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Enviro-Stories Competition

Enviro-Stories is a competition based education program for Primary Schools based on the pedagogy of Kids Teaching Kids. Students where given the opportunity



to learn about their local environment, write a story about it, then get their story published. These stories provide an educational experience that creates readers, written about local issues, by local kids, for local kids.

In 2009, the Cotton Catchment Communities CRC, in conjunction with the Central West Catchment Management Authority, has provided local kids with the opportunity to join in on this exciting and innovative competition.

Cotton Catchment Communities CRC

The Cotton Catchment Communities CRC is an industry partnership leading research, education and commercialisation in the Australian cotton industry. The Cotton CRC aims to provide innovative knowledge to stimulate economic, social and environmental outcomes at farm, regional and national levels.

Central West Catchment Management Authority

The Central West Catchment is committed to work with the community to conserve, improve and manage natural and cultural resources. The catchment is located in central western New South Wales, flanked by the Barwon and Darling Catchments to the north and west, Lachlan to the south and the Sydney/Shoalhaven Basin to the east.

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The Cotton Catchment Communities CRC 2009 “Creepy Crawlies...life underground” Enviro-Stories Competition consists of the following books:

- Holly the Honey Pot Ant
- Timmy Termite Saves the Day
- Squiggles’ Big Day
- Angus Ant
- Cameron’s Birthday
- Eric the Earthworm
- Mrs Webber and the Storm
- Danny the Dung Beetle
- Jack the Spider

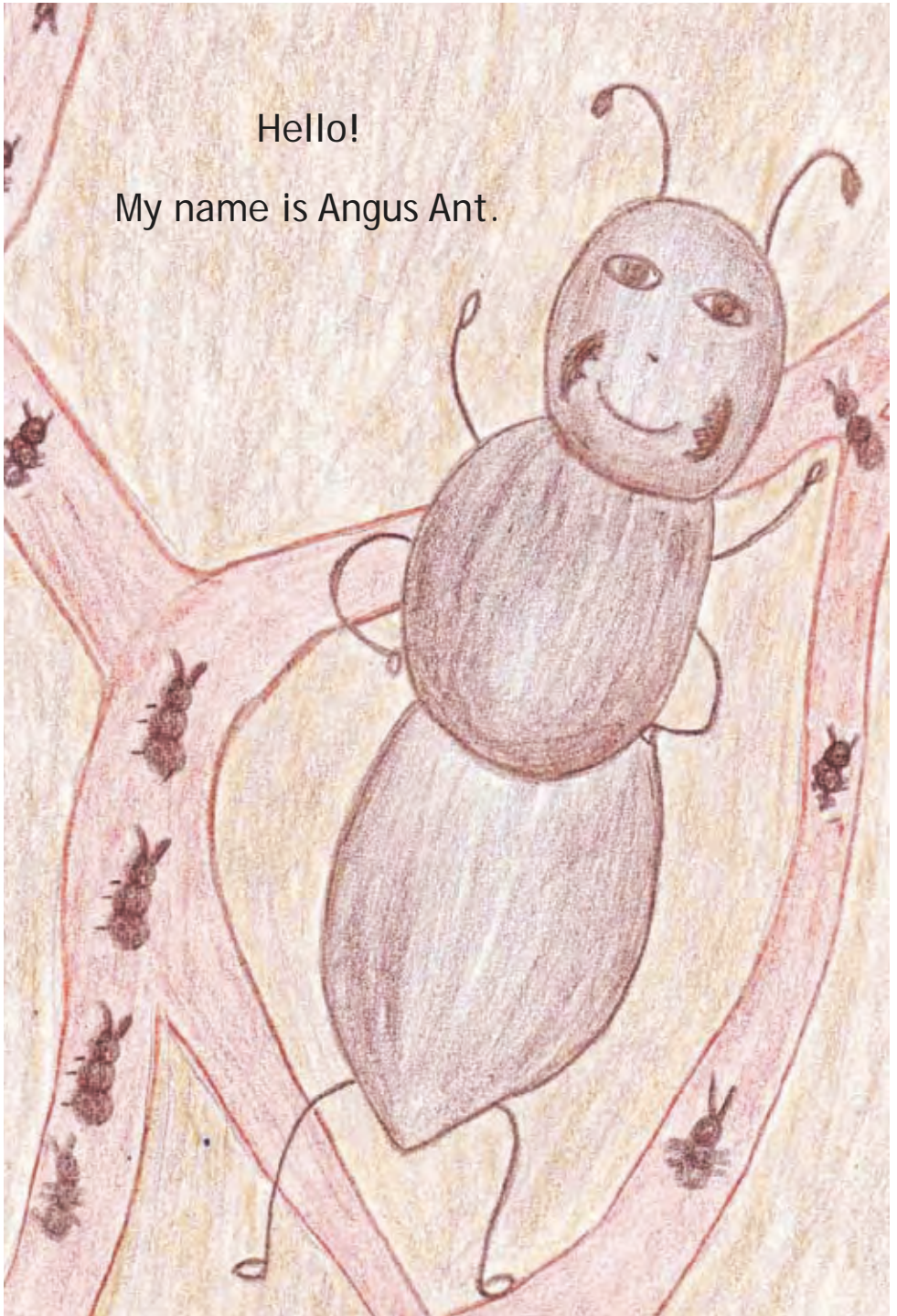
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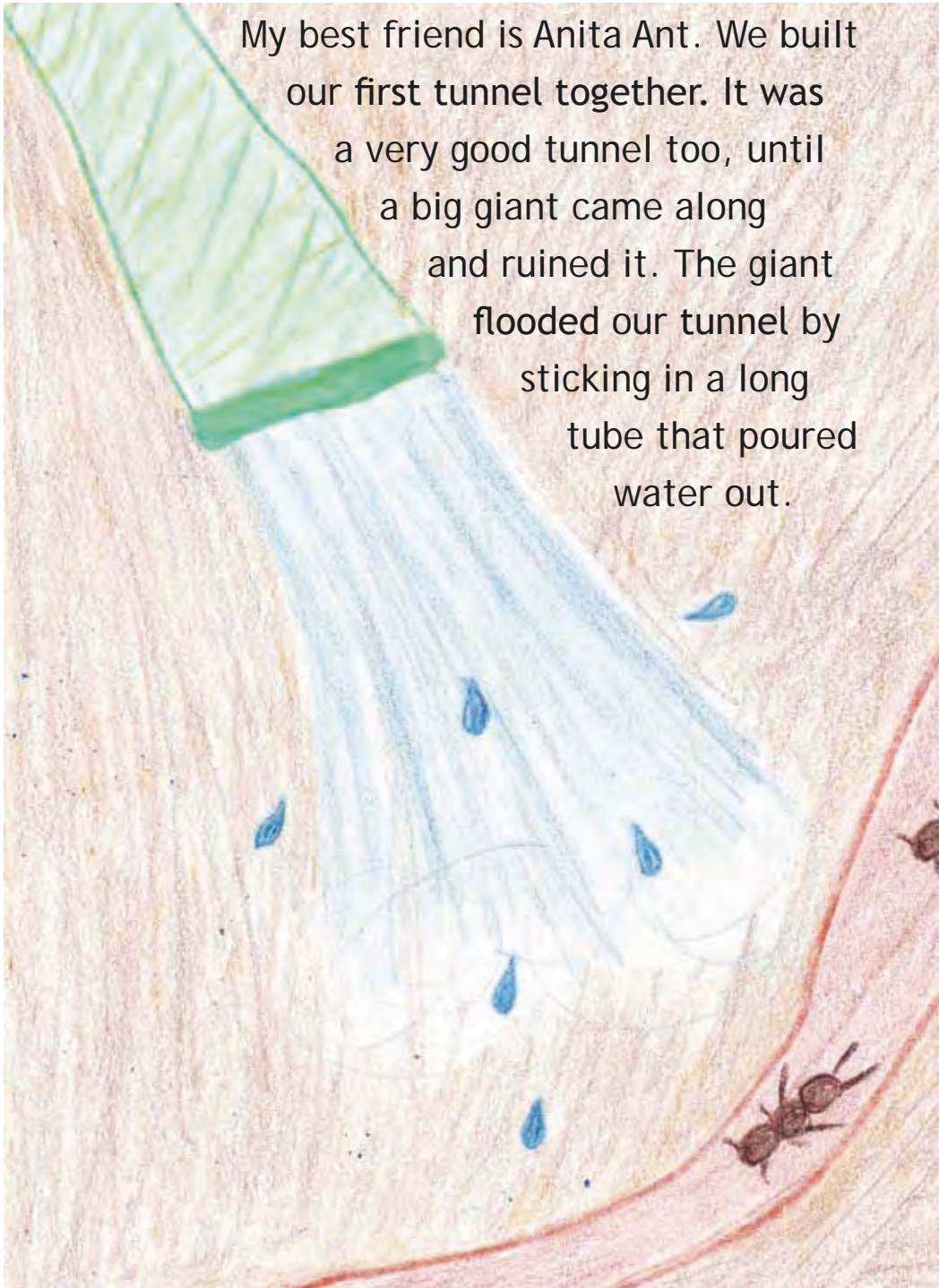
Hello!
My name is Angus Ant.

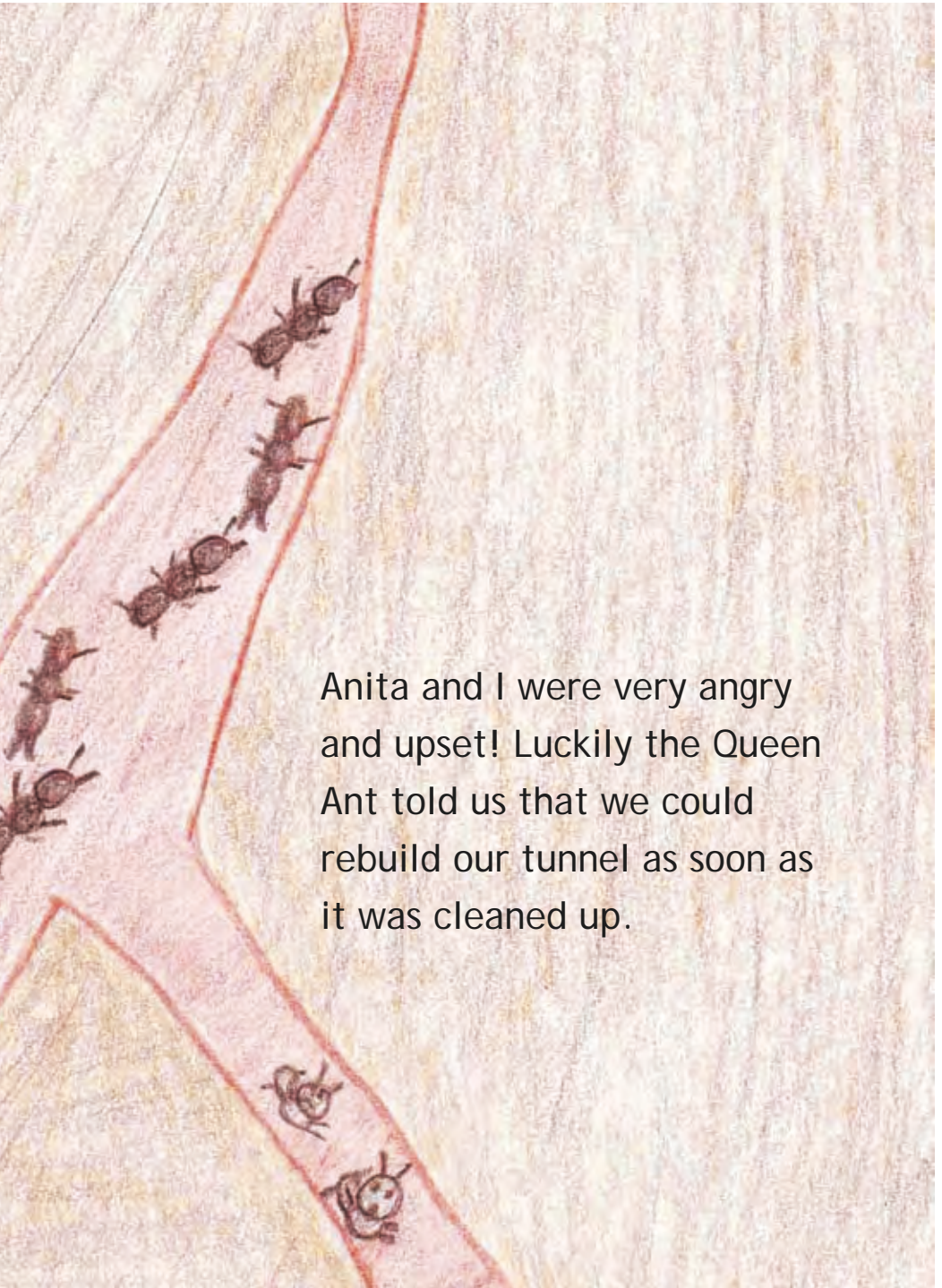




I live in an ant hill in a colony with millions of other ants who are just like me.

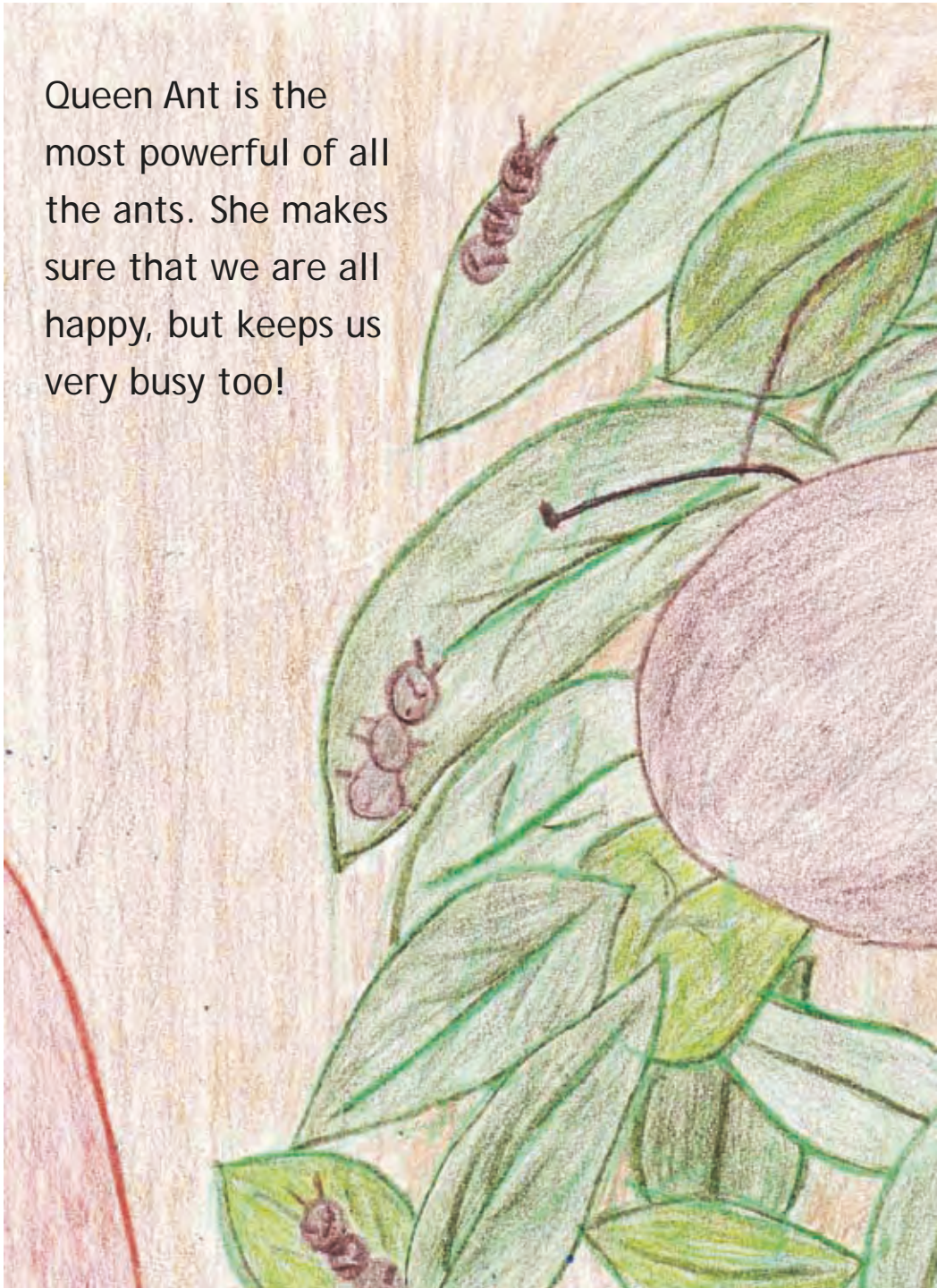
My best friend is Anita Ant. We built our first tunnel together. It was a very good tunnel too, until a big giant came along and ruined it. The giant flooded our tunnel by sticking in a long tube that poured water out.





Anita and I were very angry and upset! Luckily the Queen Ant told us that we could rebuild our tunnel as soon as it was cleaned up.

Queen Ant is the most powerful of all the ants. She makes sure that we are all happy, but keeps us very busy too!






Did you know that the queen ant of every colony gives birth to all of the baby ants? Anita and I think that she must get very tired caring for all those babies.



Every ant has a job to do!
Anita and I are worker
ants. Our job is to fix
and build tunnels.





Today though, Queen
Ant sent for Anita and
me because she had a
very important job
for us!



“Hello Anita and Angus”, said Queen Ant.

“Good morning Your Majesty”, we replied.

She told us that she thought that we were clever and responsible ants so she was going to give us a special mission!



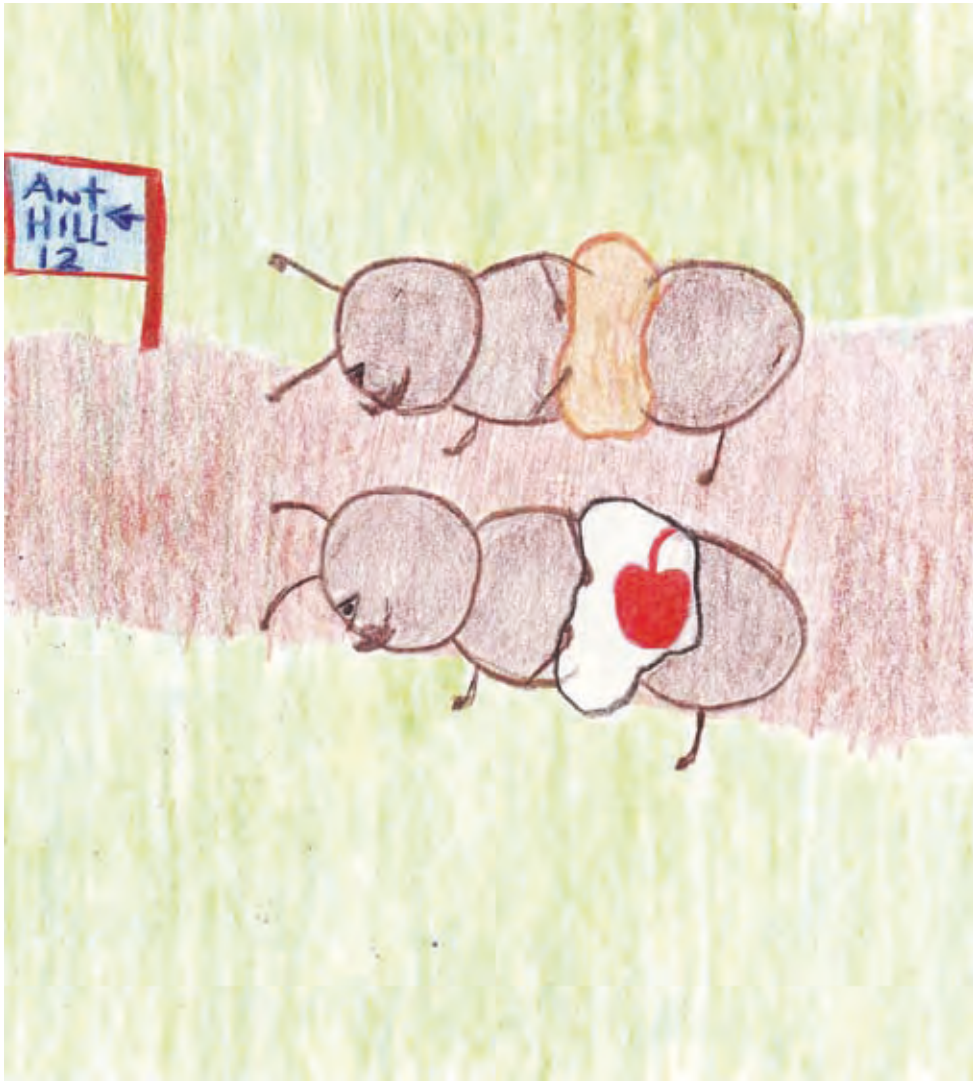
The Queen wanted us to find some yummy food for her good friend Mr Ladybeetle's birthday.

"I would do it myself, but I am just too busy," she sighed.

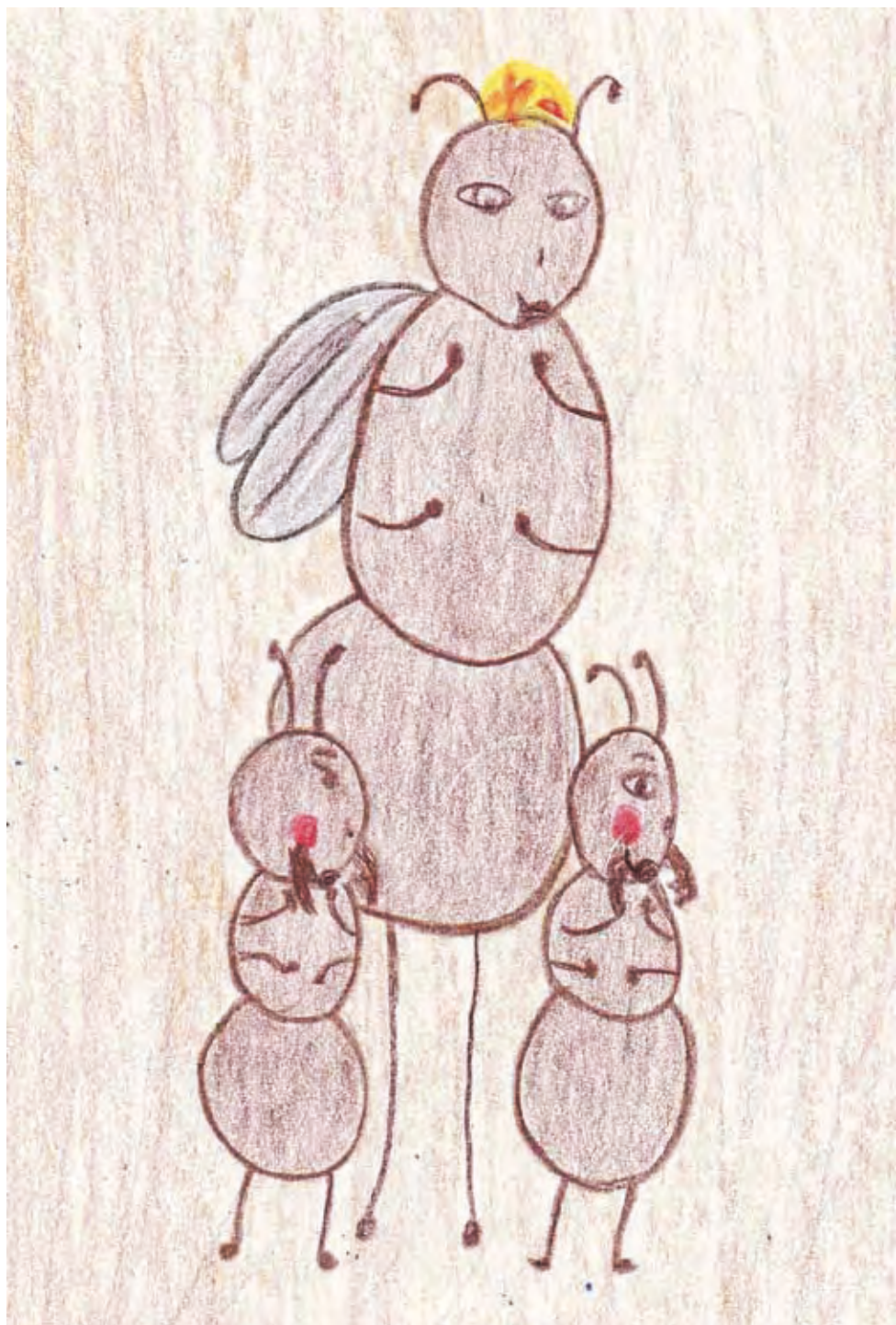
We set out expecting to have to search all day. Luckily we didn't have to travel far until we found a big blanket with food sitting all over it.

We chose the yummiest looking thing to take. This was some of the beautiful cream cake.





We grabbed as much of the cake as we could carry. This was quite a lot, considering that we ants can lift up to ten times our own body weight. Then we headed home.



When we got back to the ant hill, we showed the Queen Ant what we had found. She was so happy she let us stay for the party!

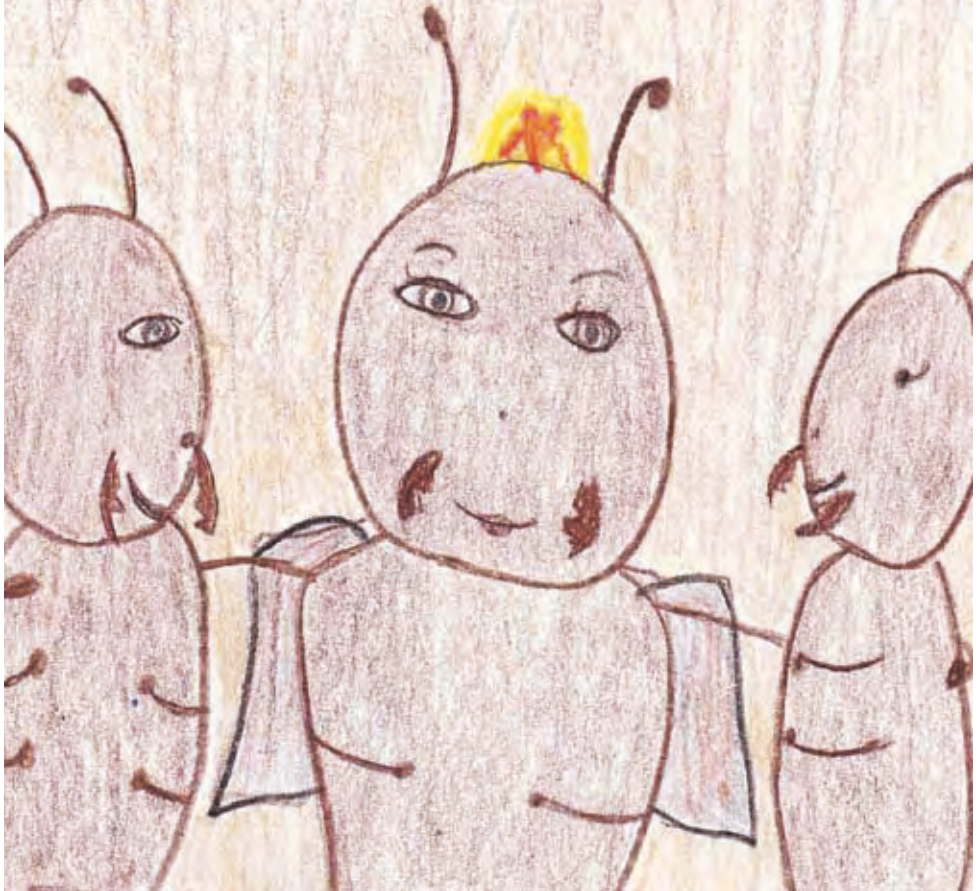
When Mr Ladybeetle arrived we gave him the cake in a beautiful box.

He opened the box. Then he giggled, chuckled and exclaimed, "Oh my! Thank you all! There is just one thing...I only eat some types of plants and aphids!"



Anita and I were quite embarrassed,
but we had a good laugh anyway.

After we had stopped giggling, Queen
Ant bent down to Anita and me and
said, "I am still very proud of you. You
are super little troopers!"





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