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About Katha

Katha, a nonprofit organization founded in 1988, works in the literacy to literature continuum. We work with slum communities and municipal corporation schools to ensure that every child learns to read for fun and at grade level. We also work with women and teachers so that all children achieve their potential.

Our books, workshops and learning centres strive to forge cross-cultural connections through story and Story Pedagogy®. As one of India's finest publishers, our initiative has been recognized as "a unique and special moment in Indian publishing history" by *The Economic Times*.

Katha's books have received global recognition, including the nomination by an international jury for the prestigious Astrid Lindgren Award, the world's biggest prize for children's literature.

We love to work with new and established writers, translators and illustrators.

Do you like writing, illustrating, translating for children? Write to us at editors@katha.org to become a cherished member of the Katha family!

"[Katha] ... an educational jewel in India's crown."

— Naoyuki Shinohara, Deputy Managing Director, International Monetary Fund

"Katha stands as an exemplar for all the creative projects around the world that grapple with ordinary and dramatic misery in cities."

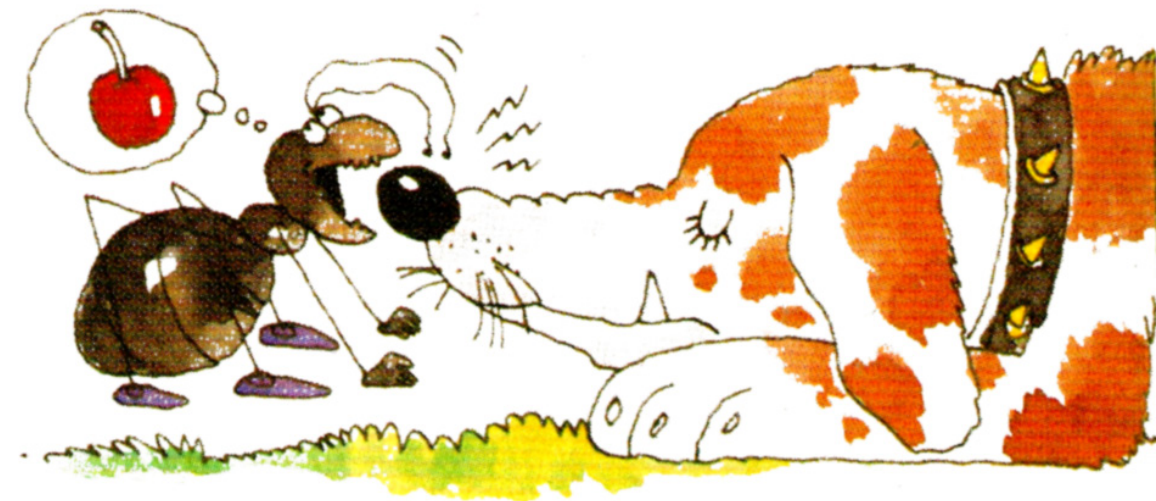
— Charles Landry, *The Art of City Making*

"Katha has a real soft corner for kids. Which is why it ... create[s] such gorgeous picture books for children."

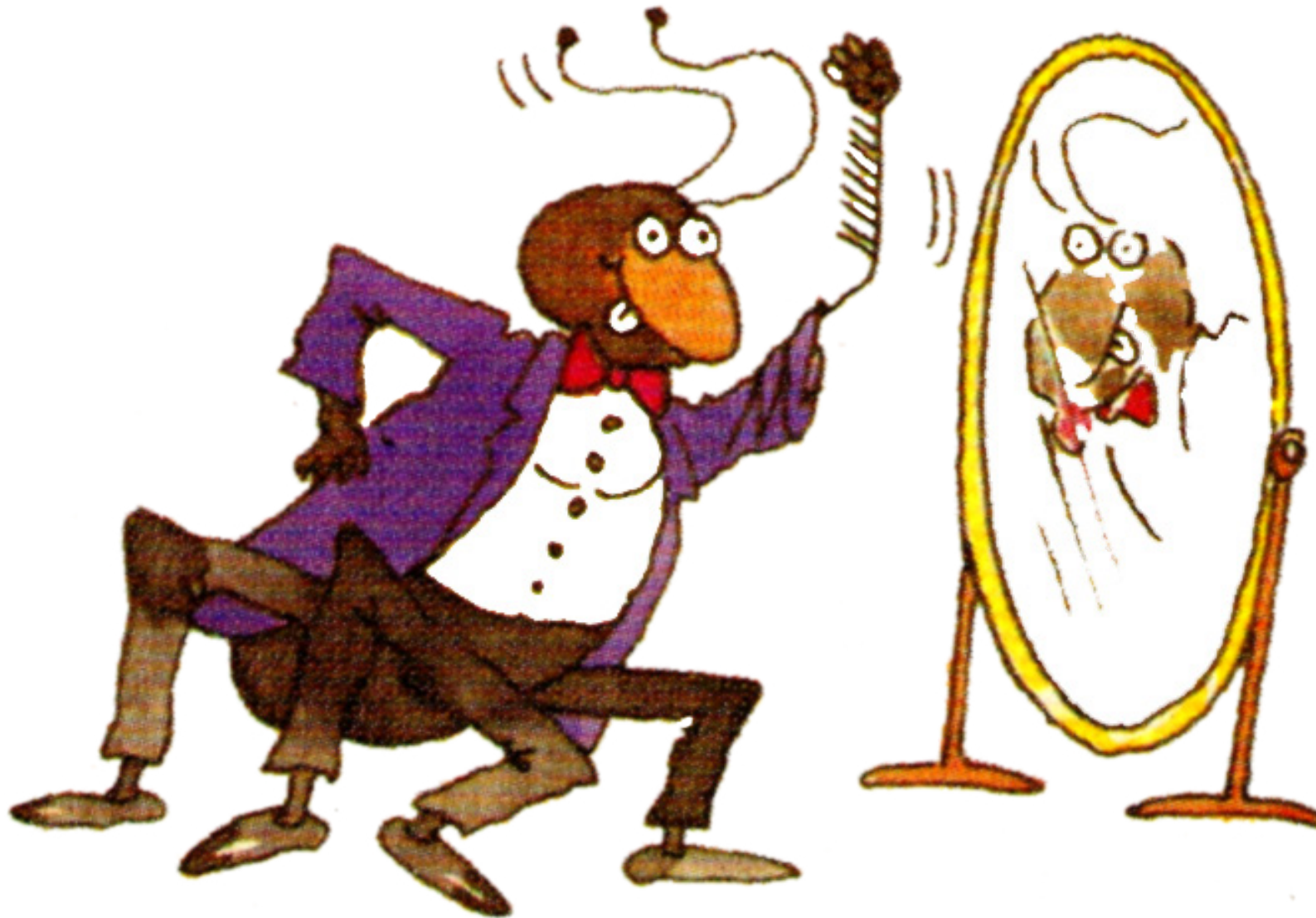
— Time Out

"Katha's work is driven by the idea that children can bring change to their communities that is sustainable and real, just as the children do in [their books]."

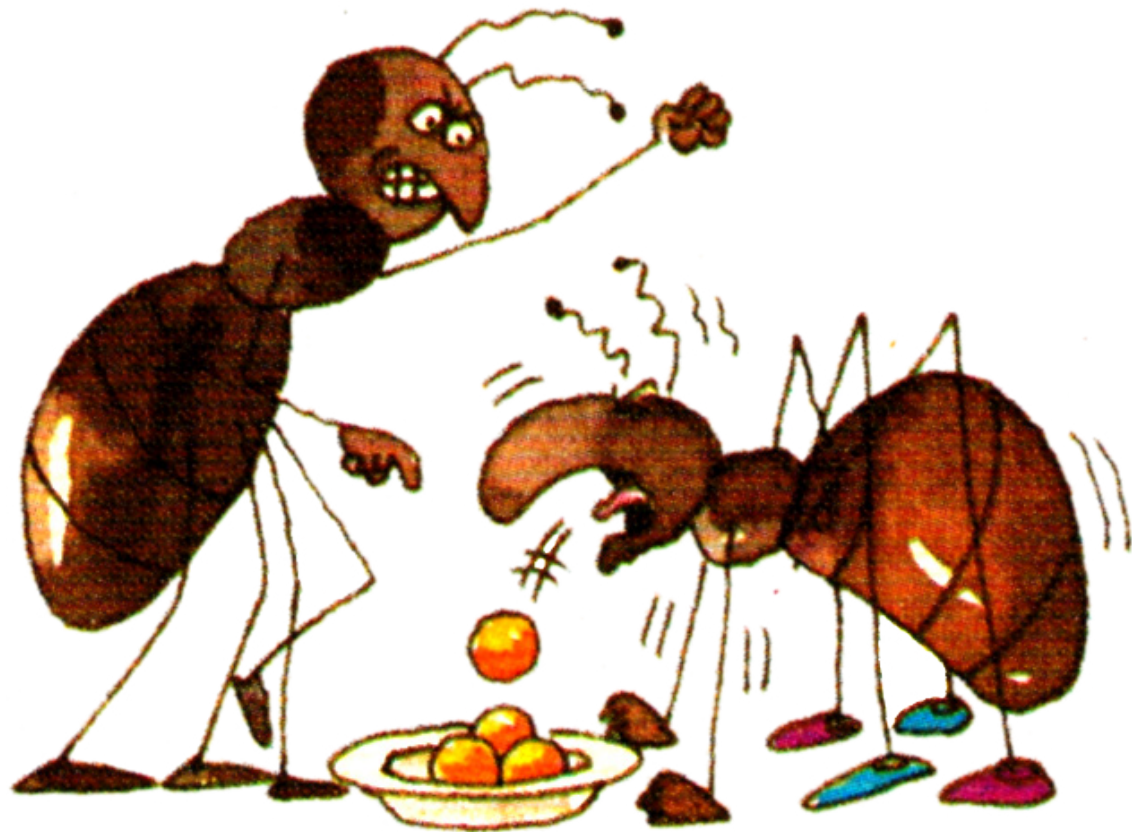
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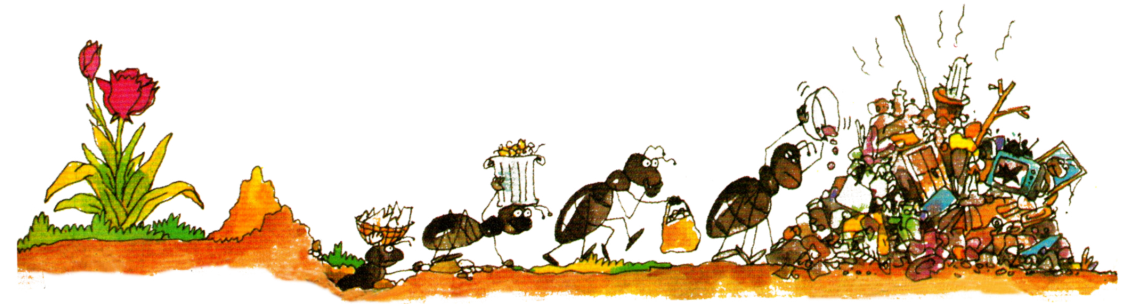
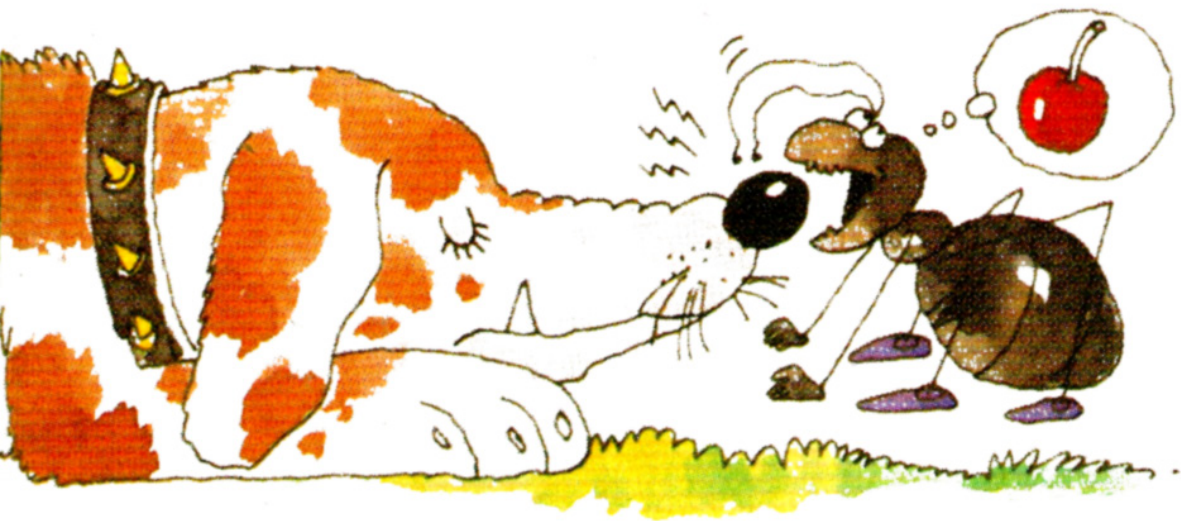


An ant always carries a comb! It's attached to its front right leg. The ant uses it to clean its antennae, starting from the base. Later, the ant cleans its comb with the help of its mouth.



Ants have two stomachs. One is the 'crop' that carries food for the community. The other holds and digests the ant's own food. A valve helps food to go from the crop to the stomach.

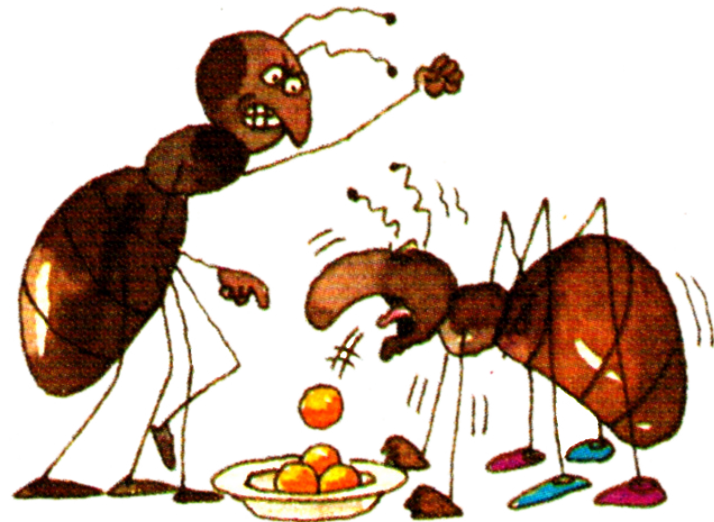
Ants have bad eyesight. It is their antennae or feelers that help them to find food as well as friends and enemies.



Ants are clean! All unused bits of food and other wastes are regularly taken out of the nest by workers and dumped a little distance away.

Geeta Dharmarajan loves writing stories for children. She was one of the editors of *Target*, a magazine for children, and *The Pennsylvania Gazette*, the magazine of the University of Pennsylvania. She was awarded the prestigious Padma Shri in 2012 for her distinguished service in the fields of literature and education.

With over a hundred children's books under his belt, *Atanu Roy* has devoted much of his creative prowess to children's literature. It's no surprise then that Roy, who once worked as a political cartoonist for *India Today*, has won awards like the Children's Choice Award for Book Illustrations and the IBBY Certificate of Honour for Illustrations.



Did you know the hardworking ant loves cleanliness? Or that it carries a comb? Find out these and other interesting facts about ants that will bring a smile to your face!

