

The Hungry Ant



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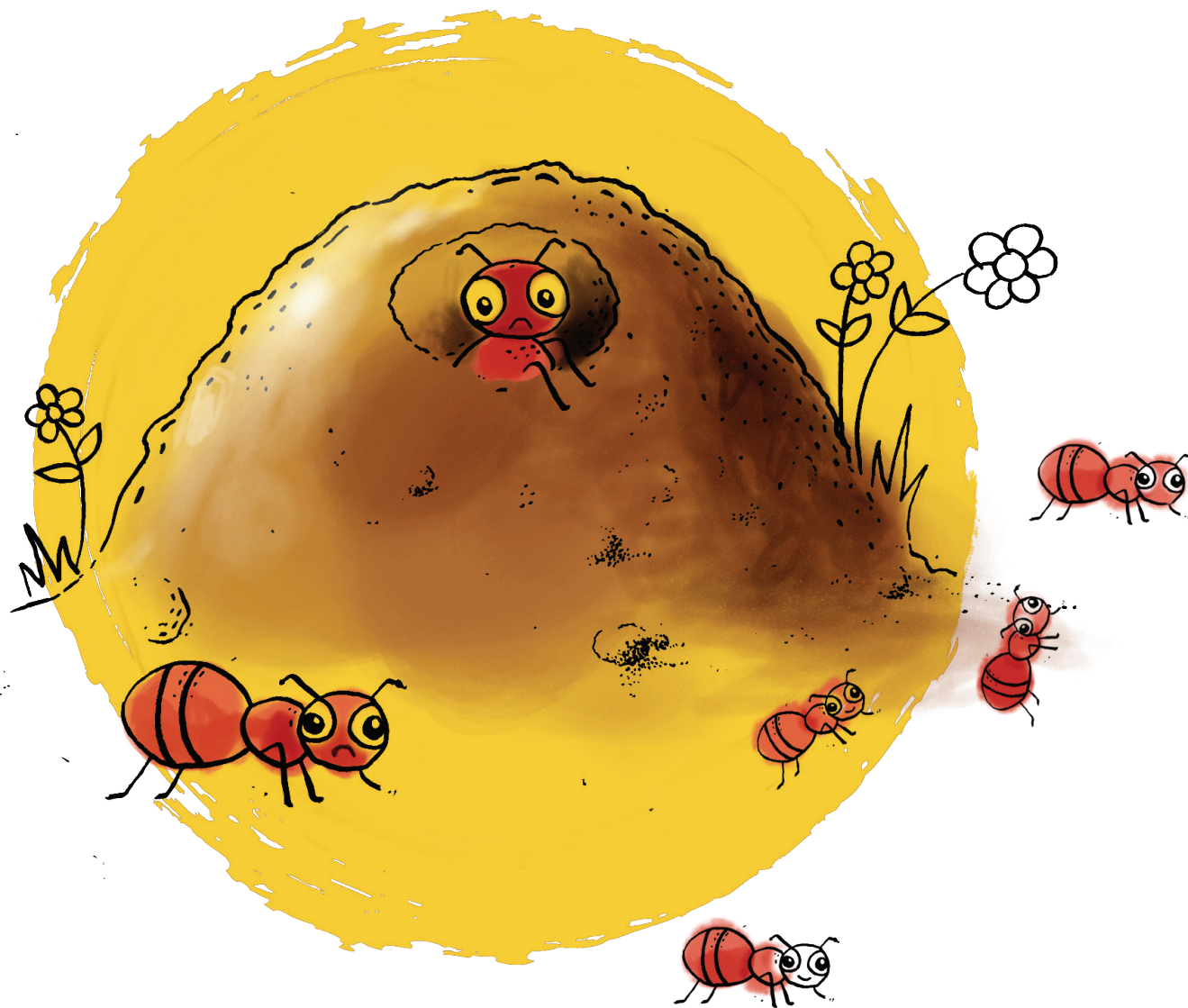


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Mother Ant lives in a hole with her children.
“Mommy, we are very hungry,” cry the small ants.

Mother Ant is not happy to see
her children starving.

“There is no food, my children.
I am going out to look for some,” says Mother Ant.





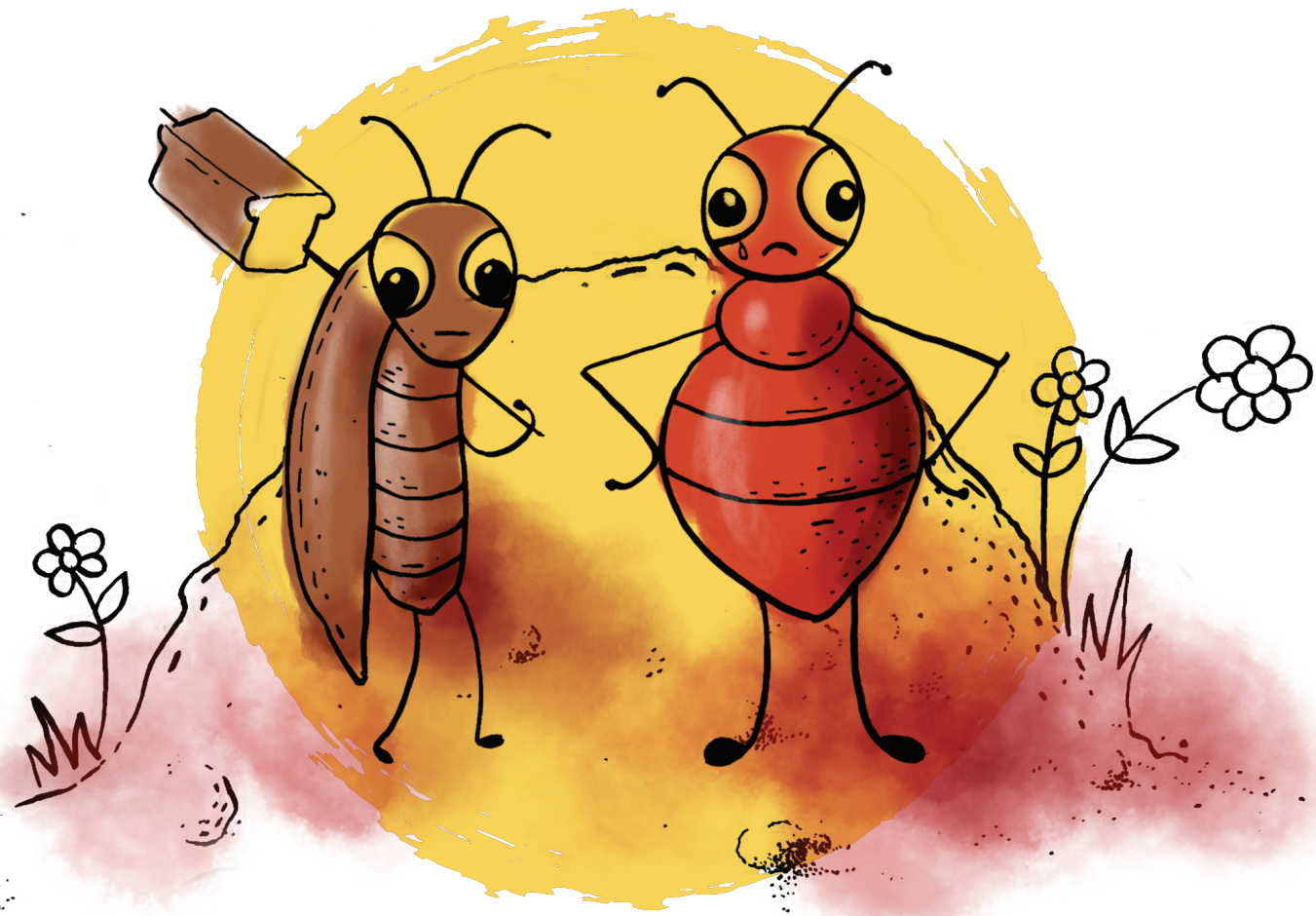
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Mother Ant goes to Cockroach's house.
"Can I please have some food?" she asks.

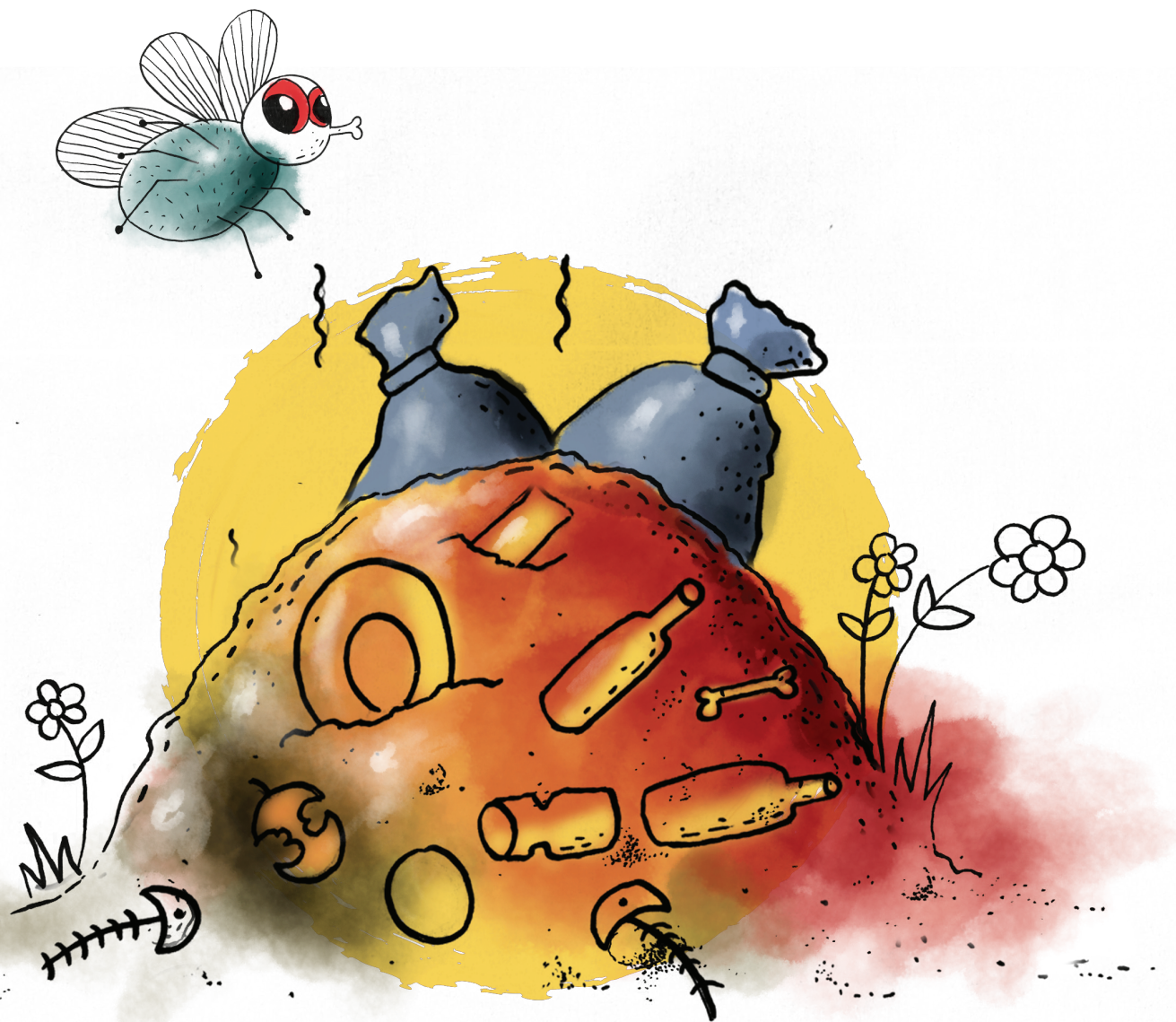
"I cannot give you this bread.
It's my children's food," says Cockroach.

Mother Ant is very sad.





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Mother Ant goes to the dump.
There is lots of food here!

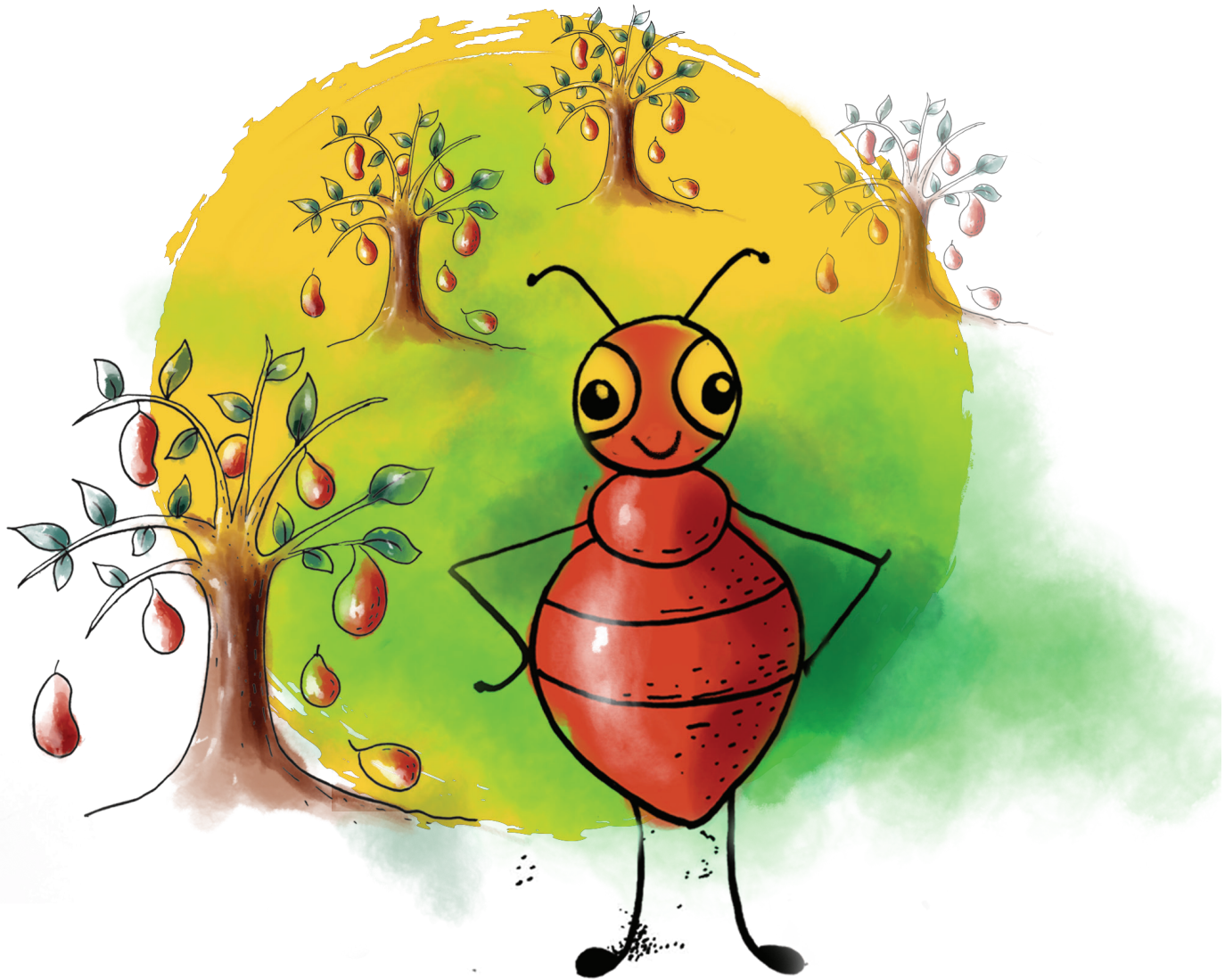
“This food belongs to me!” Fly calls out.
She chases Mother Ant away.



Mother Ant goes back home without food.
She finds her children asleep and even hungrier.

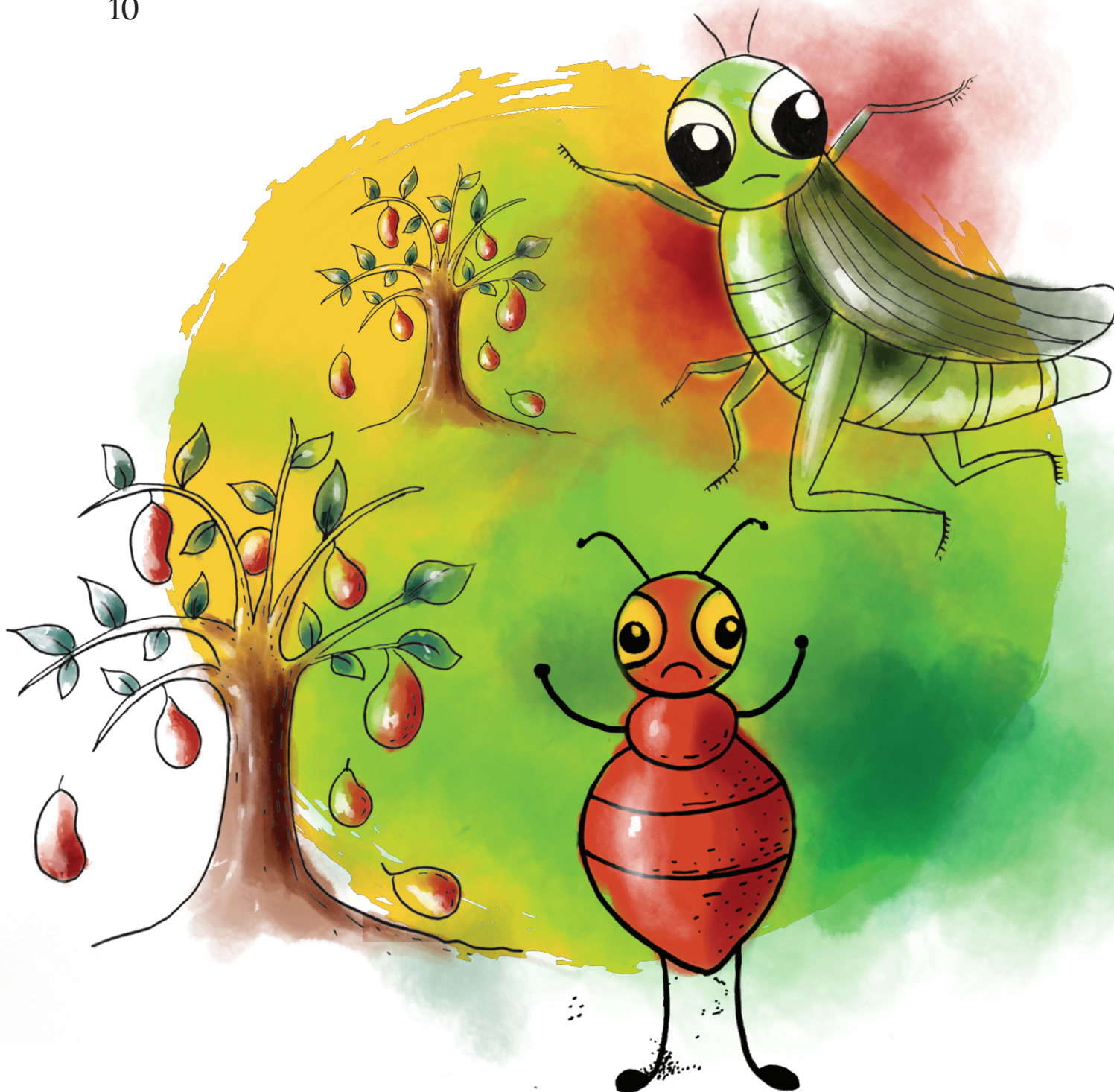
Mother Ant goes to a farm.
There she finds lots of mangoes!







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King Locust arrives.
“What are you doing with my mangoes?
Don’t touch my fruit!” he says angrily.





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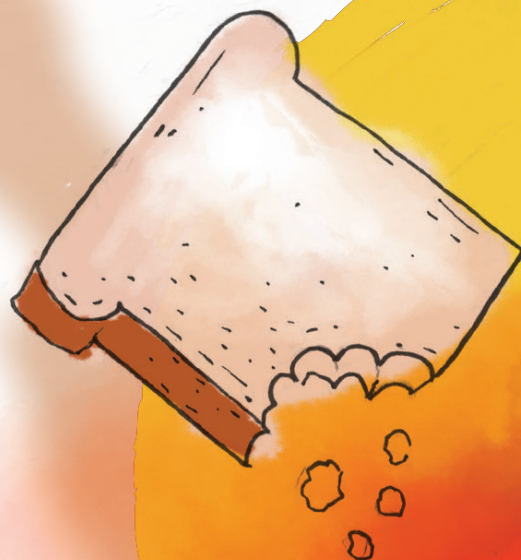
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Mother Ant is tired and hungry.
She rests on the gate of a house.

After a little while, a boy comes along
holding a loaf of bread.

Mother Ant follows the boy into the house.





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The boy makes himself tea with bread.
Crumbs fall from the table.
Mother Ant sees the crumbs.

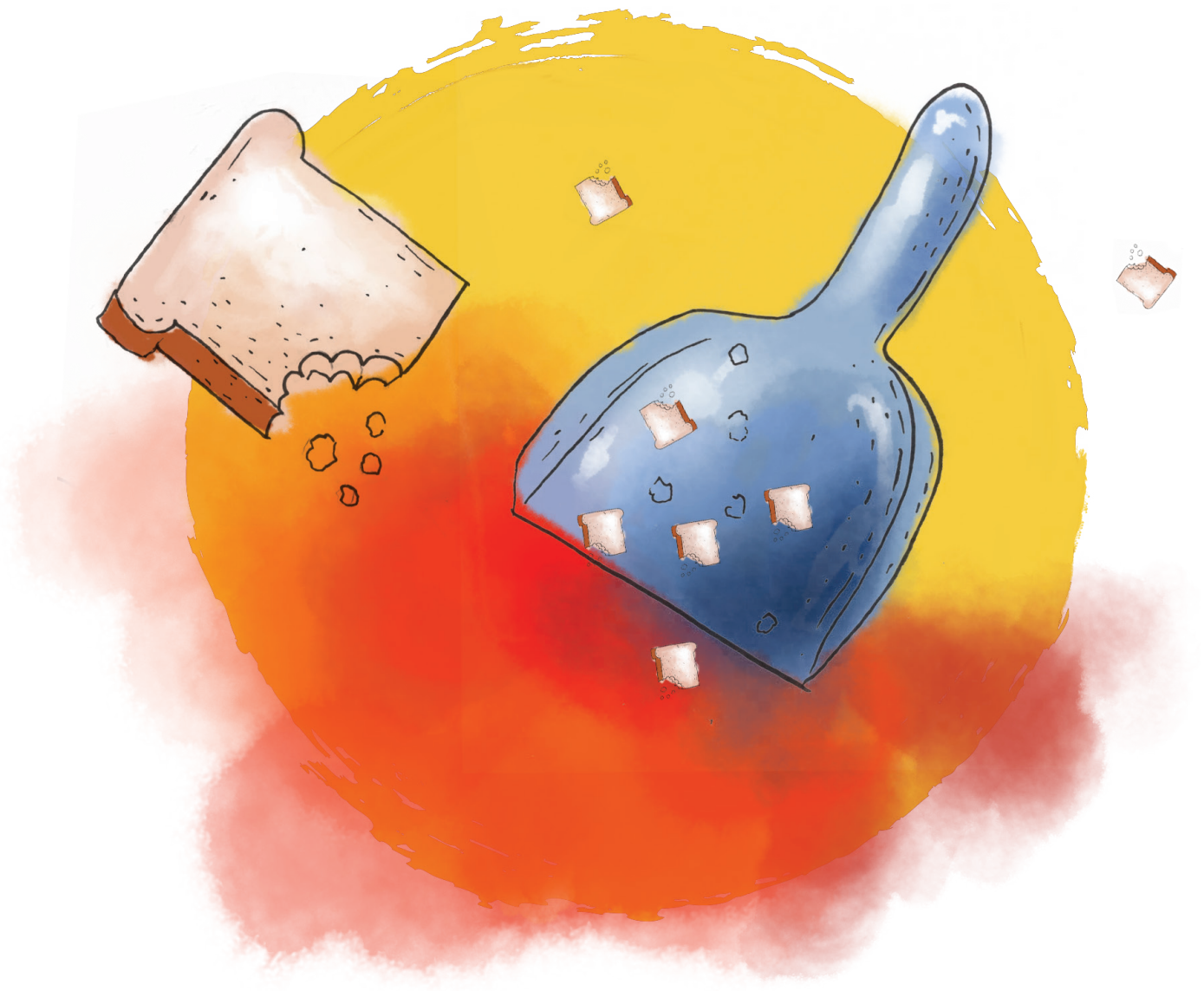
But there is a cat!
The cat snarls.



When he has finished eating,
the boy sweeps all the crumbs into a dustpan.
He takes them outside.

Mother Ant follows.







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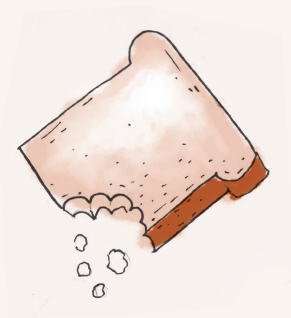




She crawls to the top of the dustbin.

The cat arrives.
Mother Ant is so frightened she falls off!

The cat climbs into the dustbin
and grabs the leftover bread.





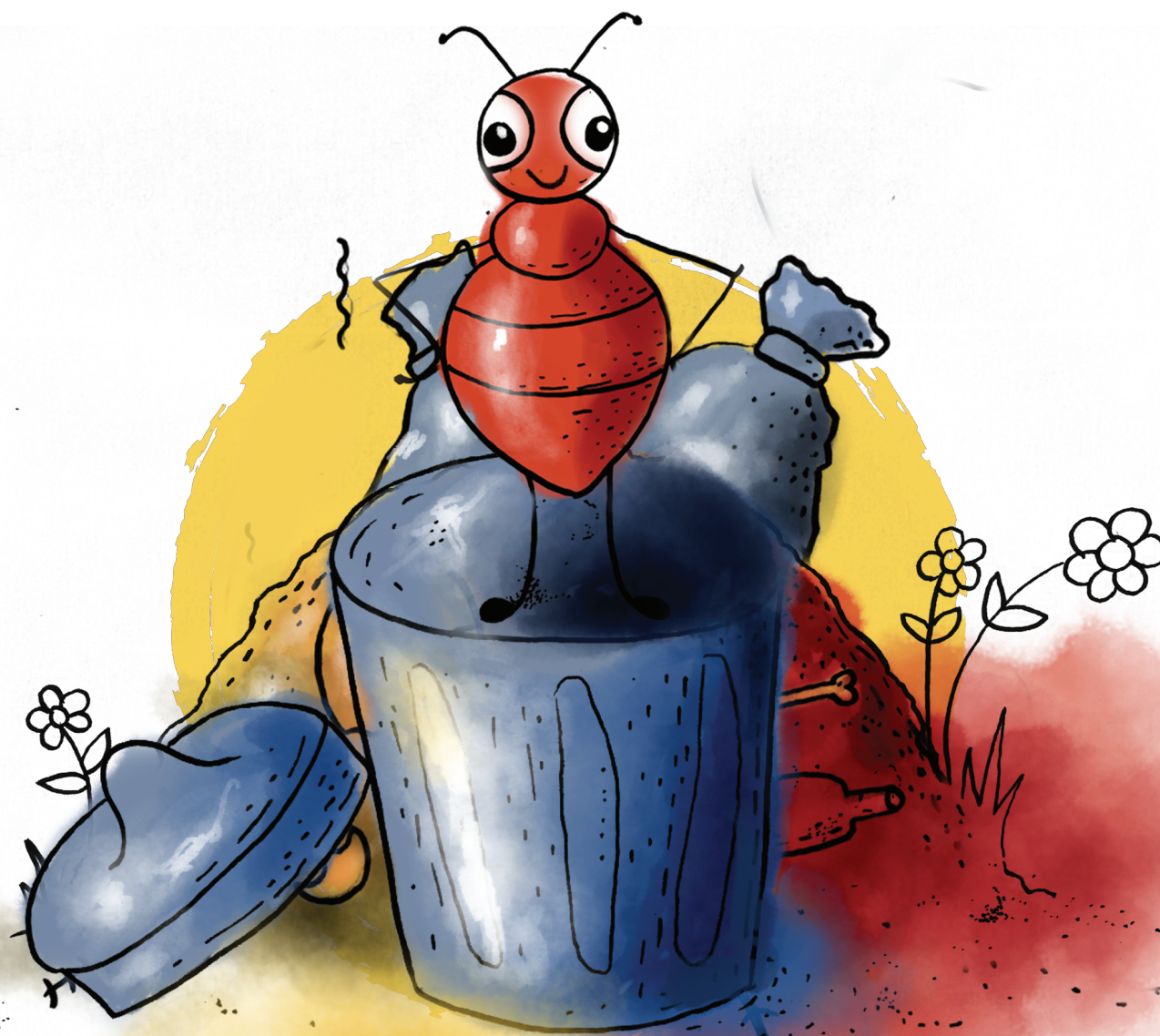
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Mother Ant crawls up the dustbin again.
This time she reaches the top!

Happily, Mother Ant sees food inside.









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Mother Ant goes home with lots of food!

Her children eat until they are full.





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