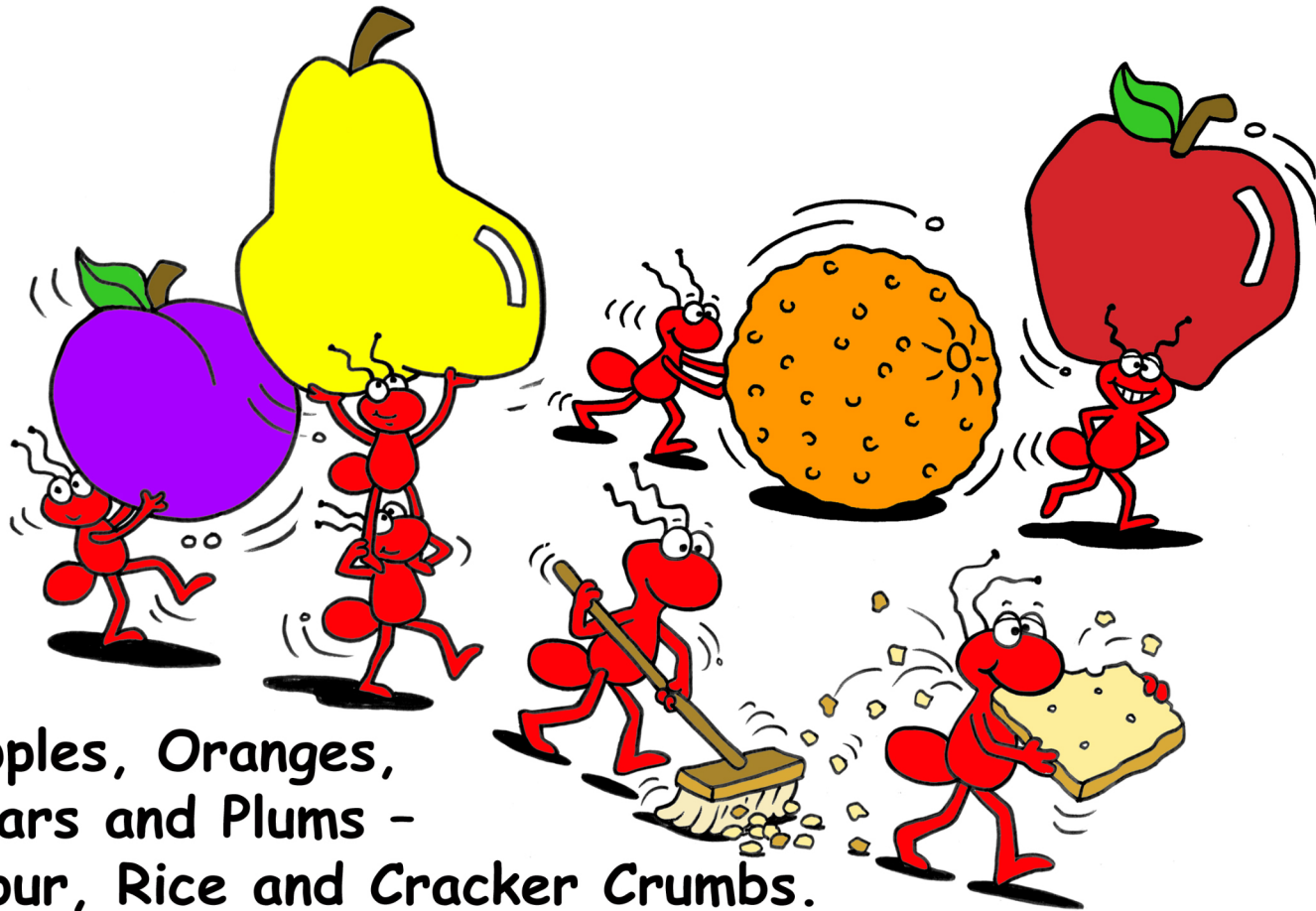


Took the Table
and the Chairs,
Hauled them down
the Kitchen Stairs.
Left the House
and went Outside,
As They Left, More Ants Arrived.



Pantry Ants and Ants in Drawers,
Lines of Ants Across the Floor.
They came as Couples,
Gangs, and Groups,
They came as
Marching
Army
Troops.

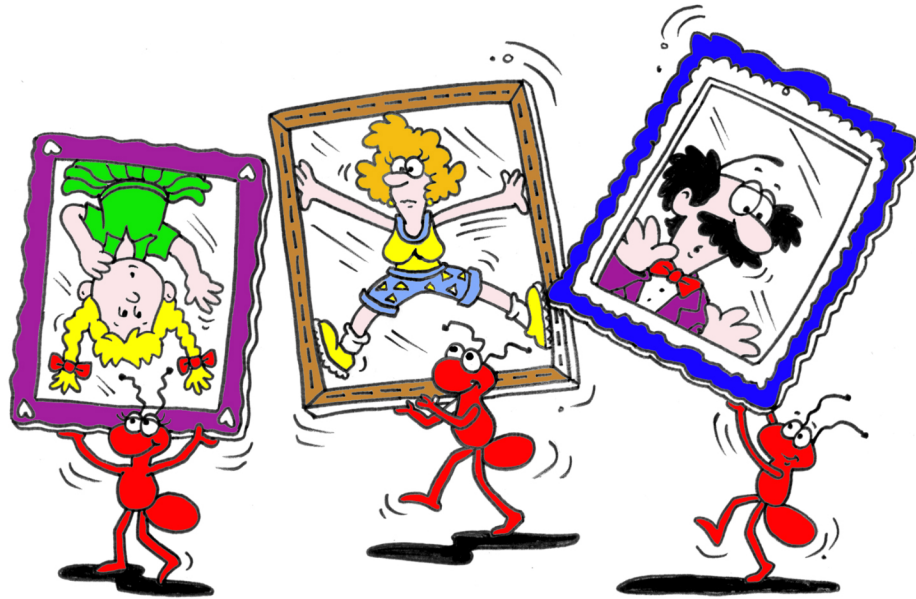




Apples, Oranges,
Pears and Plums -
Flour, Rice and Cracker Crumbs.
Off the Counter - On the Floor -
Crossed the Kitchen - Out the Door.

A Leg
of Lamb
A Chunk
of Cheese
A Pickle Jar
A Can of Peas,
An Apron and a
Pair of Pants -
Our Mother's Right, "We've Sure Got Ants."

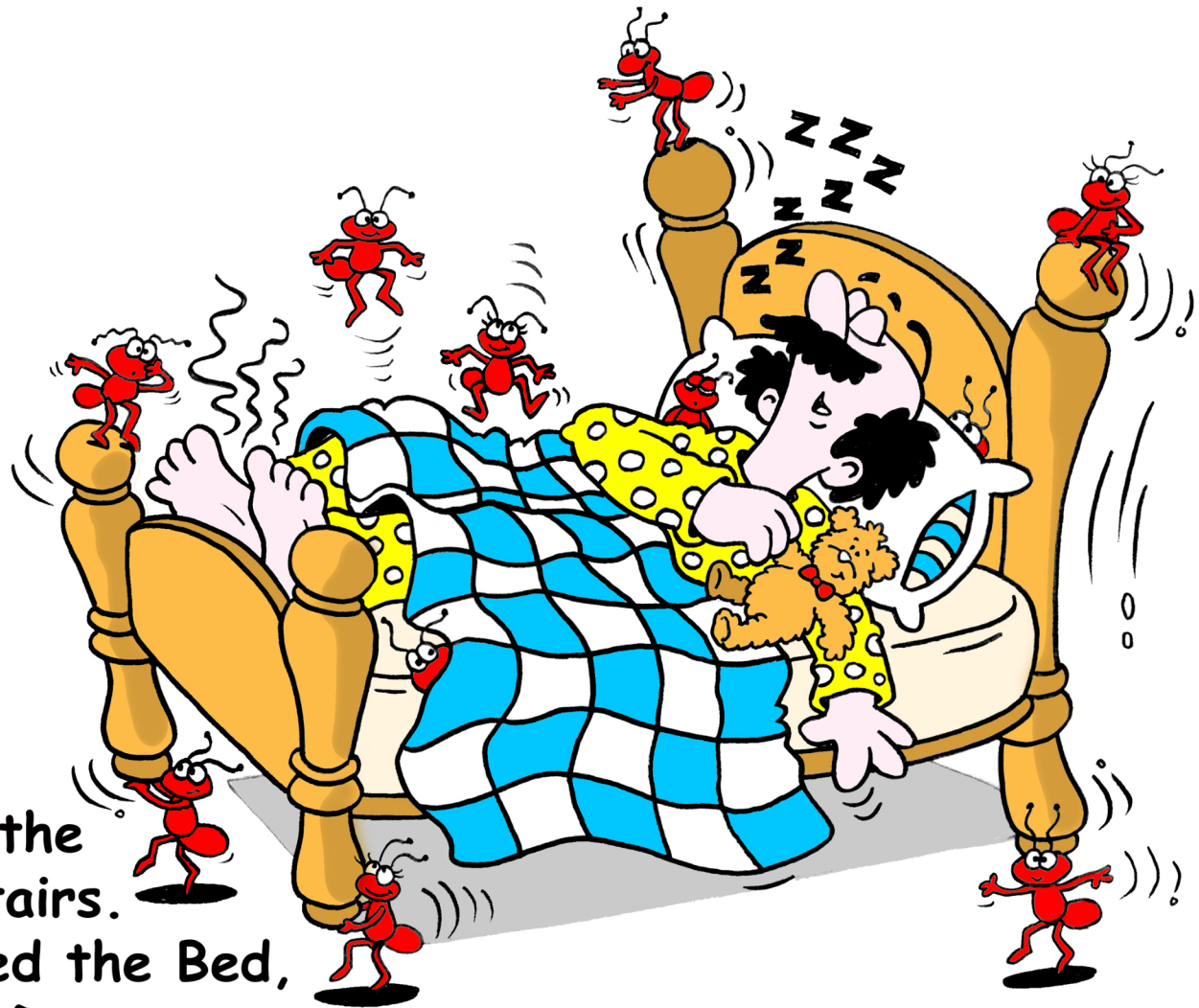




They Plucked the
Pictures off the Walls,
They Drug
the Rugs
from all
the Halls,
A Pair of Lamps,
the Welcome Mat -
They Even took the Dog and Cat.



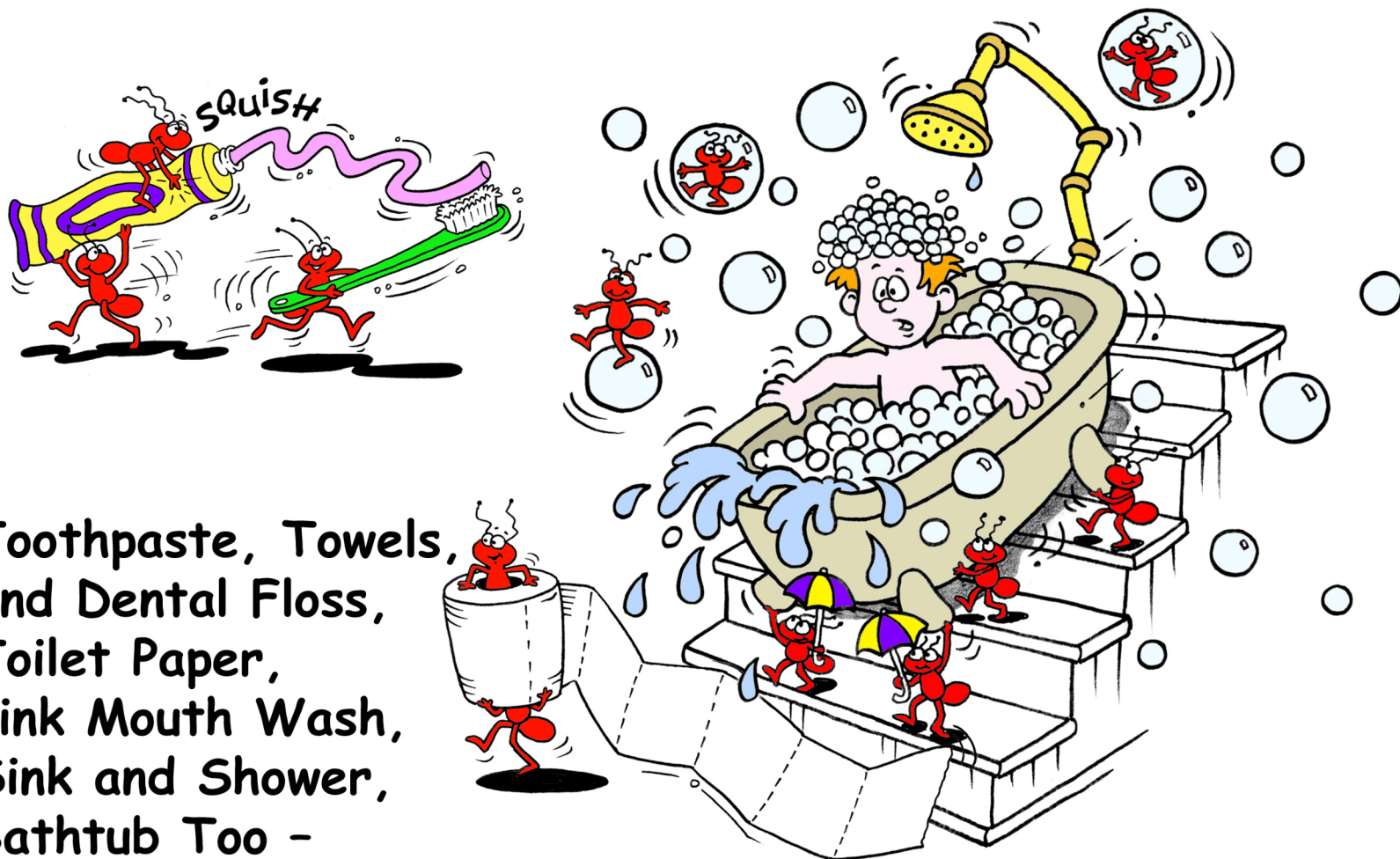
Those Ants
Picked the
Downstairs
Bare, Then
Headed up the
Bedroom Stairs.
Out Marched the Bed,
A Chest of Drawers -
They Even took the Bedroom Doors.



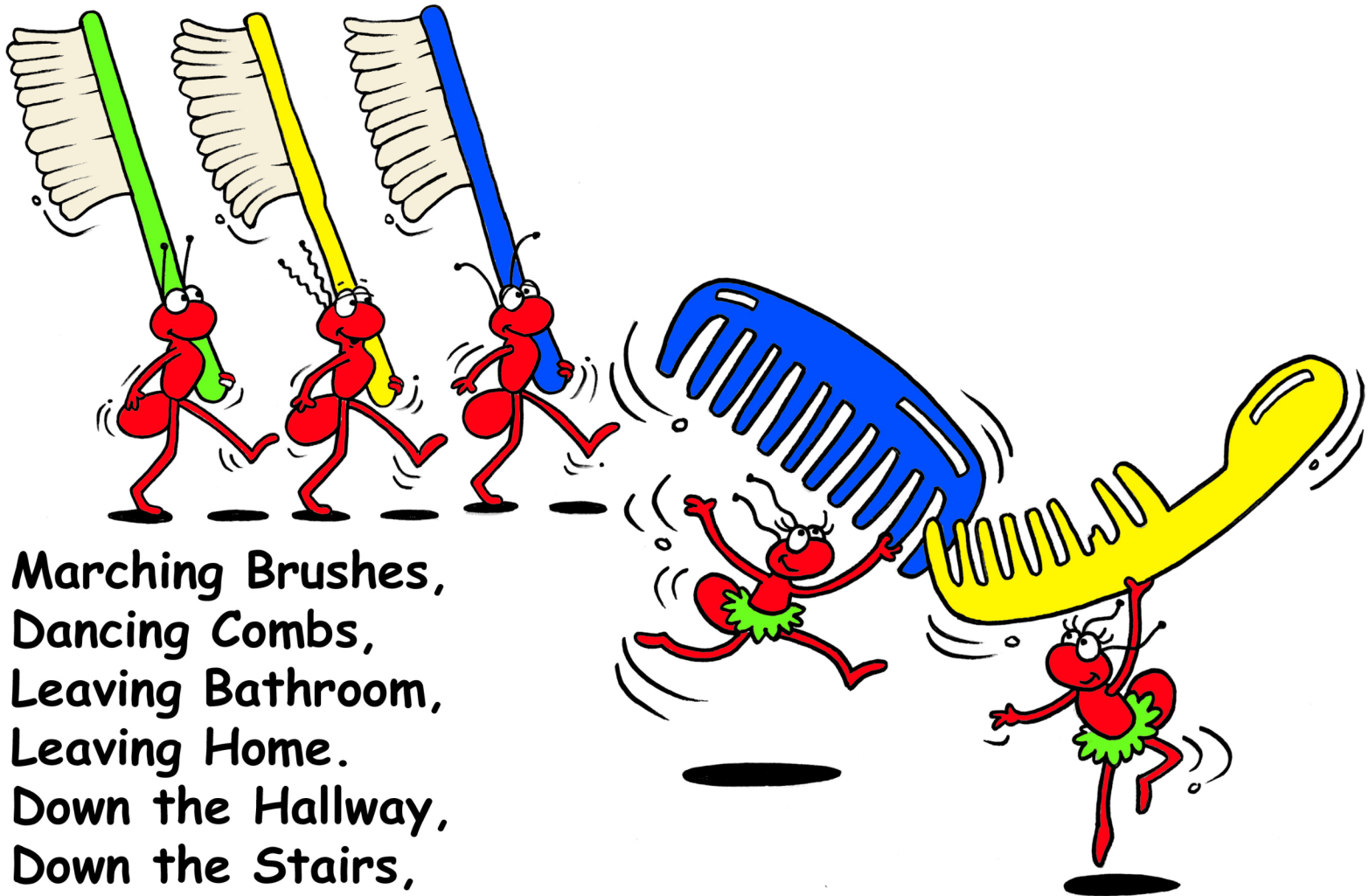
The
Dresser
and the
Closet next,
Grandpa's pipe
and Grandma's specs.
Shoes and Dresses, Shirts and Pants
Out Went Clothes and Out Went Ants.







Toothpaste, Towels,
and Dental Floss,
Toilet Paper,
Pink Mouth Wash,
Sink and Shower,
Bathtub Too -
Mirror, Washcloth, and Shampoo.



Marching Brushes,
Dancing Combs,
Leaving Bathroom,
Leaving Home.
Down the Hallway,
Down the Stairs,
The House was Stripped, The Floor was Bare.

All that's Left
is Roof and
Walls -
Some Empty
Rooms,
Some Empty
Halls.

An Empty Yard,
Some Garden Plants - We have no Stuff but...





We've Got Ants!

The End

