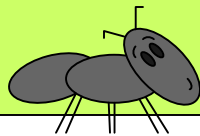


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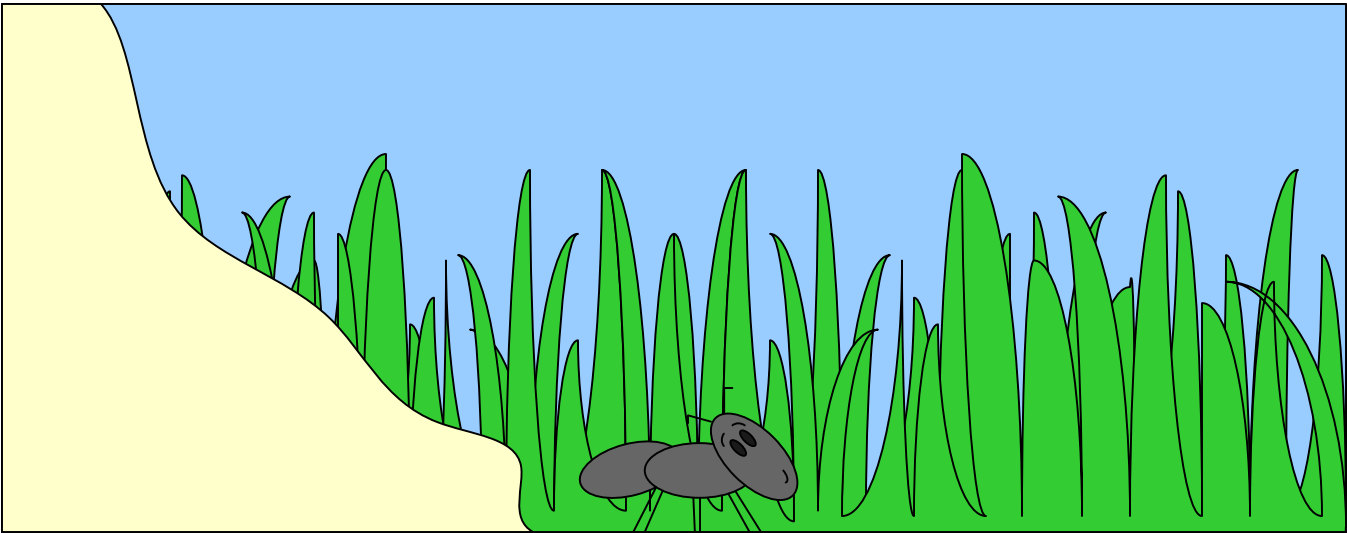
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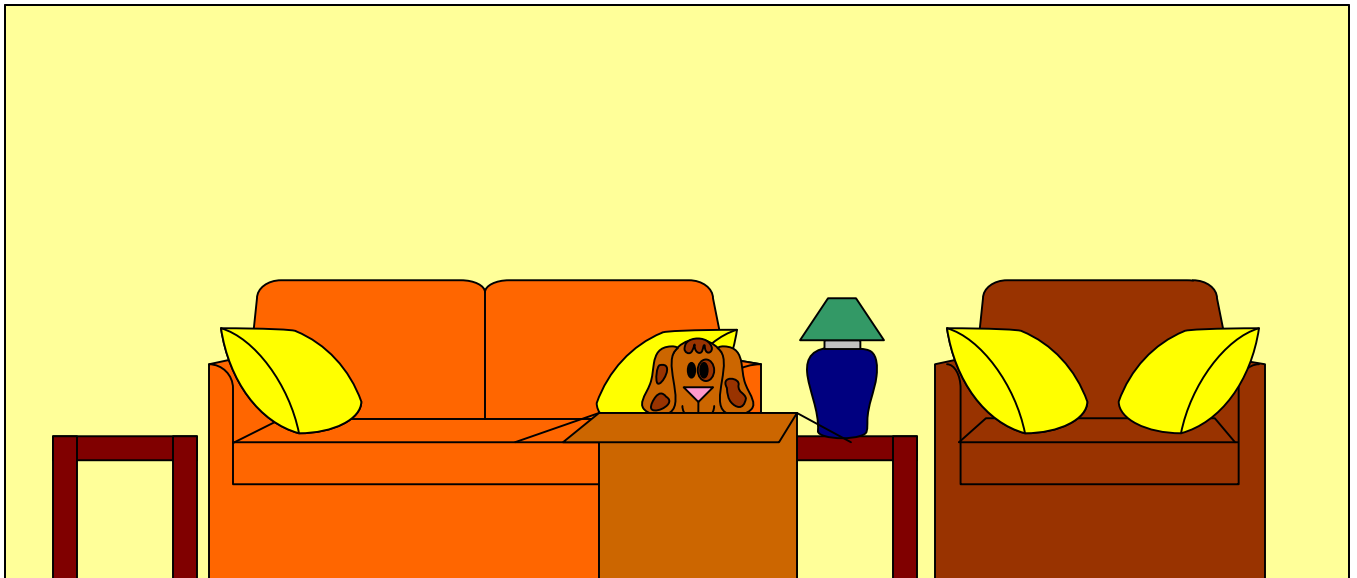
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Ant left his home to find some food. He snuck into a house through a small crack by a window. He was going to see what he could find.

Ant had to be careful to not be seen. People do not like it when there are ants in the house. If someone saw Ant, he might get squished. Ant knew he had to stay out of people's sight.

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Ant ran along the baseboard of the room to get to the next room.

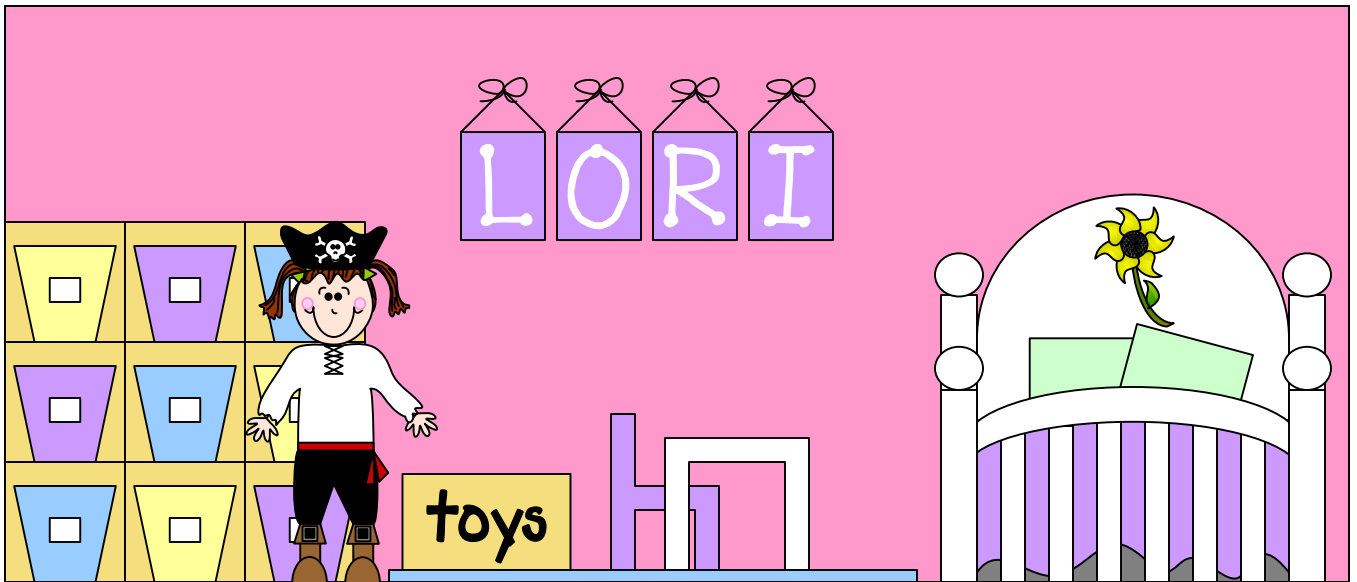
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When Ant came in through the crack in the window, he looked around. He had to find out where in the house the food was. This room had a couch. There was a chair. There was a lamp. In the middle of the room there was a box. There was a dog playing in the box. There were many things in the room, but Ant did not see any food.

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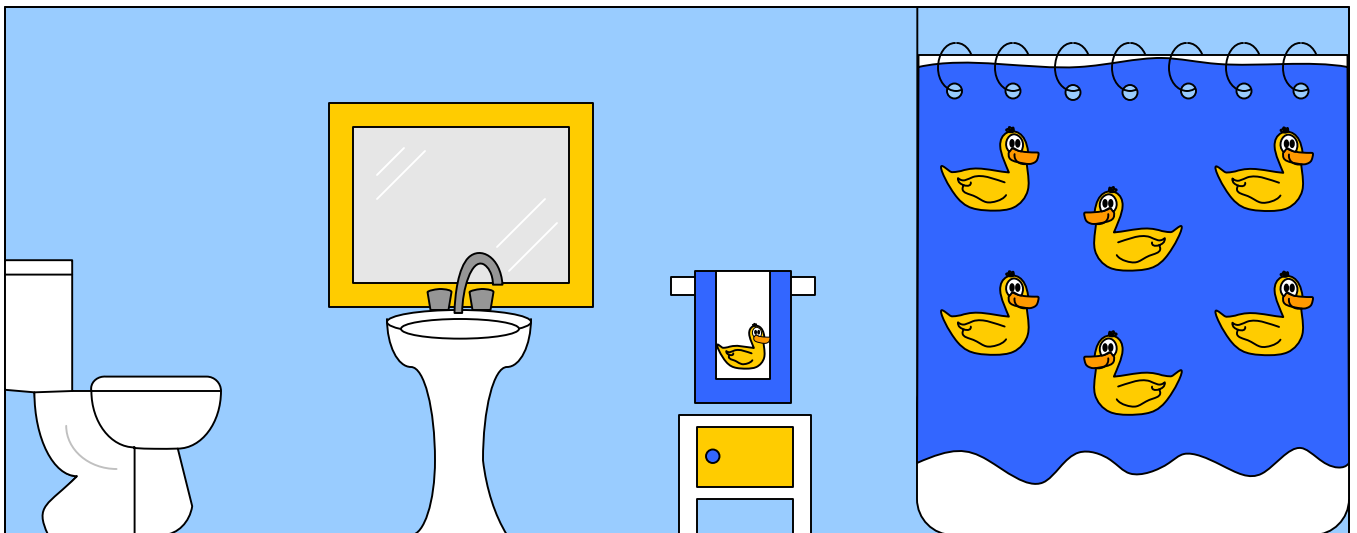
When Ant got in the next room, he looked around to see if there was any food. This room had little girl in it. She was dressed like a pirate. Why was she dressed like a pirate? Don't pirates stay on ships? Ant saw baskets, a bed, a rug, and other things. Ant did not see any food. There was no food in this room.

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Ant crawled along the baseboard in this room. The next room might have some food.

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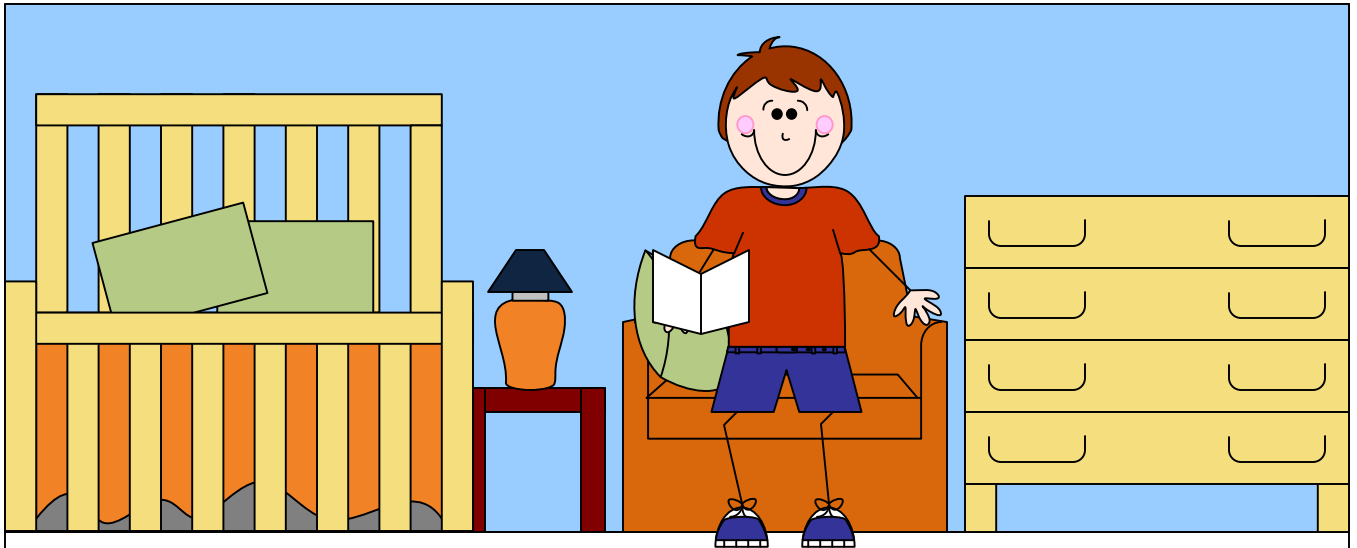


Ant went back out of this room to find another room. Ant stayed on the baseboard so he would not be seen.

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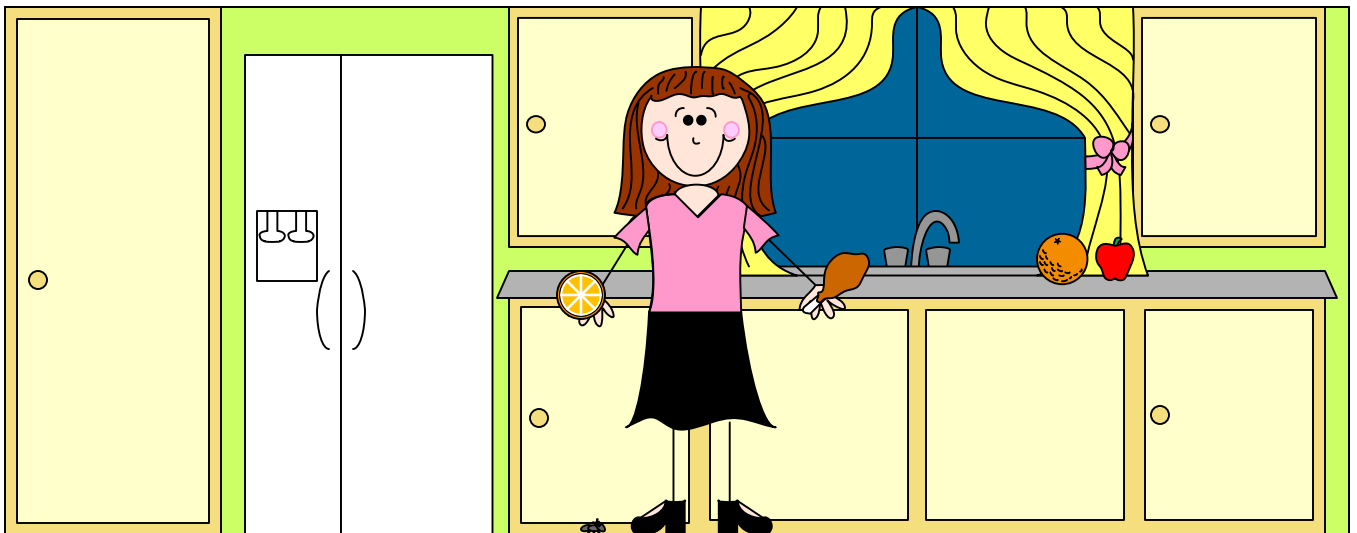
The next room looked very clean. Ant saw a shower. He saw a mirror and a cabinet. There were towels, too. There were many things, and they were all clean, but there was no food.

The next room had a bed, a lamp, and a dresser. There was a chair and someone was sitting in the chair. Ant did not see any food in this room. Were there any more rooms? Would Ant find any food?



Ant went across the baseboard, hoping to find another room that might have some food.

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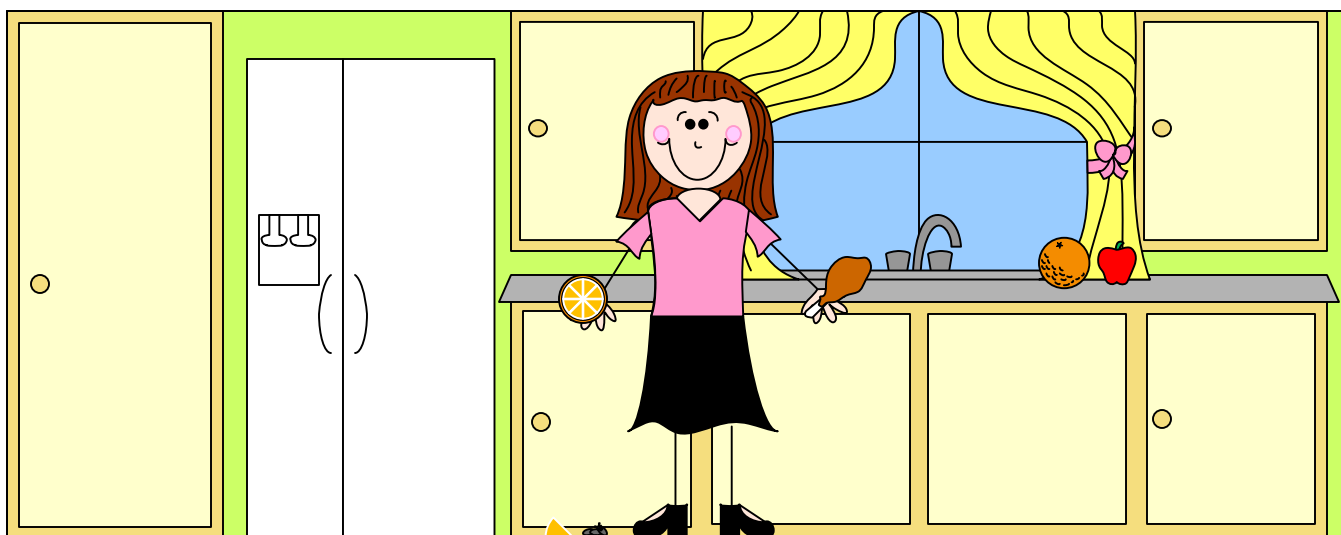


Ant ran over near the woman's feet. His heart was beating fast. He did not want to get squished.

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There was a woman standing in the next room. It looked like she might have food in her hands. Getting food from her hands would not be safe. Ant had to get near the food, but he had to be careful to not be seen.

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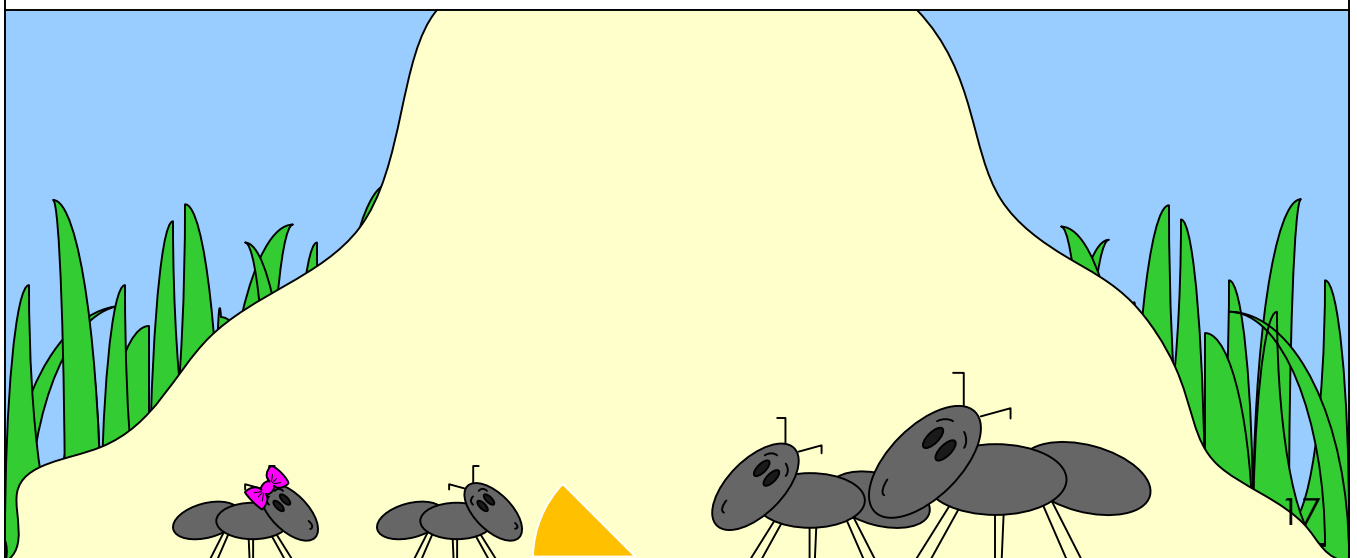
A bit of food fell on the ground. The woman did have food! There was food up there with the woman! How could Ant get the food without the woman seeing him?

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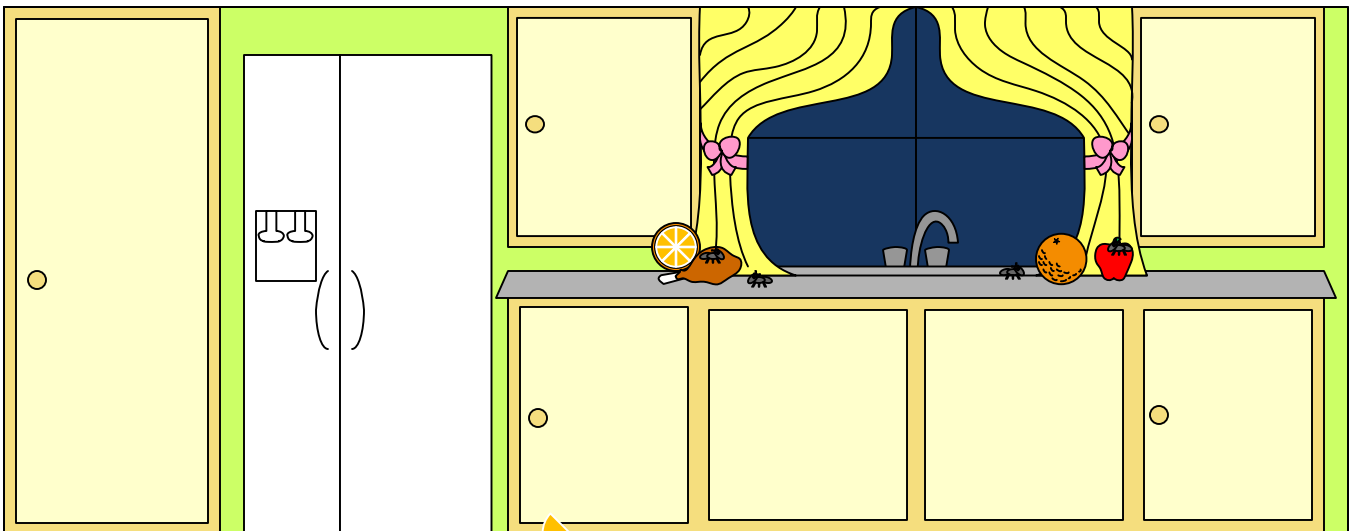
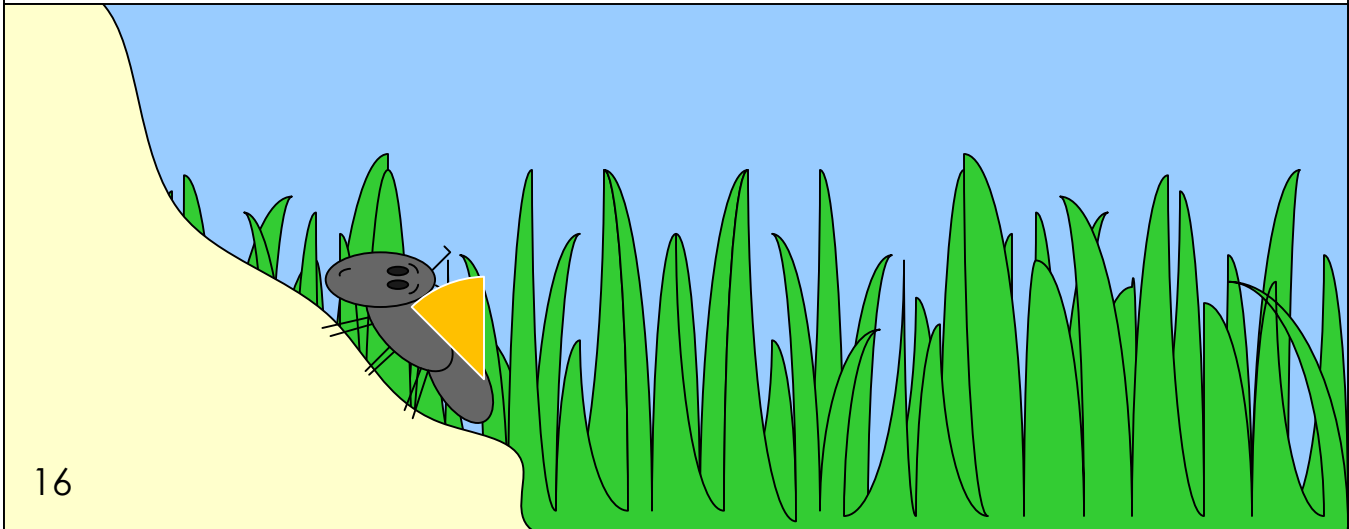
Just then, the woman walked off to a different room. This was his chance! Ant ran up the wall as fast as he could to get to the food. There was a lot of food up there. He grabbed some and ate it. Then he grabbed some more food and ran for the window. That was not the way he came in the house, but he was hoping there would be a way out.

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He told Mom, Dad, and Sister about the place with all the food and how there was a window near it. They were very happy to get the snack and hear about all the food. Ant told them about the woman, too. They came up with a plan. They would sneak in to get the food at night!



And was right! There was a little hole in the window near the food. Ant went through the hole and ran home.



They could get all the food they wanted without having to be worried about getting squished! The ants would not even have to stay on the baseboards to be safe! It was a good plan.