

The Cat and the Cockroaches

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There was once a cat called Puss. Puss lived with a very nice family in a big house with a very large garden. Puss liked the garden because it was full of lizards and frogs so there was always lots of food for him.

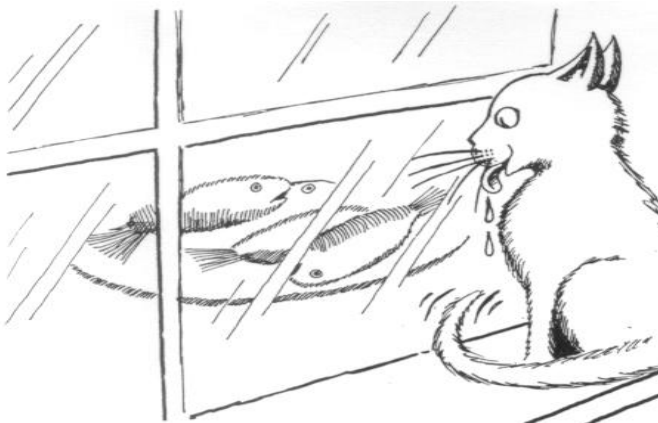
One day, he was feeling hungry but he was a little fed up with frogs and lizards.

‘I need something different,’ he thought. ‘I’ve had enough frogs and lizards. I’m bored!’

Just then, he smelt something coming from the house. It was a smell he knew well, and a smell which he loved more than everything else.

‘FISH!’

So he jumped up onto the window sill and looked through the window at a plate of delicious fish.



‘I’ve got to get my teeth on those fish!’ thought Puss.

‘But how?’

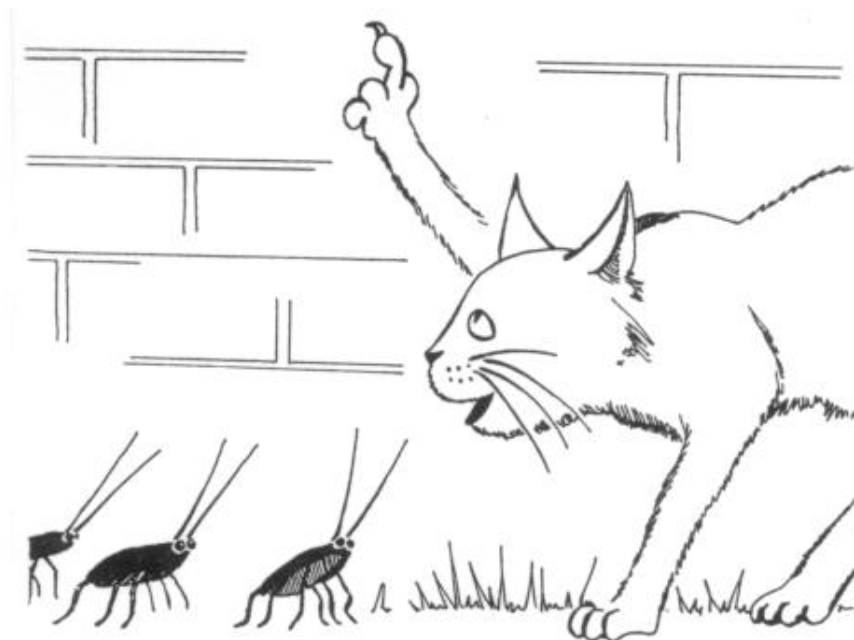
The window was closed and there was no way Puss could get into the house. The smell was making him crazy.

‘What can I do?’ he wondered.

Just then he had an idea.

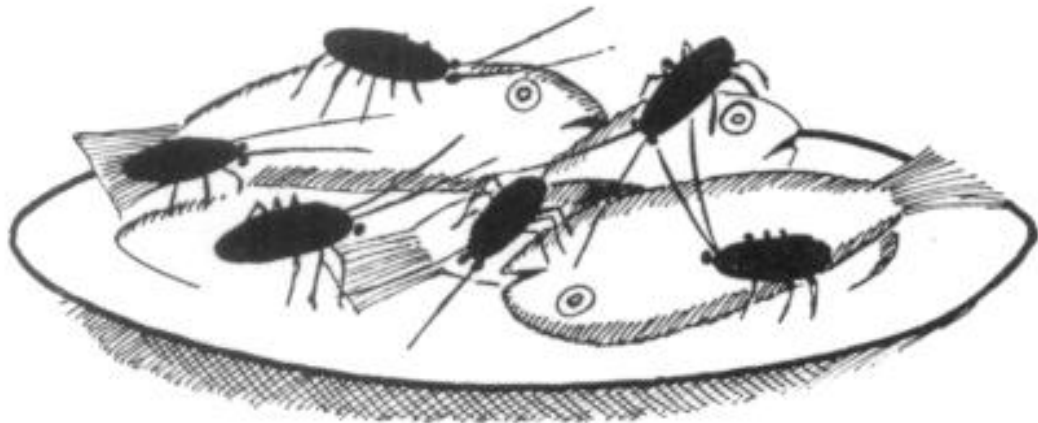
‘I know what to do! I’ll eat fish today, for sure.’

He went to see his friends, the cockroaches. Now, the cockroaches were a little afraid of Puss because more than once he had eaten a few of them when he couldn’t find any lizards or frogs. But today, Puss decided to be their friend.



‘Listen, boys,’ he said to the cockroaches, ‘there’s a plate of delicious fish on the kitchen table. Now, I can’t get inside because the window is closed, but I’m sure you can find a way in.’

So the cockroaches found a very small hole in the window frame and climbed inside. Soon they were eating the delicious fish.



But a short time after that, the woman who lived in the house went into the kitchen and saw the cockroaches. Now, she really hated cockroaches and screamed loudly when she saw them.

“Yuk! Disgusting cockroaches!’ she said.



And she immediately took the plate full of fish and cockroaches and threw them all out of the window.

Puss watched this and smiled. His idea had worked. He slowly walked over to the pile of fish and cockroaches and took a big bite of the delicious fish. And for dessert, well, he had some cockroaches just to fill him up.



‘Not so disgusting after all,’ he thought.