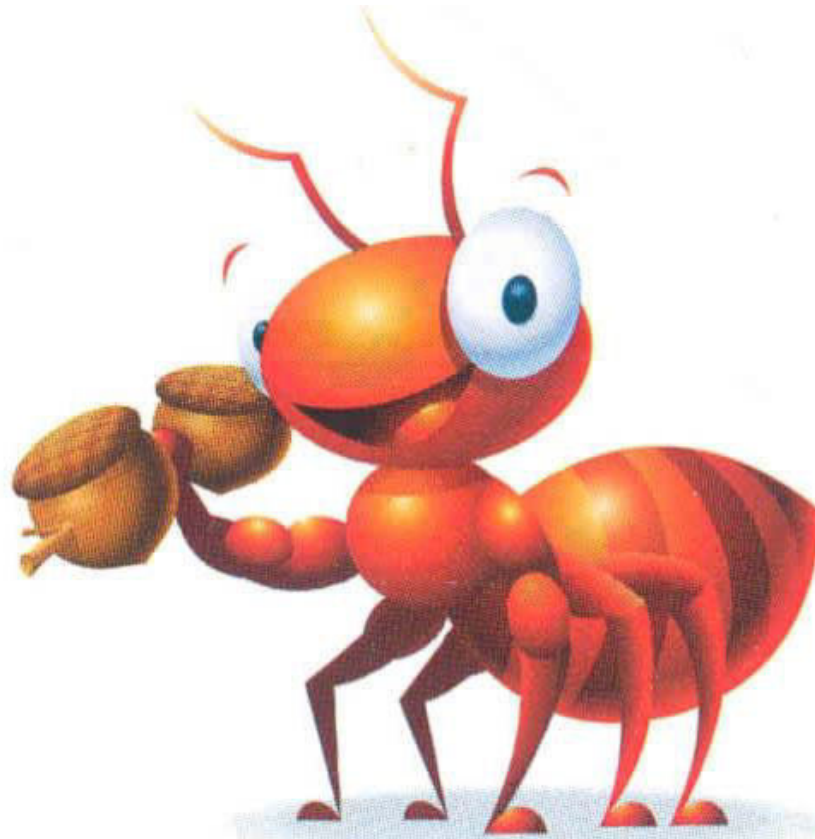


The Ant

A Fable...

Or

May be not....



Every day, a small ant arrives at work very early and starts work immediately.



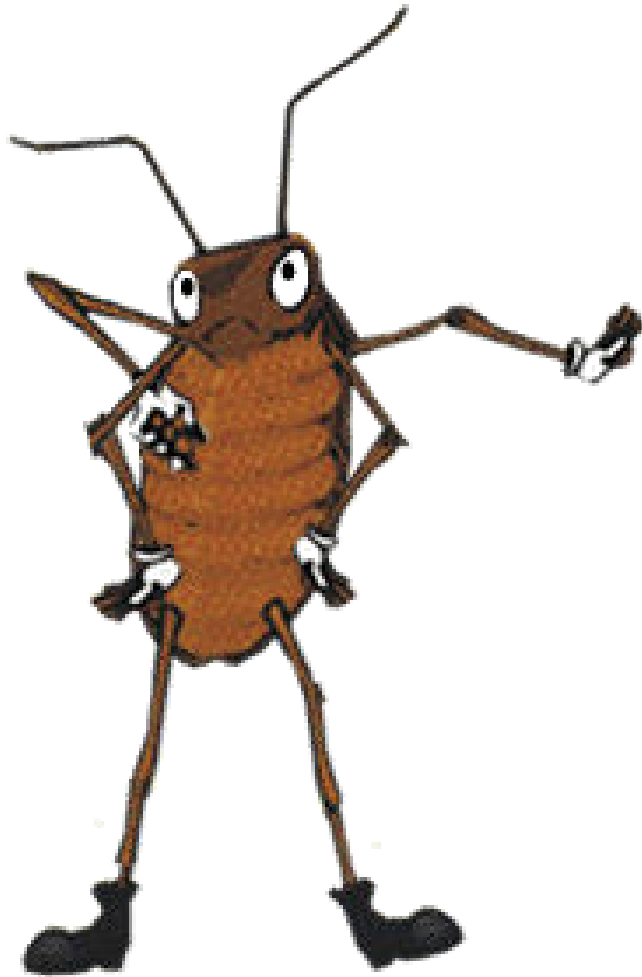
She produces a lot and she was happy.



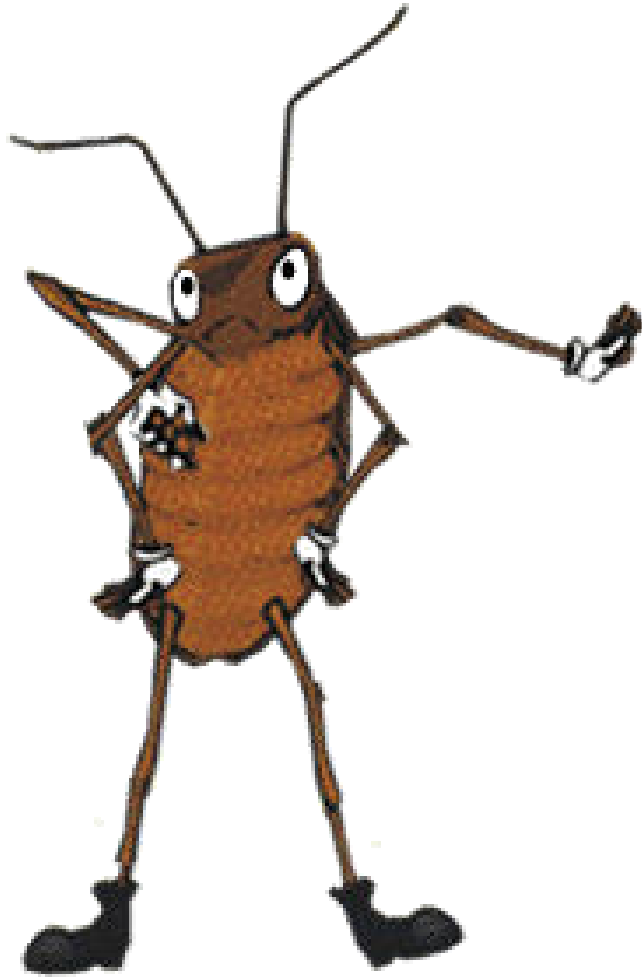
***The Chief, a lion,
was surprised to see that
the ant was working
without supervision.***



***He thought if the ant can
produce so much without
supervision, wouldn't she
produce even more if she
had a supervisor!***

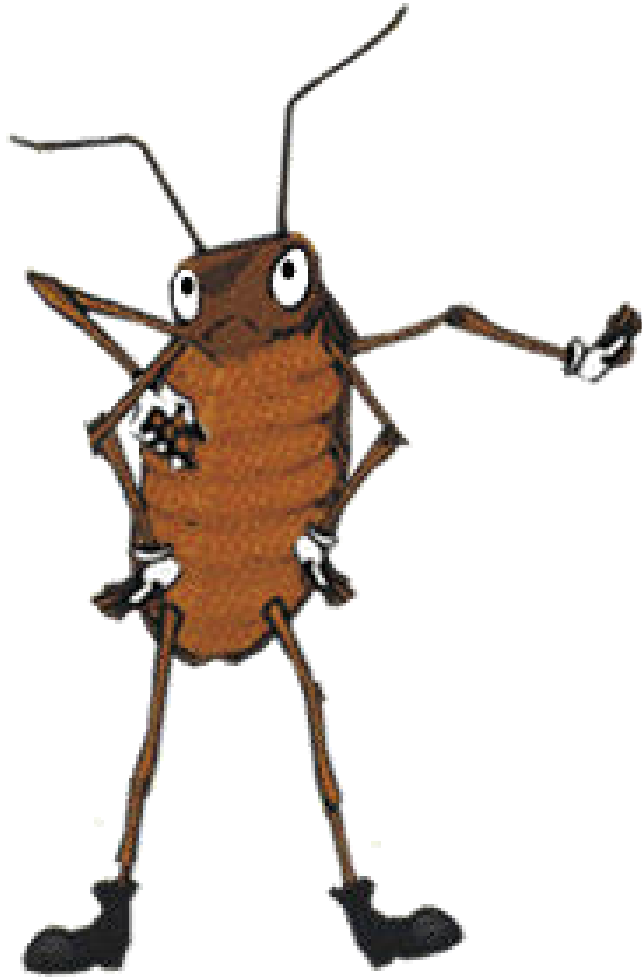


***So he recruited a
cockroach
who had extensive
experience as supervisor
and who was famous for
writing excellent reports.***



***The cockroach's first
decision was to set up a
clocking in attendance
system.***



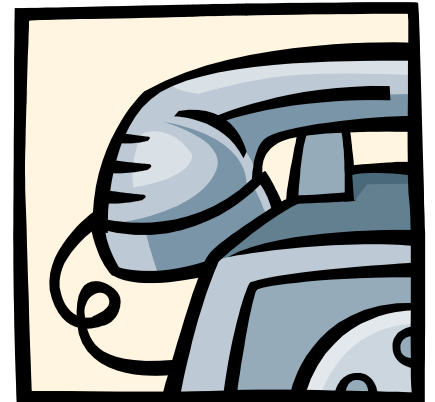


**He also needed a secretary
to help him write and type
his reports and ...**



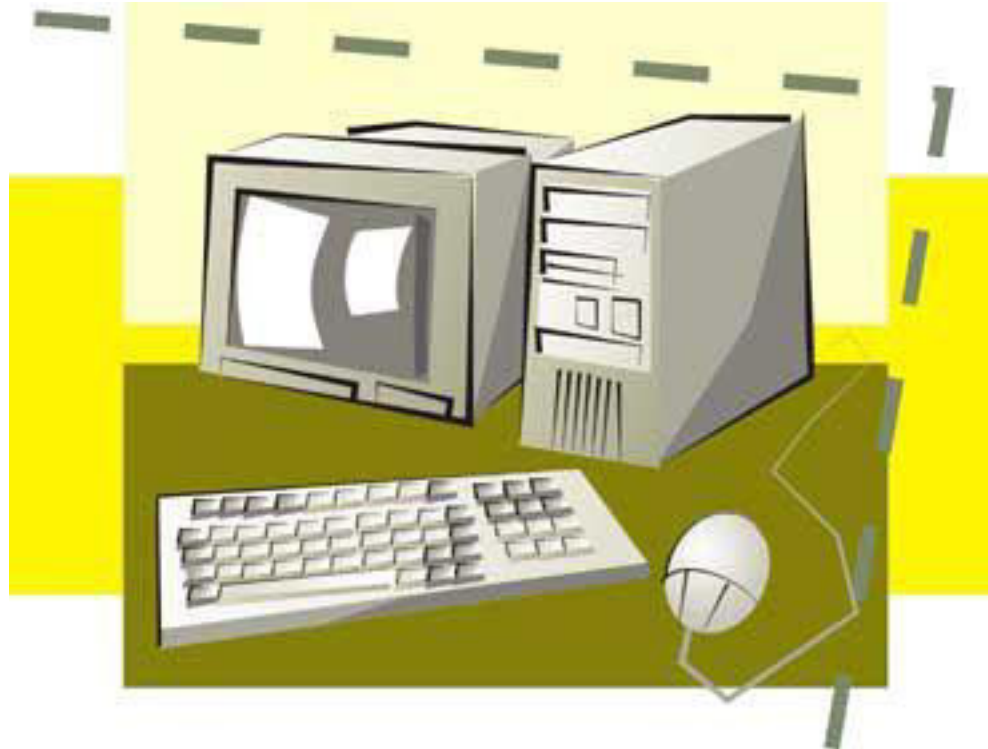


... he recruited a spider, who managed the archives and monitored all phone calls.



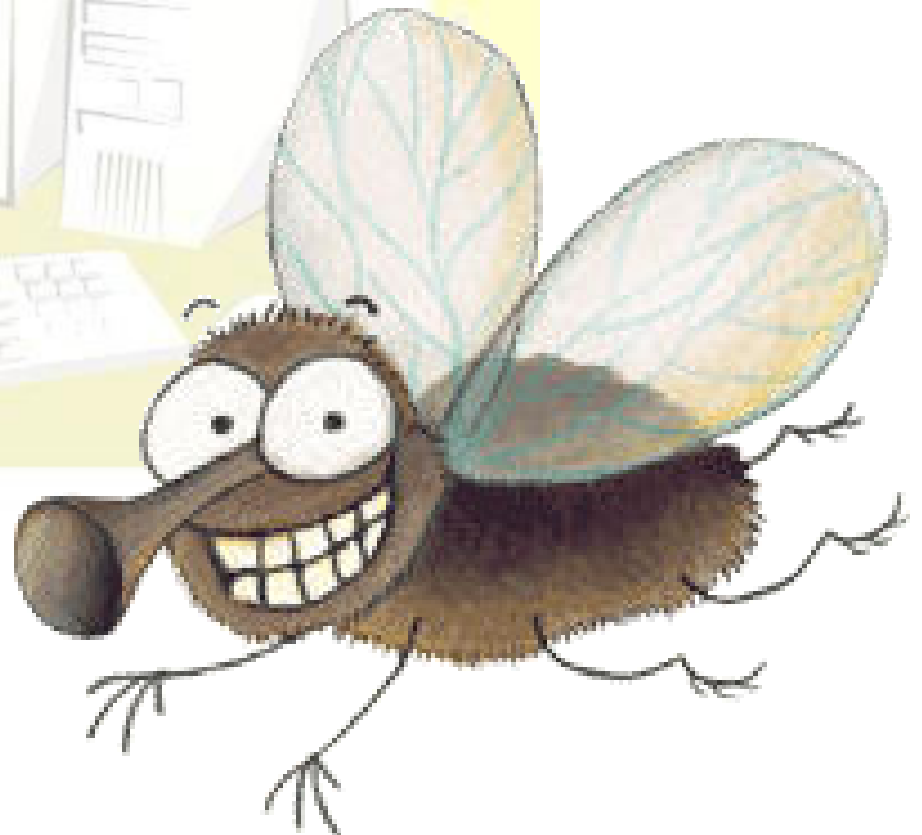


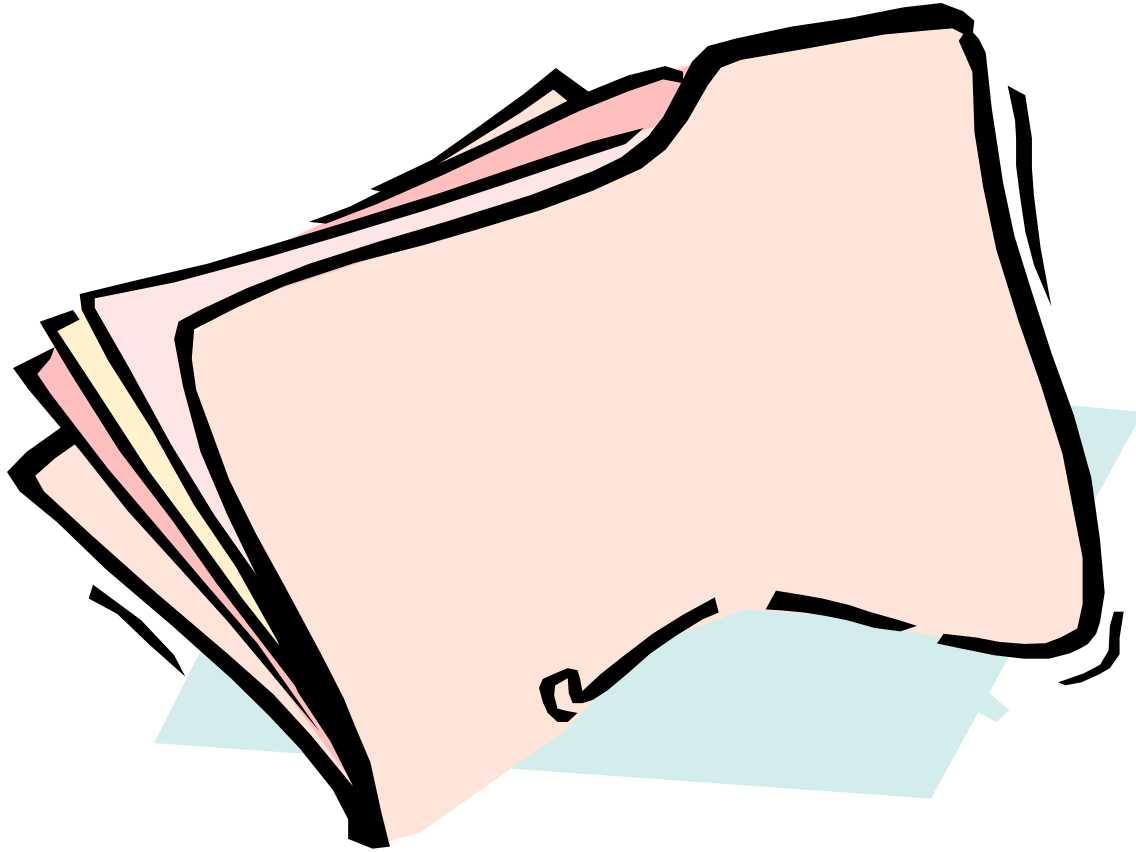
***The lion was delighted
with the cockroach's
reports
and asked him to produce
graphs to describe
production rates and to
analyse trends, so that he
could use them for
presentations at
Board's meetings.***



***So the cockroach had to buy a new computer and a
laser printer and ...***

***... recruited a fly
to manage the IT
department.***





***The ant, who had once been so productive and relaxed,
hated this new plethora of paperwork and meetings
which used up most of her time...!***



The lion came to the conclusion that it was high time to nominate a person in charge of the department where the ant worked.

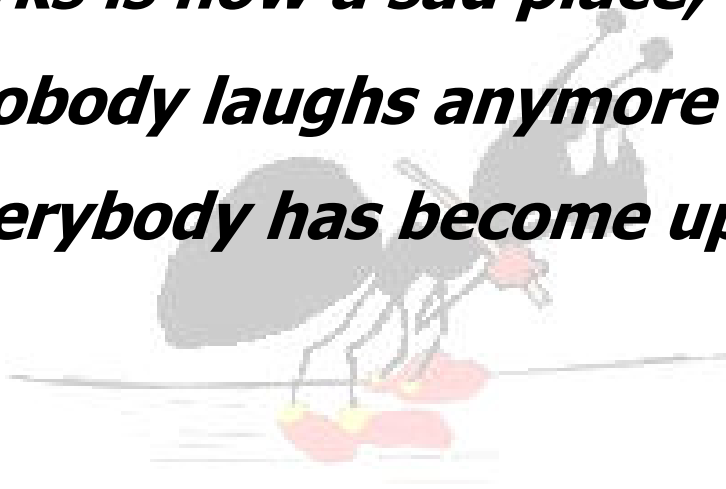
The position was given to the cicada, whose first decision was to buy a carpet and an ergonomic chair for his office.



The new person in charge, the cicada, also needed a computer and a personal assistant, who he brought from his previous department, to help him prepare a Work and Budget Control Strategic Optimisation Plan ...



***The Department where the ant
works is now a sad place, where
nobody laughs anymore and
everybody has become upset...***





***It was at that time that
the cicada convinced the
boss , the lion, of the
absolute necessity to
start a climatic study of
the environment .***



Having reviewed the charges for running the ant's department, the lion found out that the production was much less than before.



So he recruited the owl , a prestigious and renowned consultant to carry out an audit and suggest solutions.



***The owl spent three months in the department and came up with an enormous report, in several volumes, that concluded :
" The department is overstaffed ..."***



Guess who the lion fires first?

***The ant , of course, because she
"showed lack of motivation and had a negative
attitude".***



NB:

The characters in this fable are fictitious; any resemblance to real people or facts within the Corporation is pure coincidence...



The end