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Hello, I am the fourth one in the line.  
Can you see me?



Left, right, left, right. We walk  
silently in a line.





I just got an idea. I am going to get a set of WHEELS to move faster!

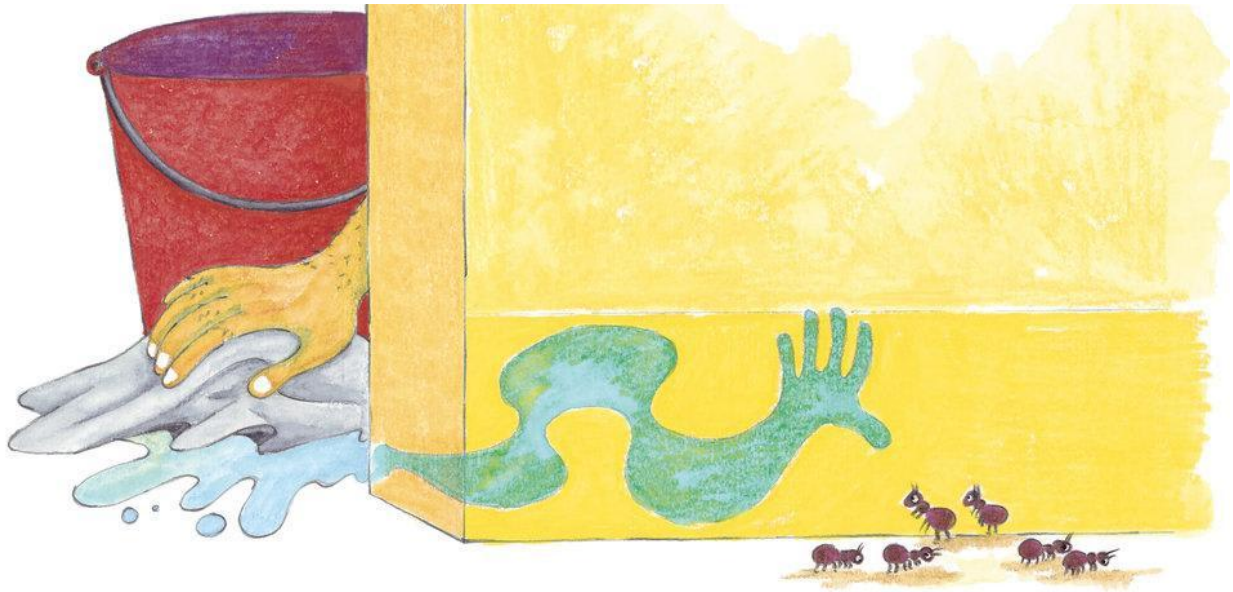


We are not noisy like other animals.  
Ours is a language of smells.



One kind of smell says, “Follow me  
this way for a feast.”

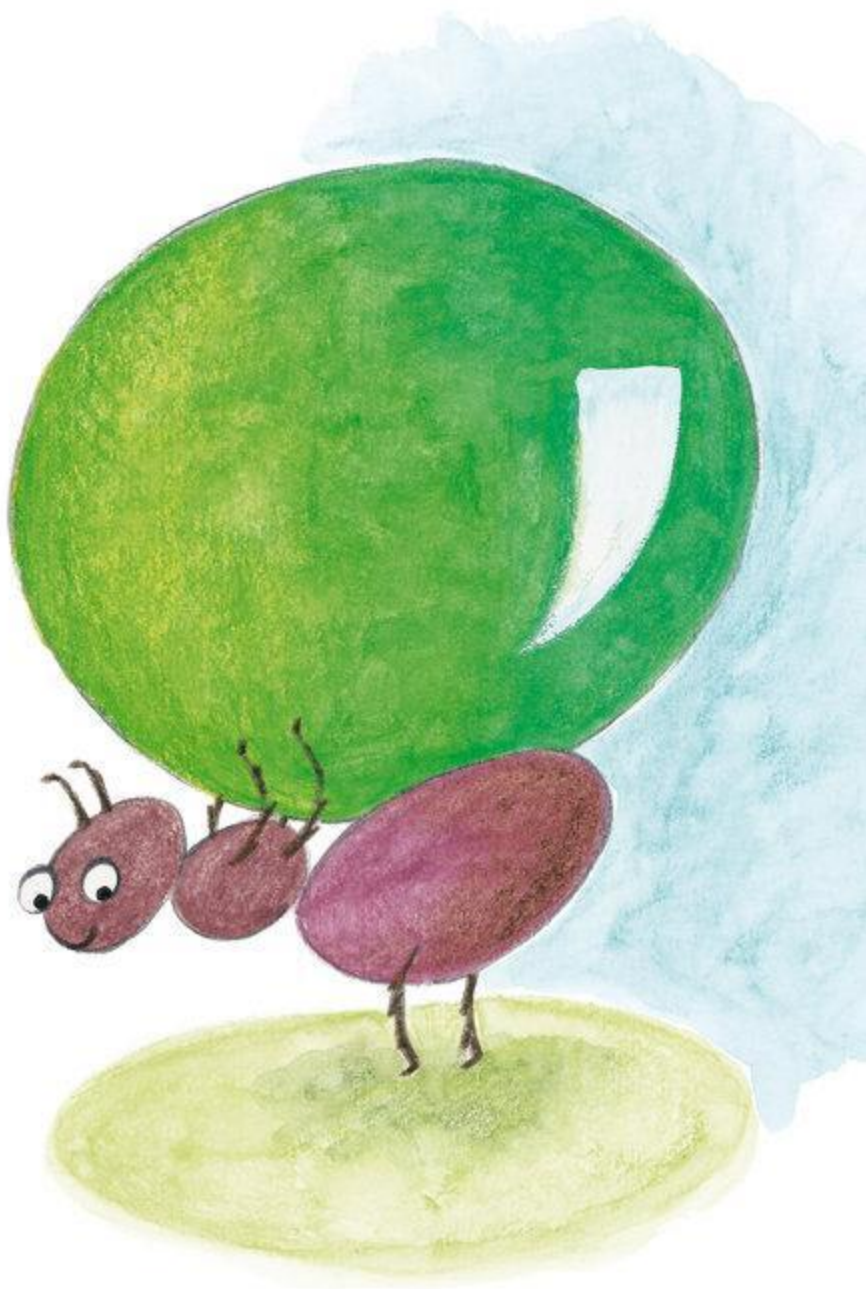




Another smell says, “Danger! Do not go there.”



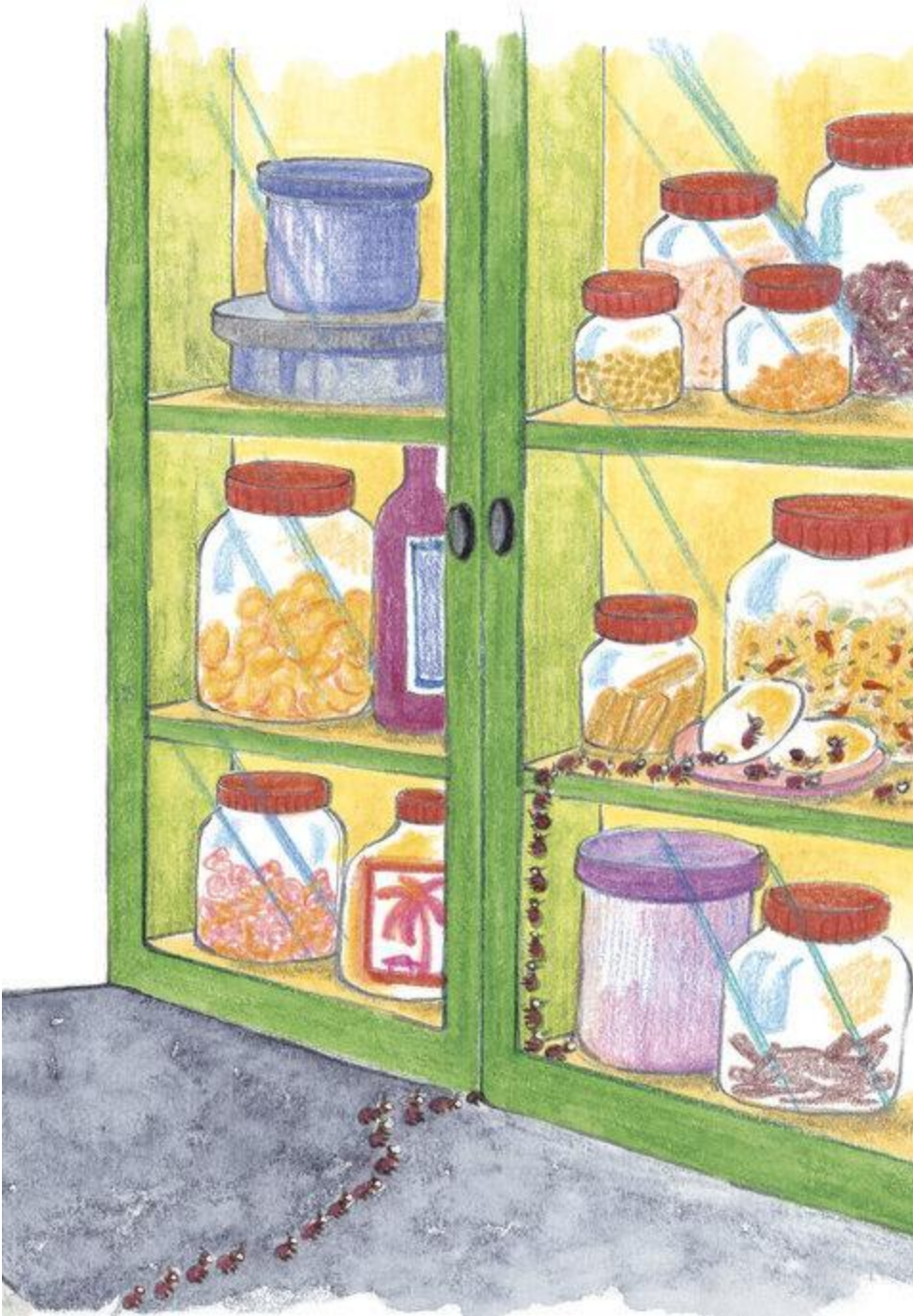
I love cakes and all kinds of sweets,  
just like you.



Want to see my muscles at work? I  
may look very tiny to you, but I am

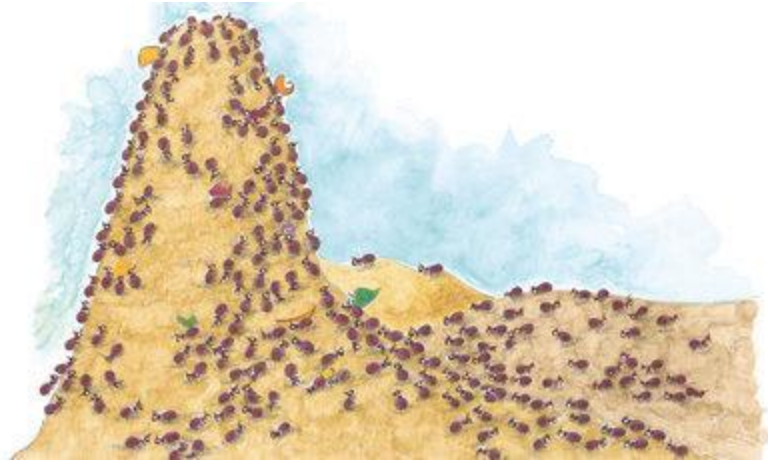
very strong.



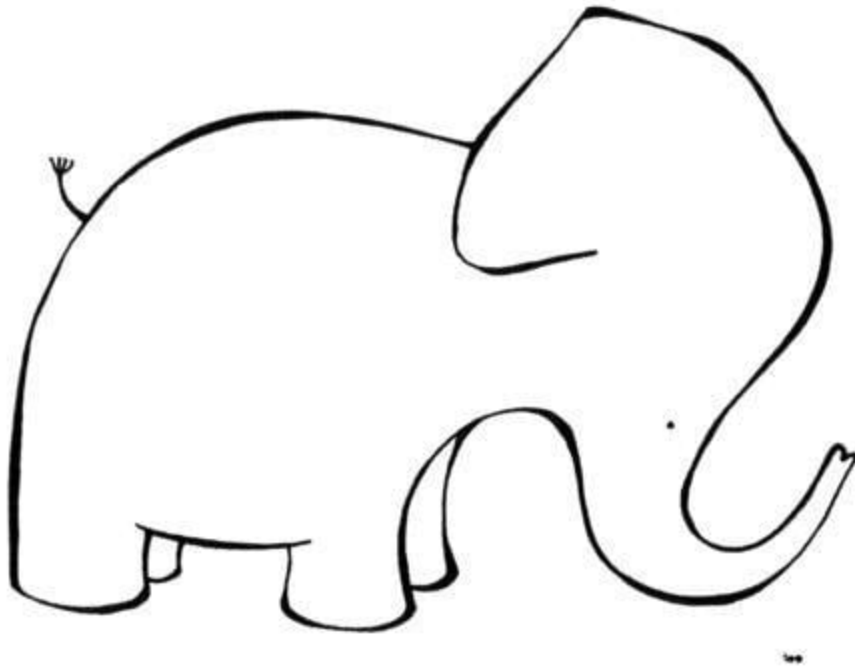


Never mind if the door is shut. I can slip through the smallest crack.





Believe it or not, hundreds of us live happily in a colony.



LET US LEARN SOME NEW  
WORDS. Small - Big Slow - Fast

Short - Tall Thin - Fat Hard - Soft  
Noisy - Quiet Here are some words  
with their opposites. Can you make a  
sentence for each pair of opposite  
words? For example, 'An ant is  
small; an elephant is big'. "As busy  
as an ant" is a nice way to describe  
someone who is very hard working.



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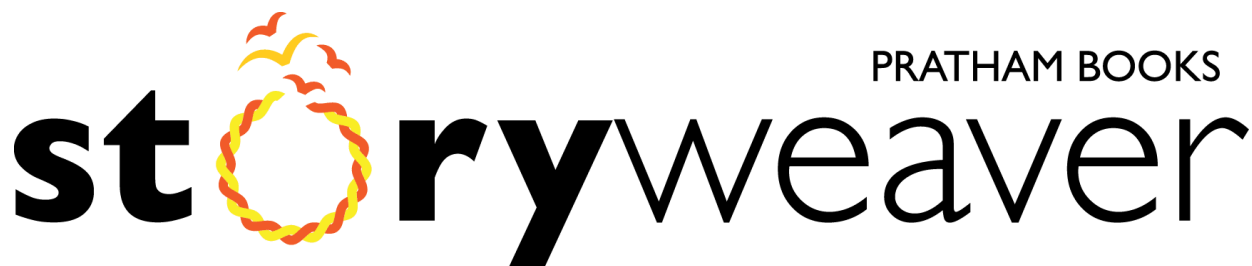
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