

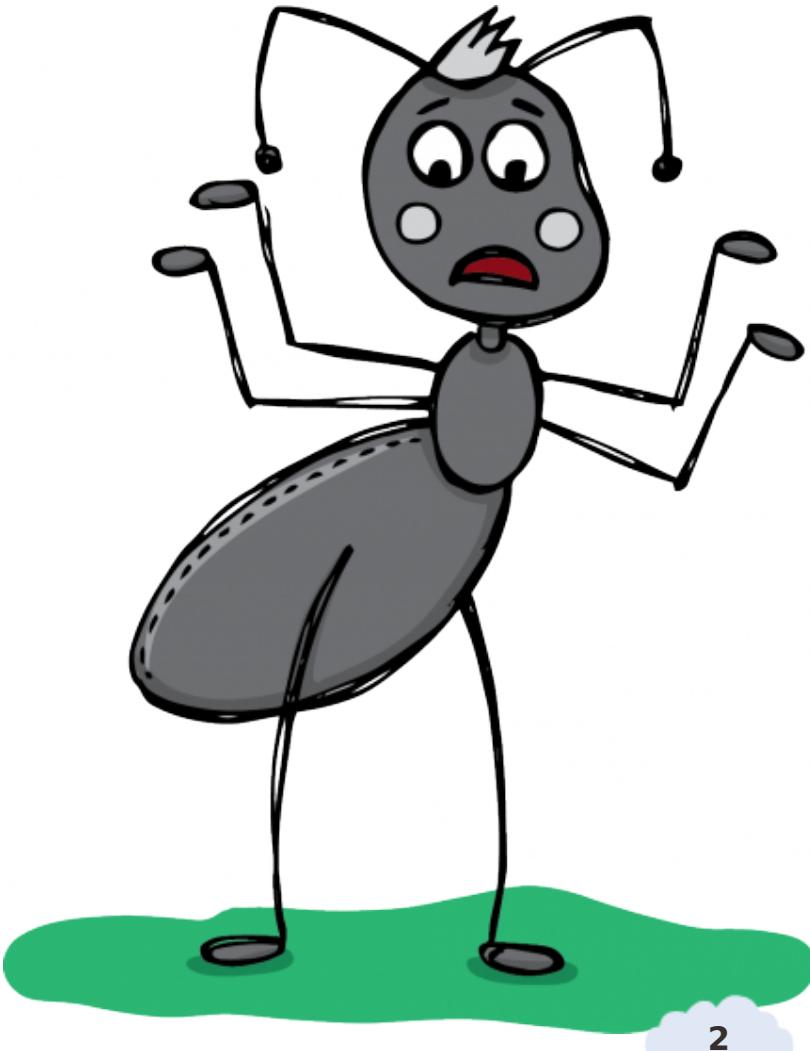


## How ant saved dove

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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.”

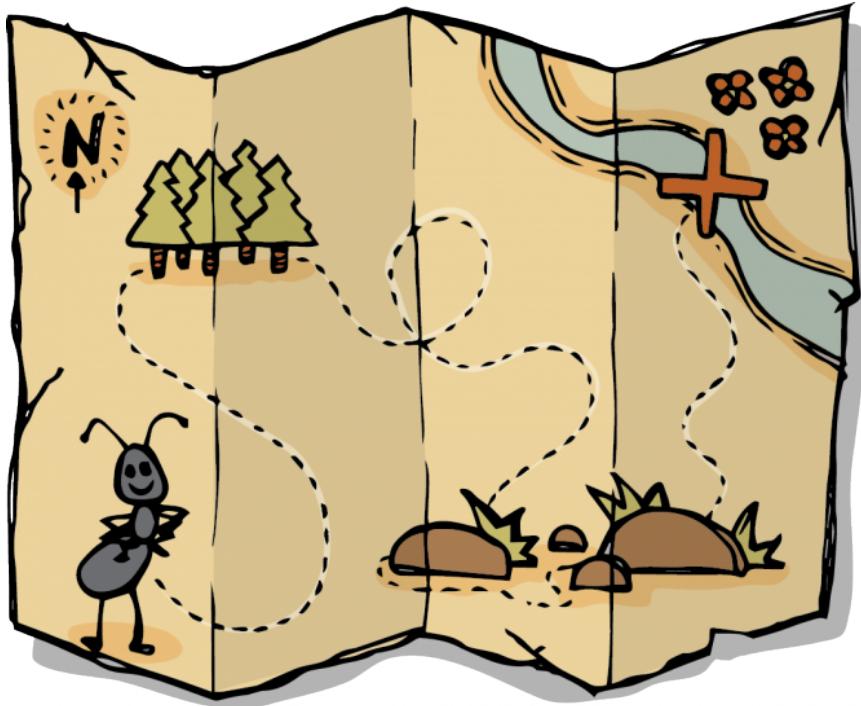




“The river will sweep you away,” a wise squirrel warned him.

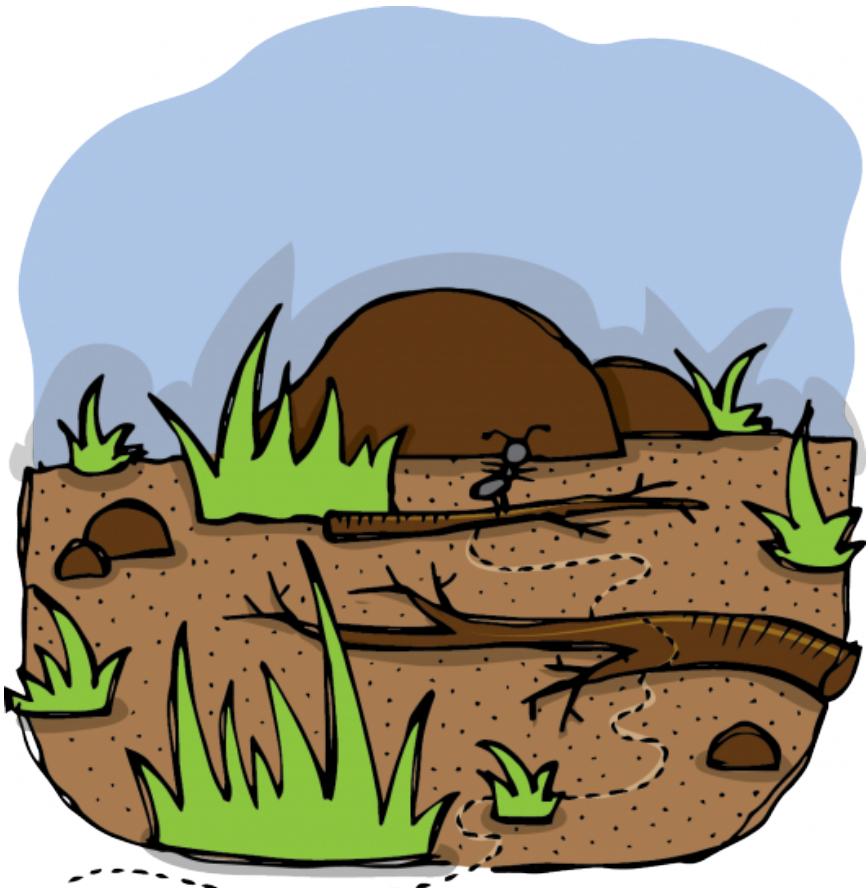
But Little Ant was so thirsty. “I will die if I don’t drink some water.”





Little Ant went to look  
for the river...

across dry grass and  
over dry branches...

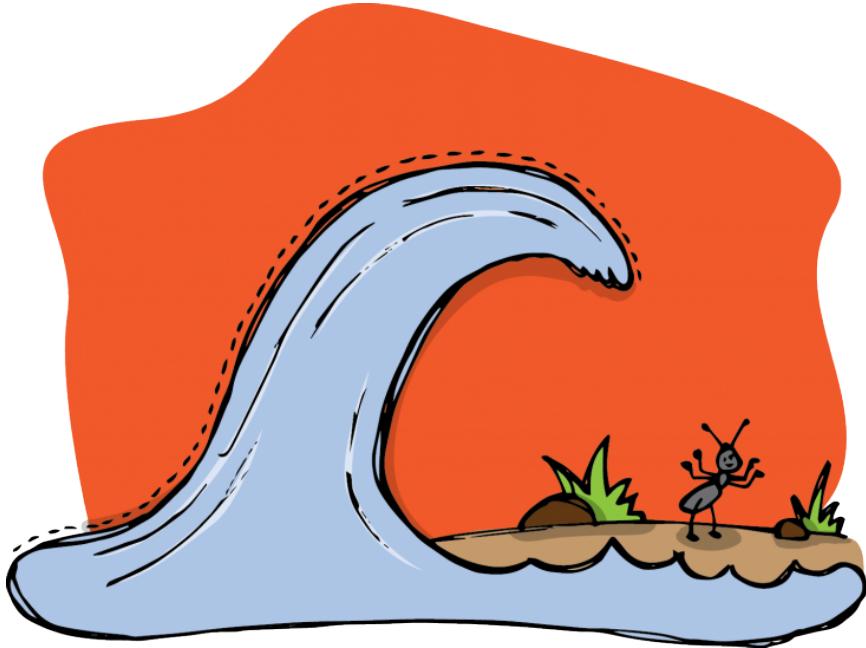




...until he heard the  
waves of the river  
splashing.

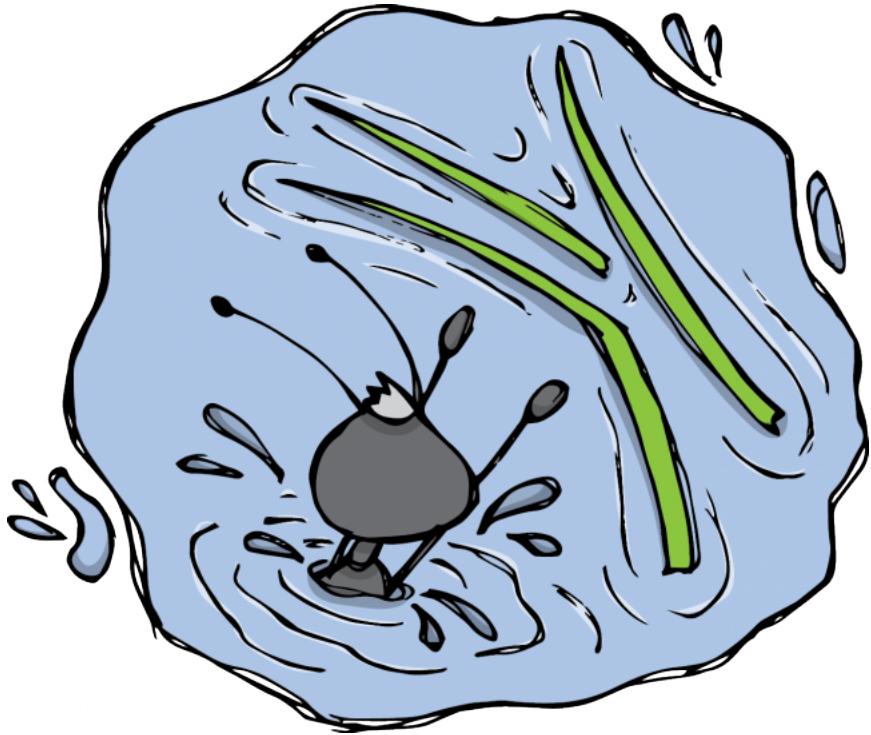
Little Ant took a long  
sip of cool water.





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

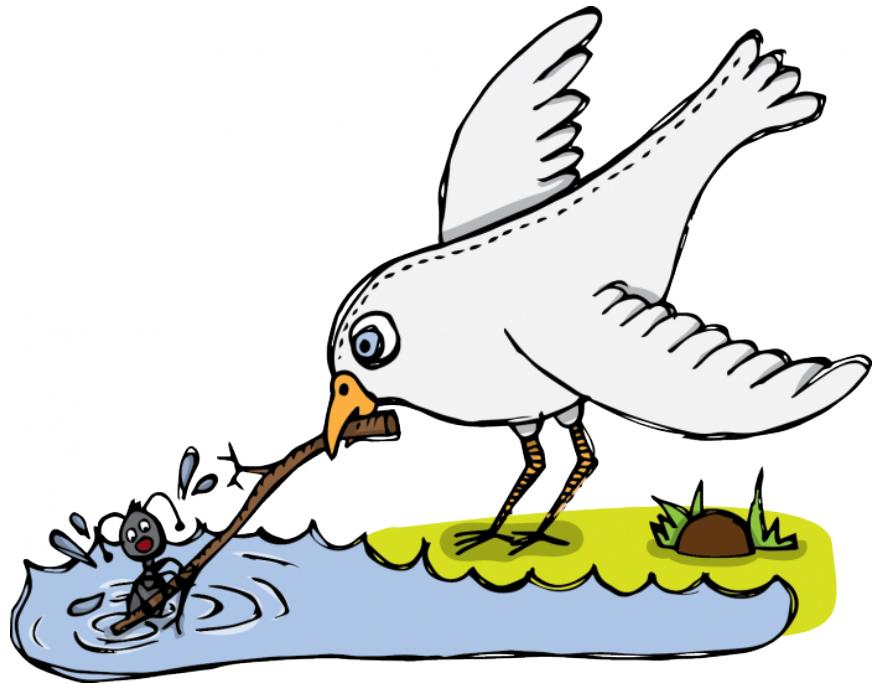
Ant tried to grab the dry grass floating past him. But he was swept away by the water.

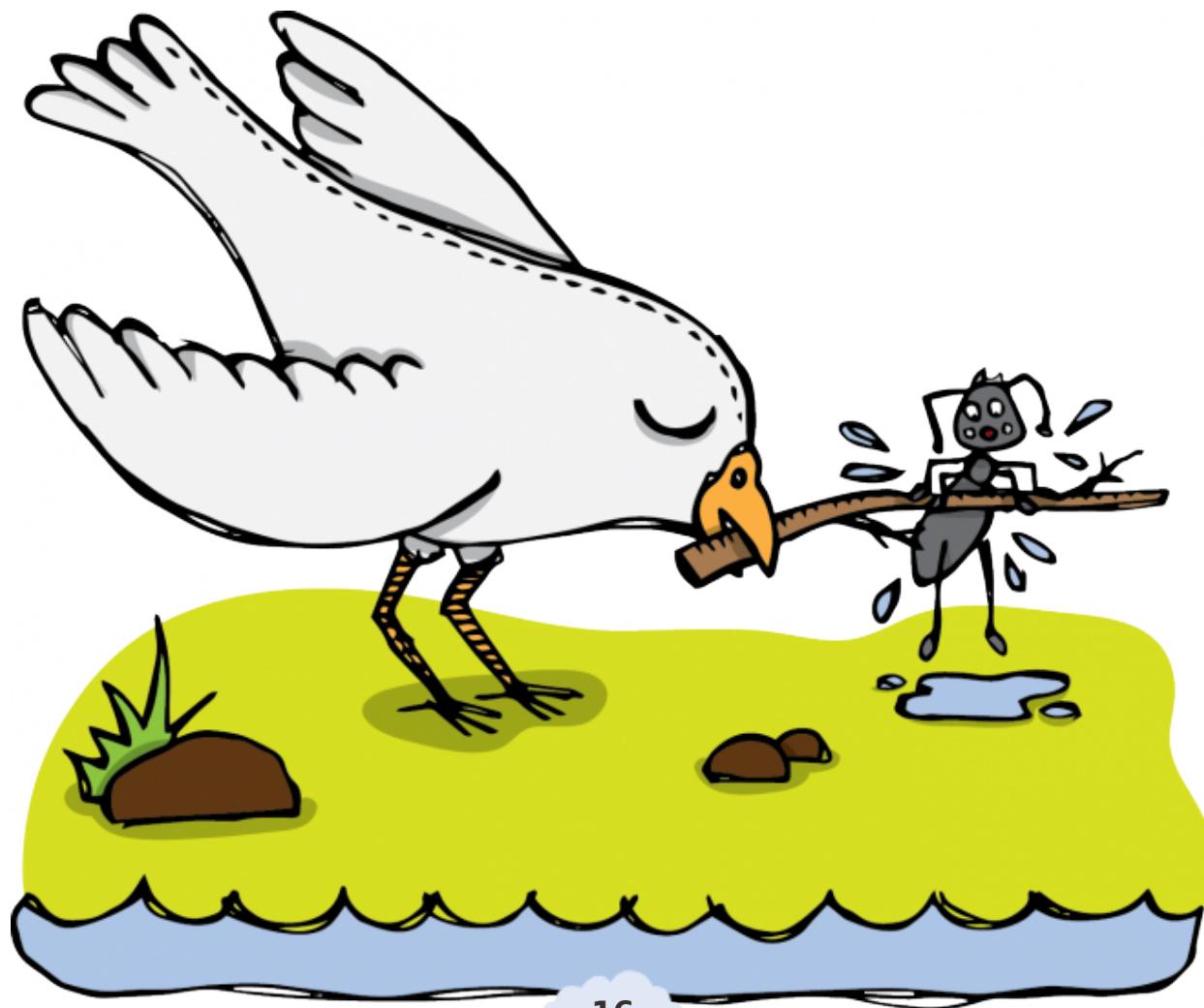




“Help someone. Help me please.”

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





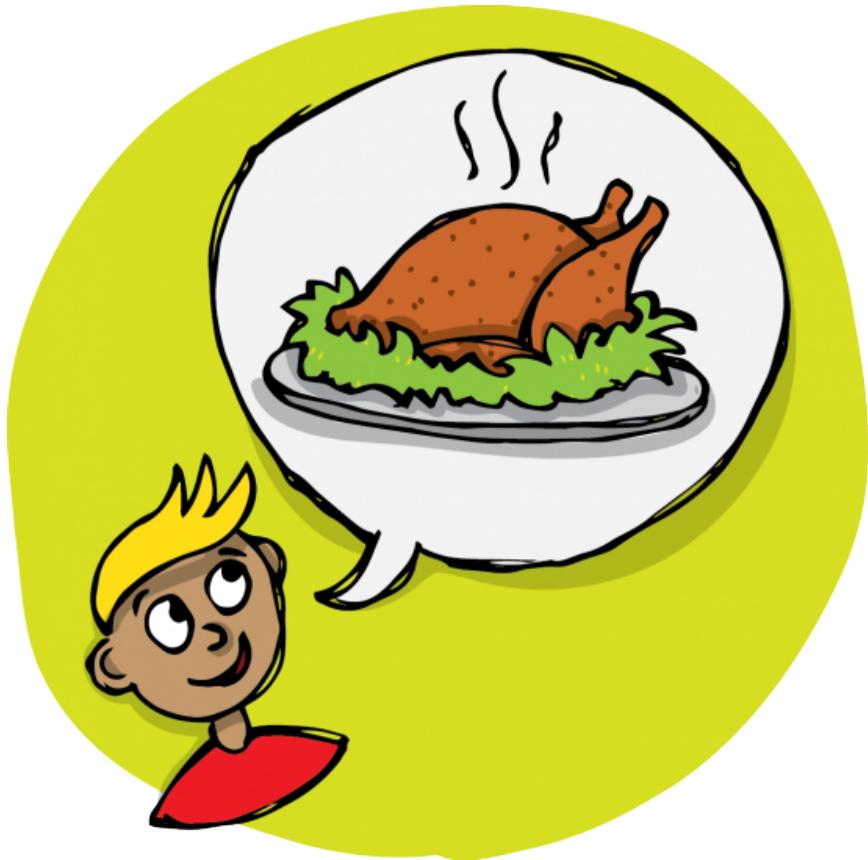


“I cannot leave until I say thank you to the dove. I will wait until he comes back to drink.”

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.

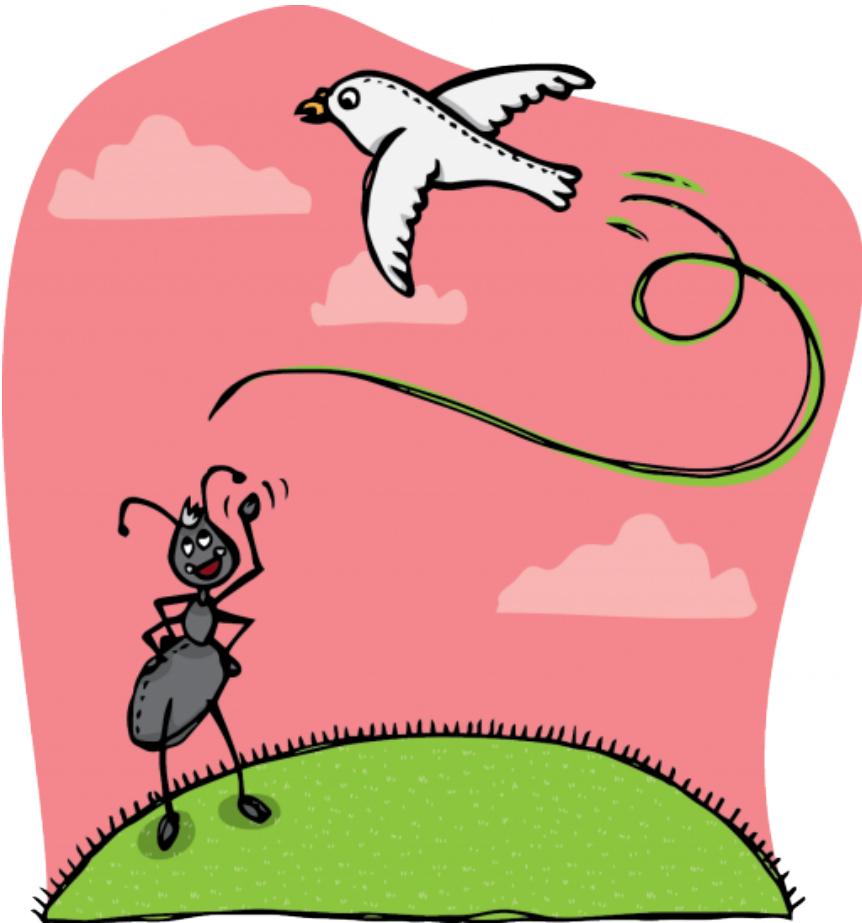




The boy jumped.  
“Ouch!” he cried.

White Dove was  
startled and flew away  
to safety.





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

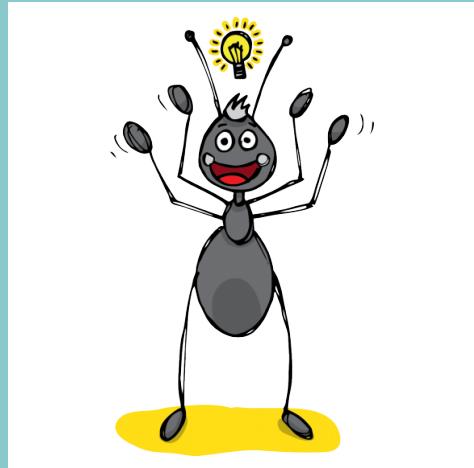


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