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Mama ant stood on her hind legs and she called out loudly to Antino and Antina.

As soon as they heard their mother calling.. . . .

Antina and Antino scurried towards her.

Mama ant said "little ones, walk carefully along the edge of the wall. The human beings in this house have eyes which are bigger than our bodies! Yet they can't see clearly what's on the floor.

They will stumble as they walk and break our backs!

They might suddenly sit down as they walk...and break our heads!!"



Antina scratched her head with her third leg and asked, "They have eyes and still they can't see! Is this true? These human beings are really weird!"

"But don't you know that is why the uncle and aunty in this house use spectacles? You hardly know anything" Antino said with a swagger.

Mama ant tried to calm them down, "Now, now stop quarrelling.

Soon Sai will come here to eat a cake. Be around her. She spills more than she eats!"

"Oh it will be a feast for me!" Antino said as he danced on four of his legs.

"No! NO!! We have to collect all that falls on the floor.

Then we will bring it home and eat together!" said Antina as she sidled up to her mother.

Mama ant caressed Antino and said, "She is right.

Antino, are we human beings to go to other's homes and eat there as they do?

Behave like good ants.

We must have food only at our home!!"

Antino laughed and said, "I was just joking mama. Of course I know this."



Just then...

Some noise was heard...pitter-patter PITTER-PATTER...

Antino and Antina moved into a corner.

Mama quickly climbed the wall.

Sai came in running, with a cake in her hand.

She sat there on the floor and started eating it.

Antino and Antina were quite alert.

They were waiting for her to spill some of it.

But today..

wonder of wonders, Sai ate the cake without spilling any of it!

Antino and Antina became quite restless!!

Antino whispered to Antina, "What's happening? If she does not spill anything, what will we have for our lunch?"

"Oh dear Antino, don't worry at all. For just such a time we have stored lots of goodies at home" Antina consoled him.



Just then.. ..

Mama scuttled along the wall and said, "Come quickly into the kitchen.

Sai's mother has kept a big cake on a plate. Now she is busy watching TV and will not budge till the serial ends.

SO TILL THEN, THE CAKE IS ALL OURS!!"

Antino and Antina screamed with joy and ran towards the kitchen.

Mama ant who was on the wall scolded them, "children, go slowly, go in a line. Is this the recess in school that you are making so much noise? What a racket!"

Antino and Antina ran across the wall and reached the kitchen.

They got the shock of their life!

There was no cake on the plate!!

They didn't know how this could have happened.

What do we do now? What do we eat? Do we go hungry?

Just then Aunty Aunt came from behind and said, "Why are you staring at the empty plate like a pair of fools?"



Move! Do something.

Try to smell around the plate. Move your whiskers.

Look for your cousins. Help them.

We all have together already broken the cake into very small pieces. Take them and run! Good deeds should never be delayed!”

Antino and Antina ran fast.

They picked up some morsels of the cake.

They started walking in a line.

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