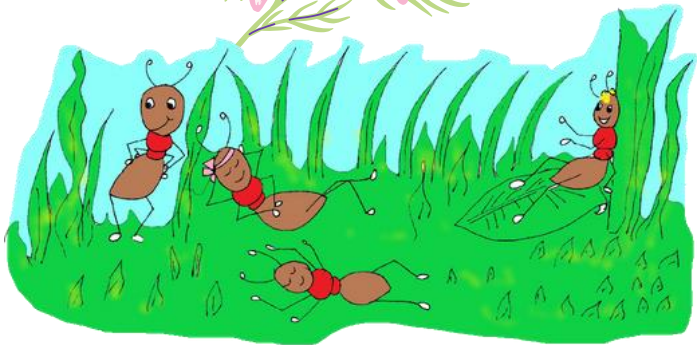




# The garden by René Toesie



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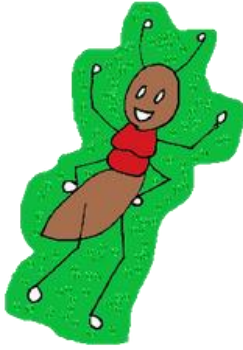
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## Dedication

This book is dedicated to my  
brave nephew, Colwyn



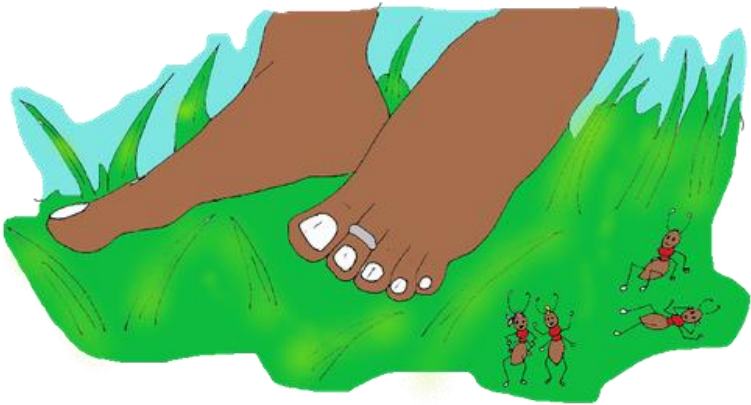
Anthony Ant and his cousins, Annabelle, Aaron and Acy lived with their ant colony in a beautiful garden in front of a giant house. Four two-legged giants lived in the house. The four cousins loved playing in their garden



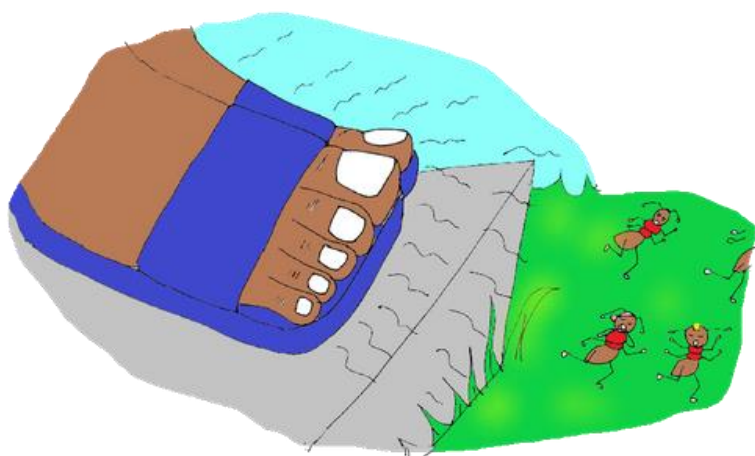
During the day and night, a weird hairy four-legged animal walked through the ants' garden. The weird hairy animal lived with the four two-legged giants in the giant house.



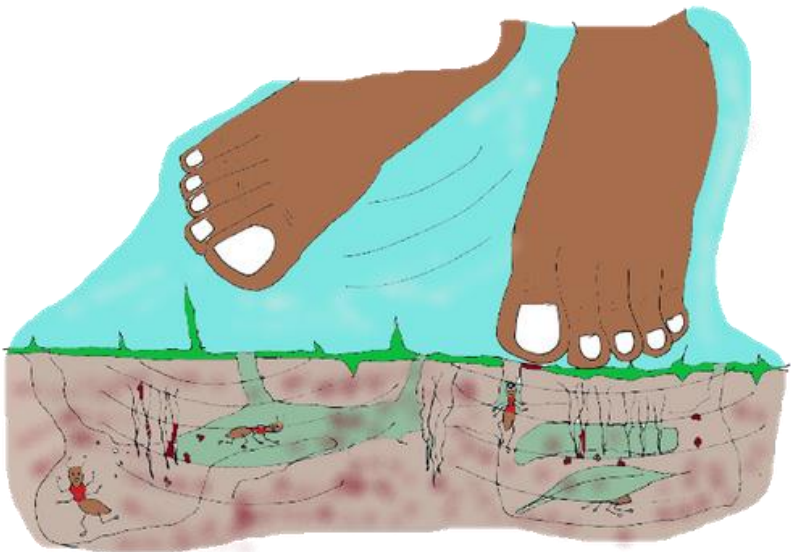
On Saturdays and Sundays, the two-legged giants would walk through their garden. The Ant cousins were not keen on the two-legged giants invading their garden but decided to play dodge-the-giant with them. The pretty-foot giant was nice, and she walked so gently through their garden.



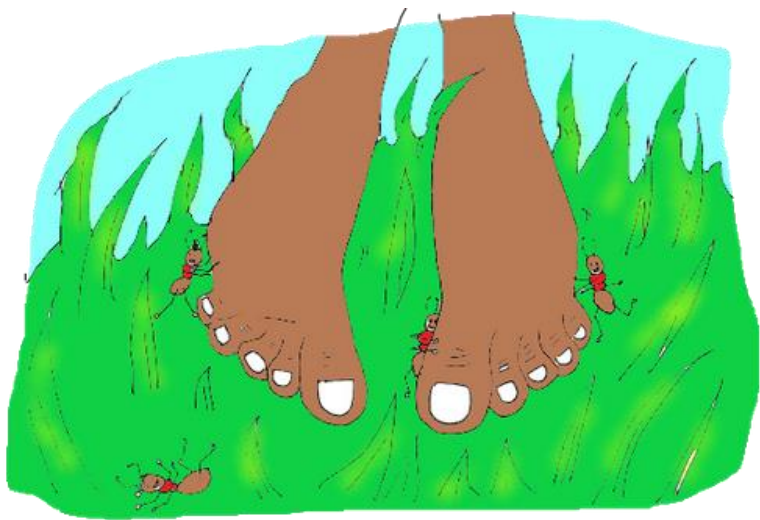
The stinky-foot giant released a gas from his feet that made the ants gag. They preferred not to go close to him! Nor risk playing dodge-the-giant with that odour! Phew!!



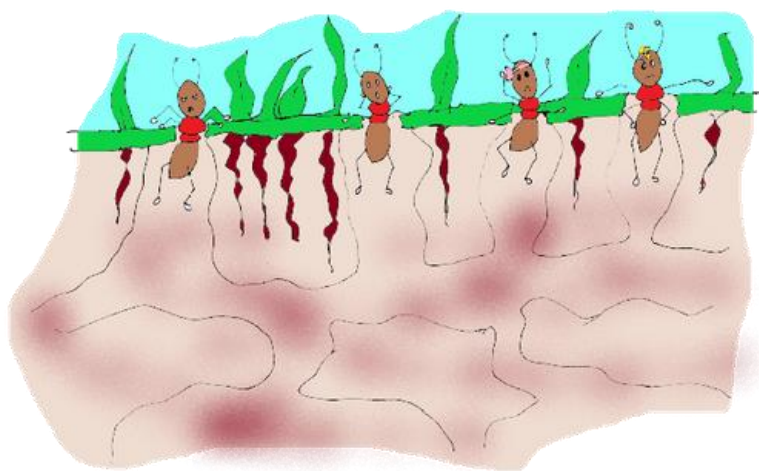
The heavy-foot giant stomped so hard in the garden that the vibrations caused were felt deep down in the colony. The Ant cousins loved dodging the bits of earth that shook loose.



The Ant cousins simply loved the scaredy-foot giant. They would run across her feet until she squealed in fear.



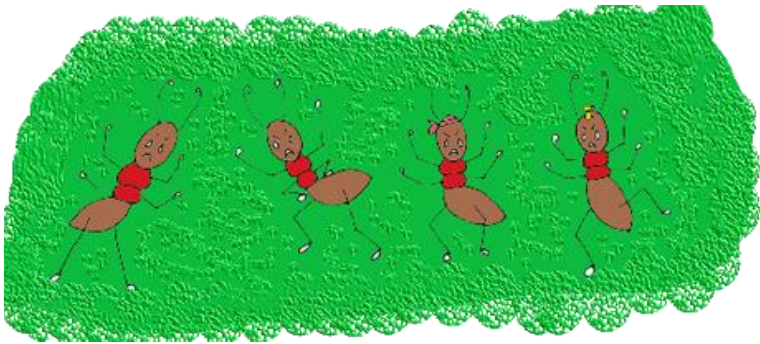
Soon, the Ant cousins noticed that the two-legged giants spent more than just Saturdays and Sundays in their garden. The two-legged giants were in their garden on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. The Ant cousins did not like it one bit!



The Ant cousins decided to discuss this matter with Queen Ant. Queen Ant and her advisors told the Ant cousins that a terrible virus had taken over the world. To stay safe, the two-legged giants had to remain at home and spend time in their gardens. They asked the Ant cousins to be patient and to share the garden with the two-legged giants.

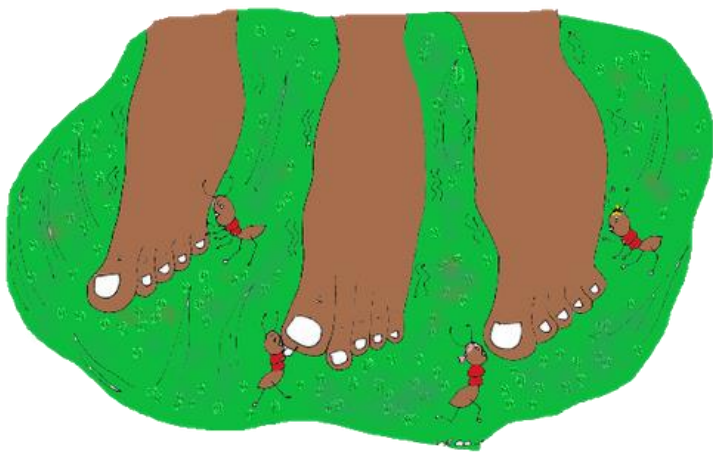


The Ant cousins were angry! They did not want to share their garden! They decided to work on a plan to get rid of the two-legged giants



The Ant cousins bit the two-legged giants so painfully on their feet, that they screamed in pain.

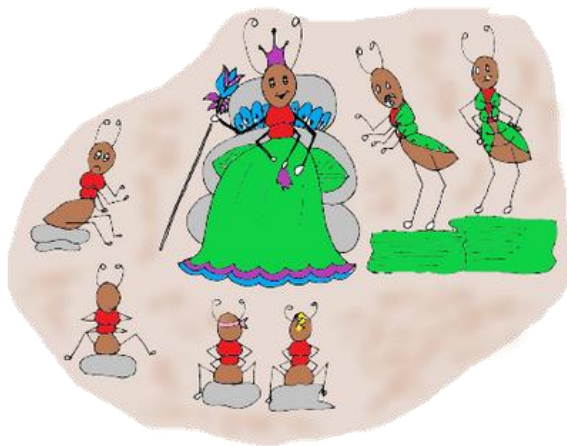
They stayed away from the stinky-foot giant though.



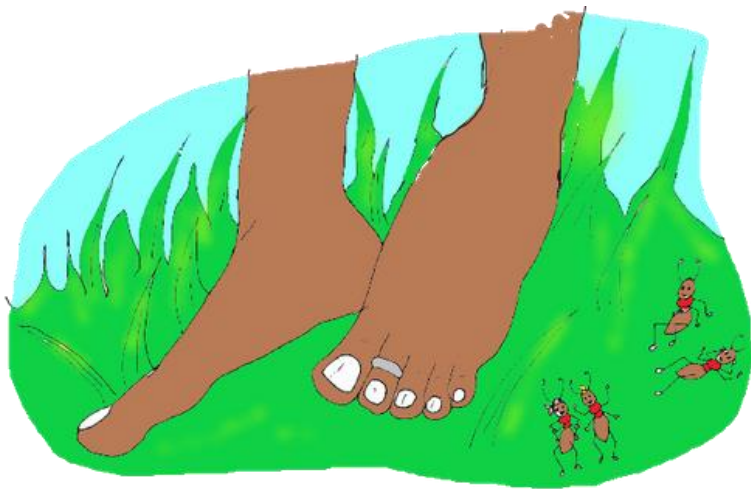
Queen Ant and her advisors realised that the Ant cousins were miserable and noticed that the two-legged giants were not visiting the garden anymore.

Queen Ant summoned the Ant cousins and the cousins confessed to biting the two-legged giants. Queen Ant told the cousins that the garden belonged to everyone, and not only to the ants.

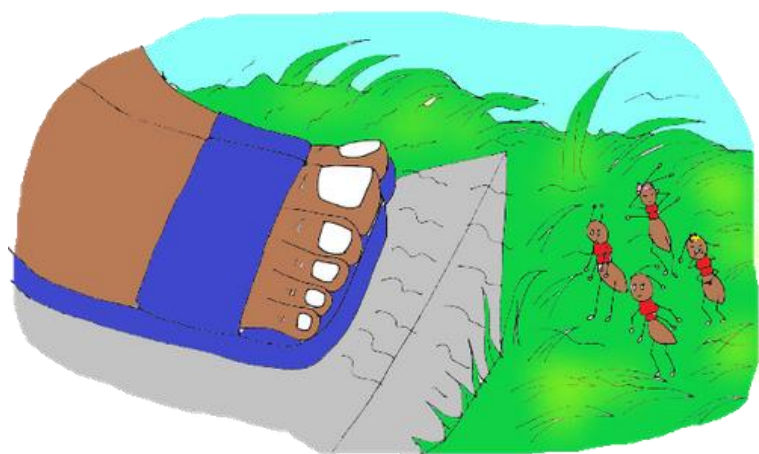
The garden was there for happiness. The Ant cousins felt bad that their actions made the two-legged giants sad and caused them to stay away.



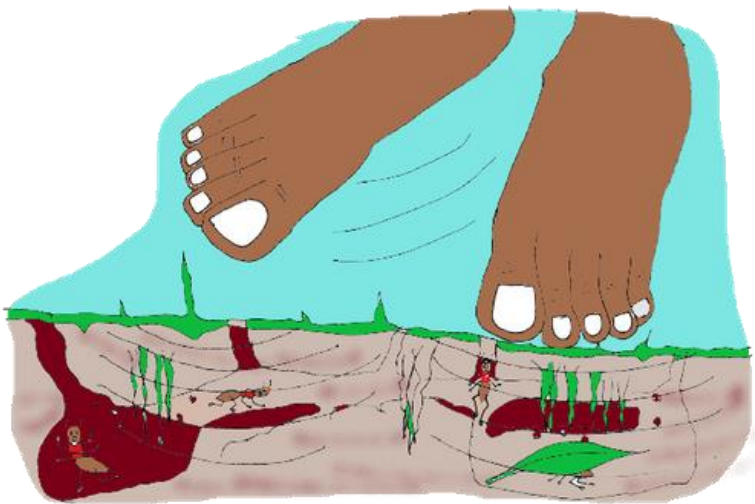
After a long while, the pretty-foot giant stepped carefully into the garden again. The Ant cousins were overjoyed to see those beautiful feet again.



Soon the stinky-foot giant appeared. This time, the cousins were so happy to smell him, that they dared to go closer.



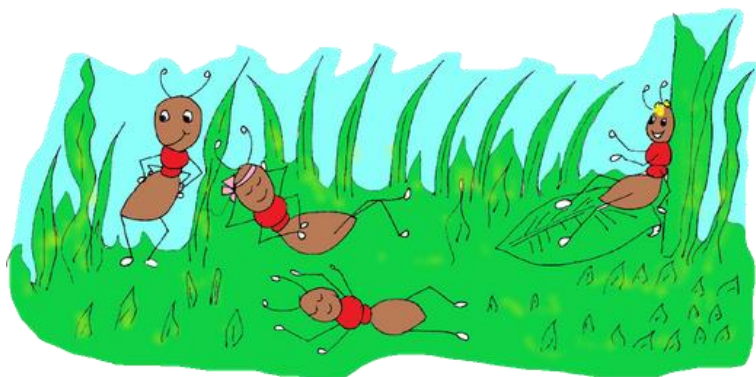
They scrambled around in delight as the heavy-foot giant stomped around in the garden



And they tickled the scaredy-foot giant  
until she ran into the giant house.  
They laughed until their tummies ached.



Anthony, Aaron, Annabelle and Acy Ant  
were happy again.  
They realised how important the garden  
was in creating happiness for all.



# Let's play a game

29	I AM KIND TO ANIMALS. ADVANCE 5 SPACES!	30	OH NO! THE STINKY-FOOT GIANT STRIKES AGAIN GO BACK 10 SPACES	31	32	33	34	35
28	MY SELFISH BEHAVIOUR MAKES MY MOM SAD. GO BACK 5 SPACES!	27	16	26	25	24	23	THE END!
15	YOU LOVE PLAYING DODGE-THE-GIANT WITH THE HEAVY-FOOT GIANT. ADVANCE 10 SPACES	16	17	18	19	20	21	8
14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6
START	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
THROW A 6 ON YOUR DICE TO START THE GAME. HAVE FUN!								

