

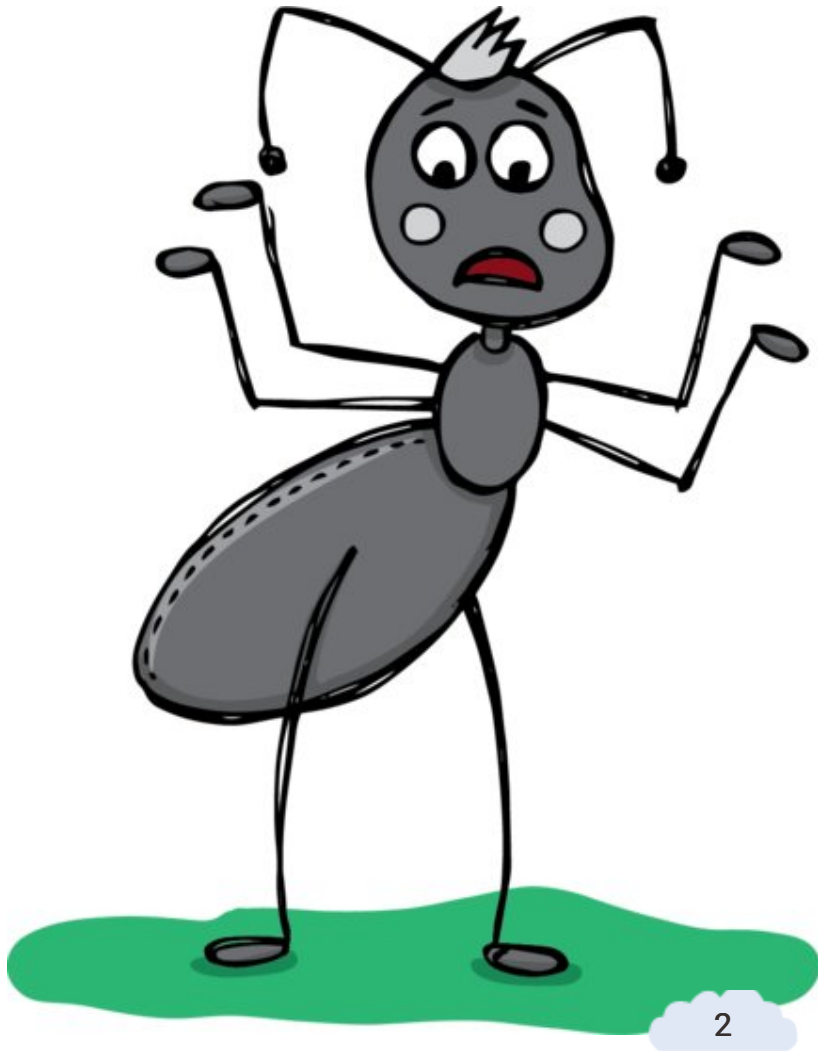


How ant saved dove

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It was a hot summer day in
the dry forest.





Little Ant had no water for many days.

“I need a drop of water,
even if it falls from a leaf.”





But even the dew had dried up.

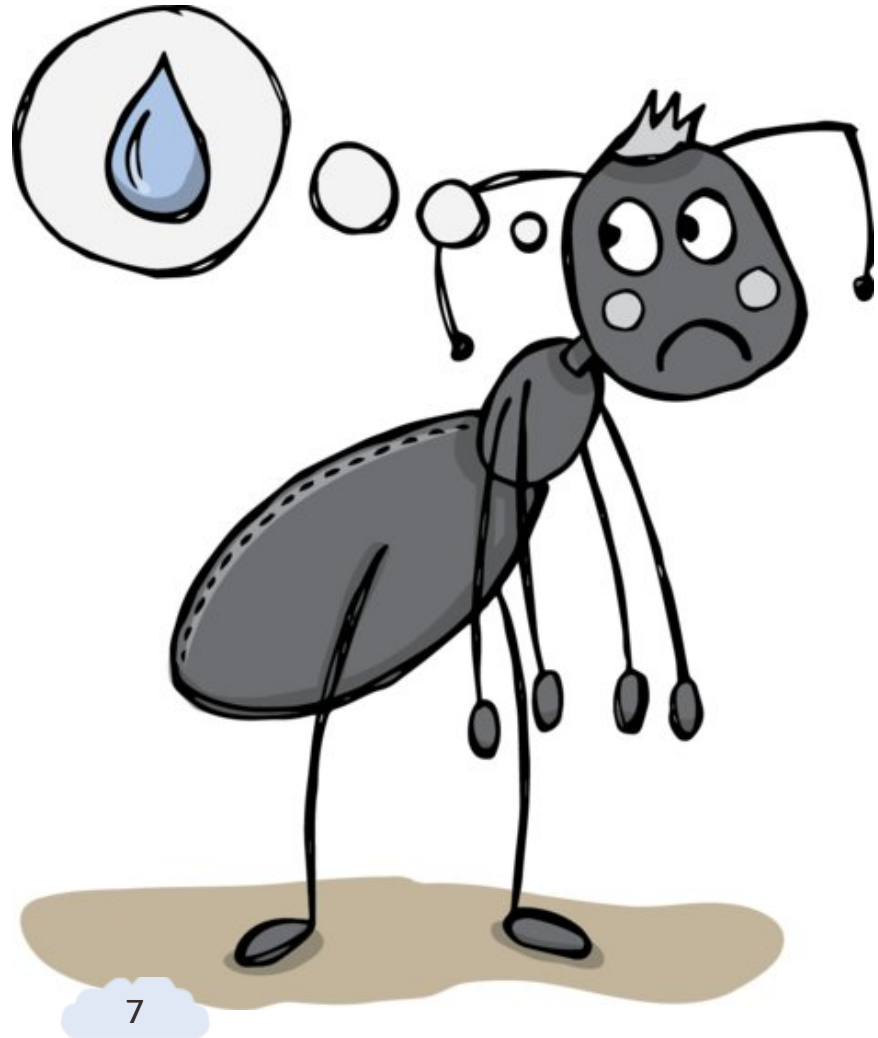
“If I don’t drink, I will die,”
cried Little Ant.
“I must go to the river I
have heard about.”

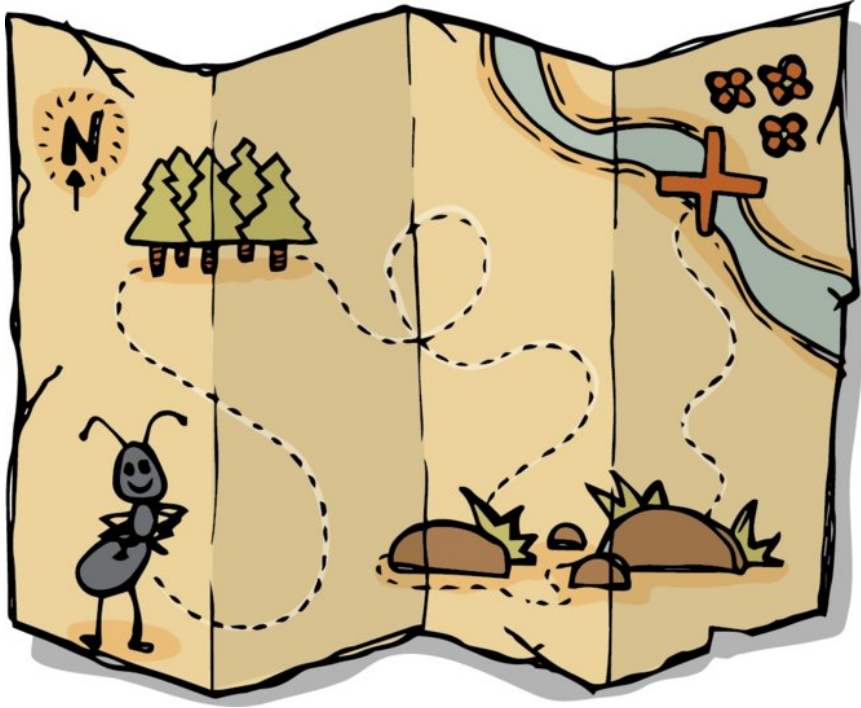




“The river will sweep you away,” a wise squirrel warned him.

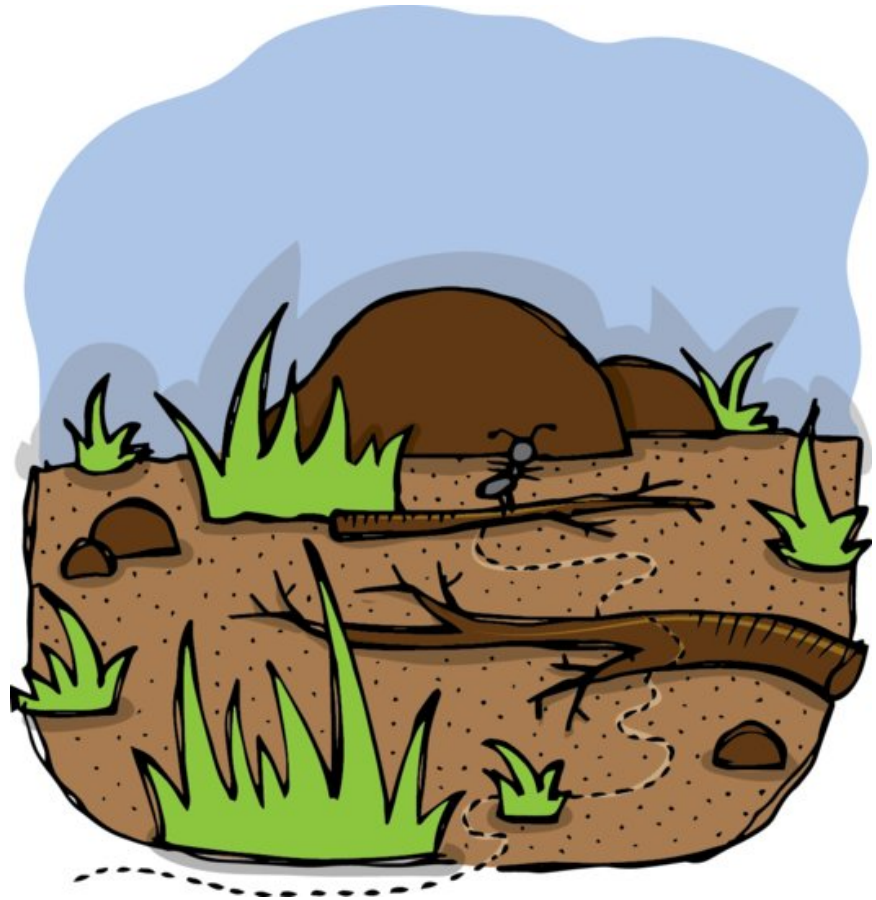
But Little Ant was so
thirsty.
“I will die if I don’t drink
some water.”





Little Ant went to look for the river...

across dry grass and over
dry branches...

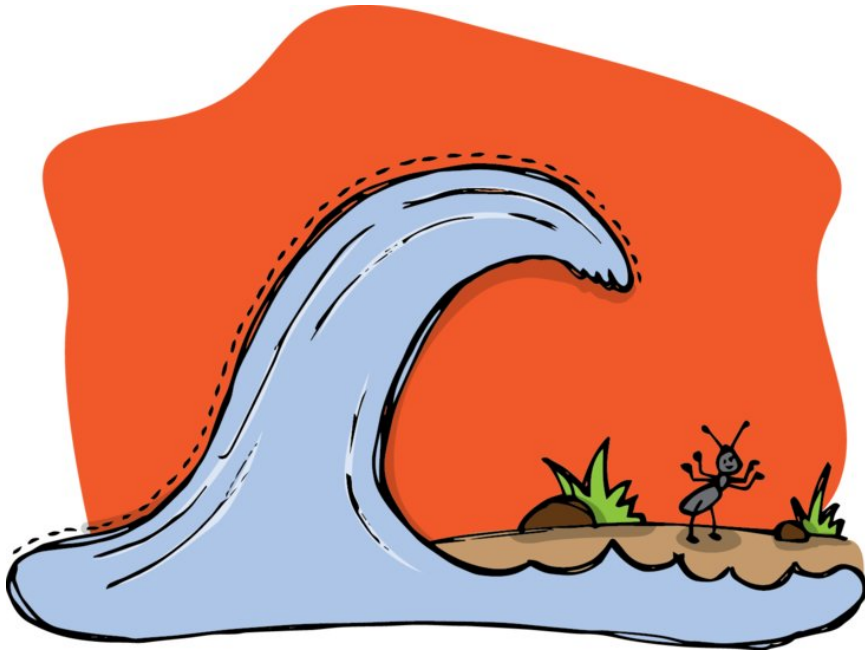




...until he heard the waves
of the river splashing.

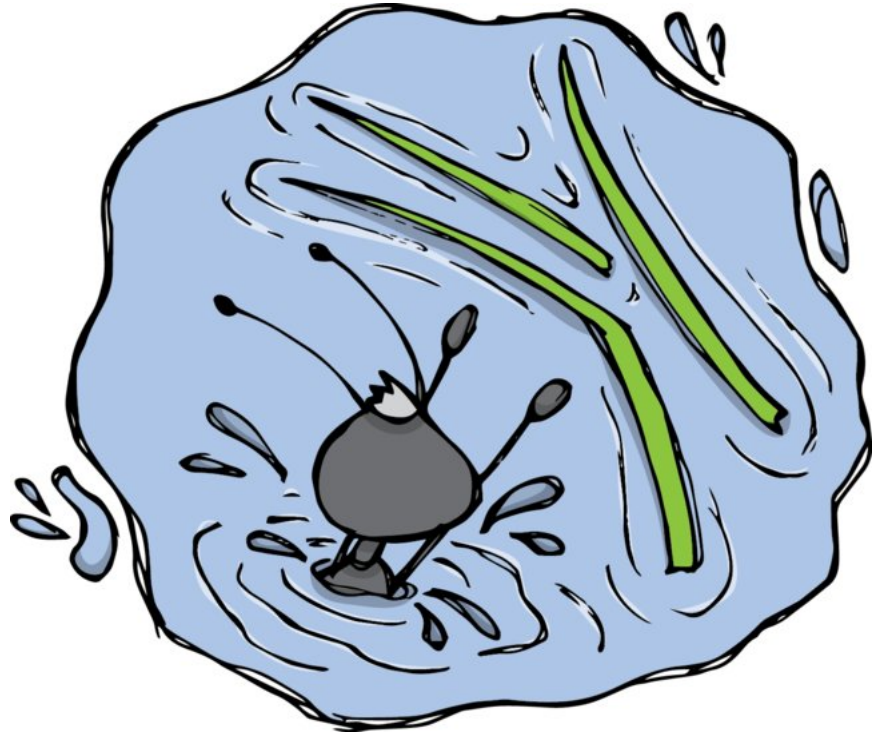
Little Ant took a long sip of cool water.





He was so happy he did not see the huge wave coming.

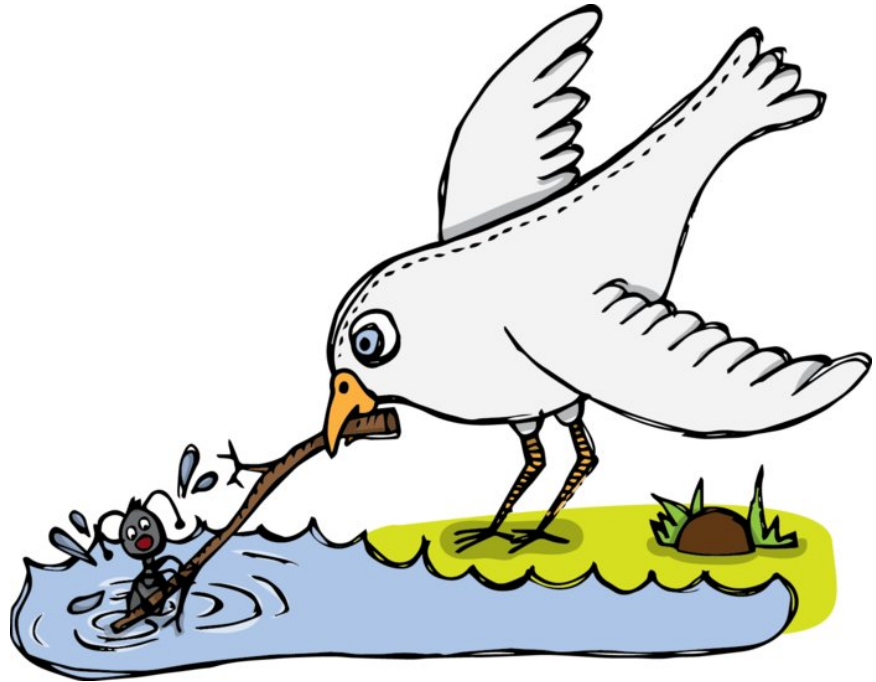
Ant tried to grab the dry grass floating past him.
But he was swept away by
the water.

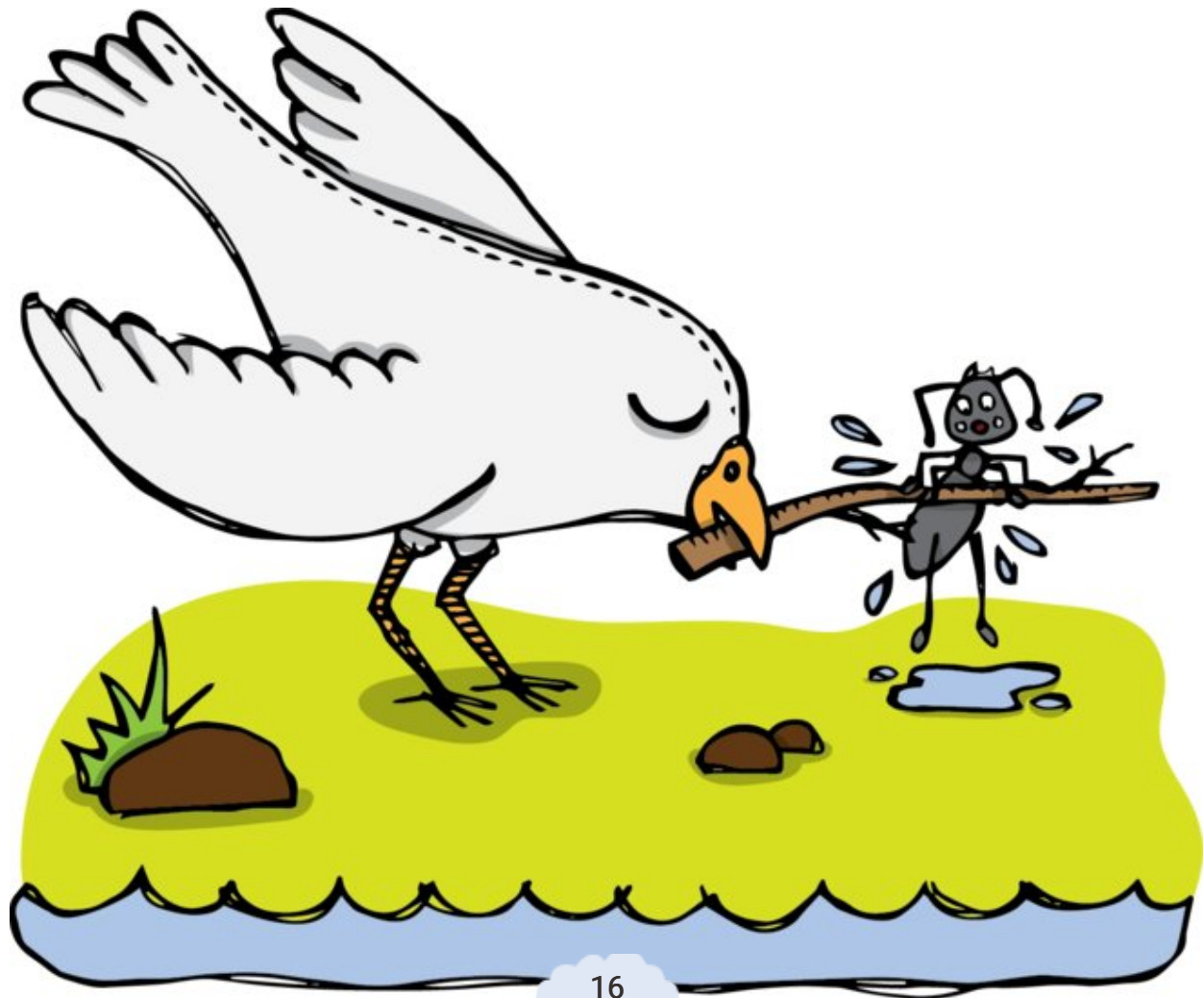




“Help someone. Help me please.”

“Quick, climb on,” said White Dove, holding a branch in his beak.







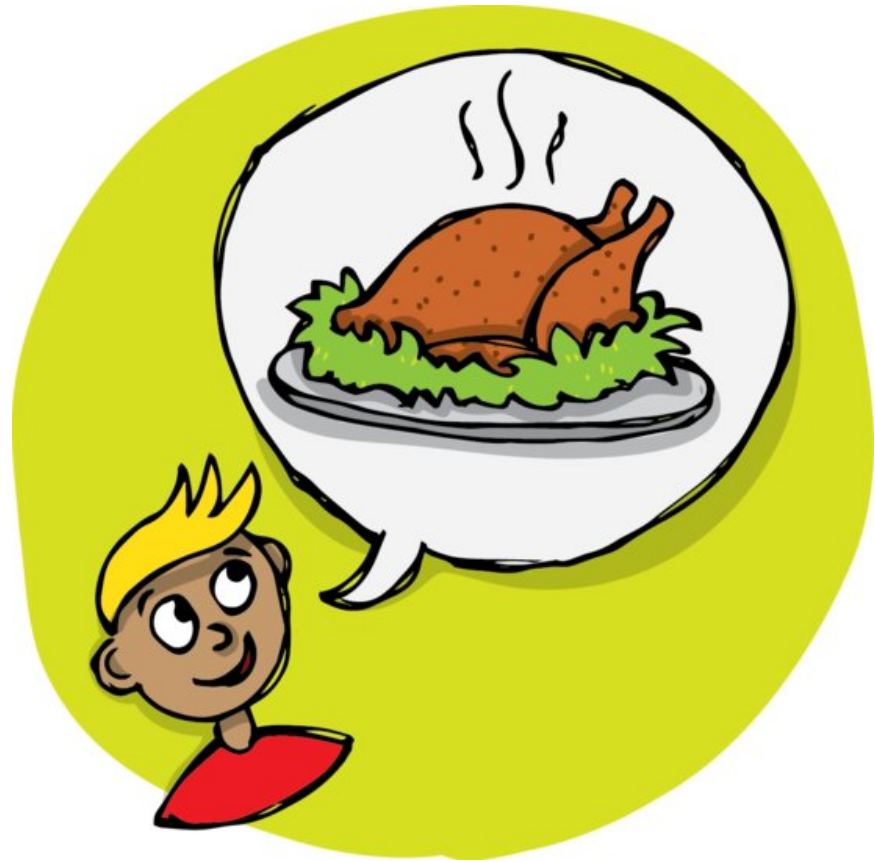
“I cannot leave until I say thank you to the dove. I will wait until he comes back to drink.”

One day as he waited, two boys came to the river with their slingshots.



“There is a big white dove
that comes here to drink,”
said one boy.

“We will have it for supper
tonight.”





“I cannot let the boys kill
White Dove.
But I am so tiny, what can I
do?”





Just then White Dove flew down from the tree to drink.





Little Ant had an idea.

He jumped onto one boy's foot, and bit him as hard as he could.





The boy jumped. "Ouch!"
he cried.

White Dove was startled
and flew away to safety.





That was how Little Ant thanked White Dove for saving him.

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