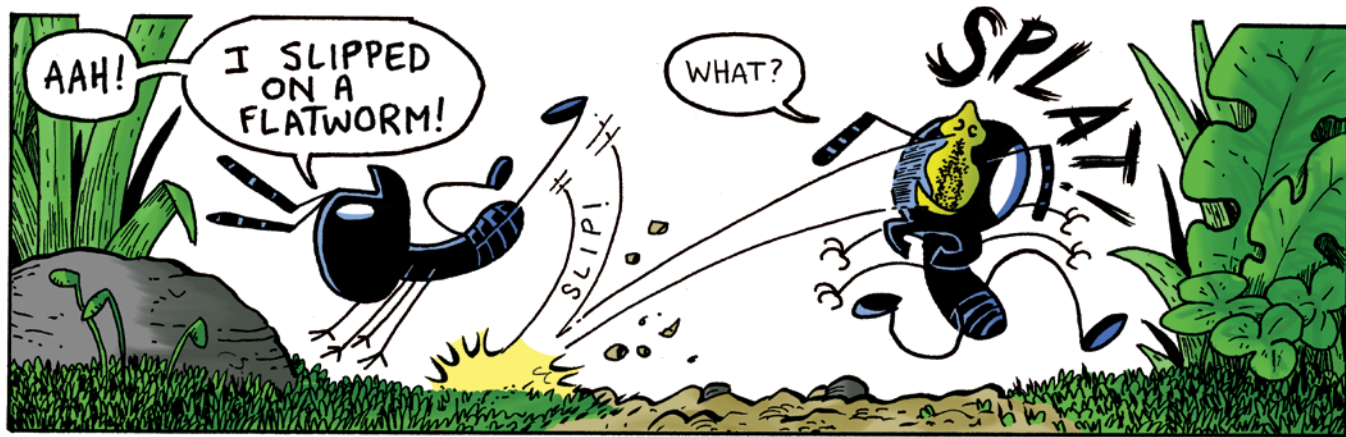


A Small Problem



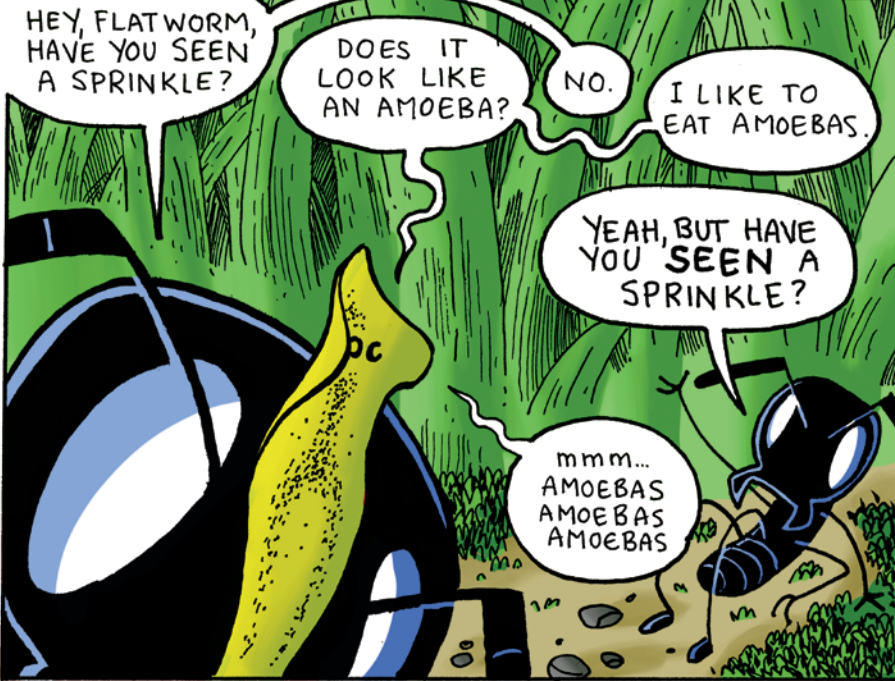
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AAH!

I SLIPPED ON A FLATWORM!

WHAT?



HEY, FLATWORM, HAVE YOU SEEN A SPRINKLE?

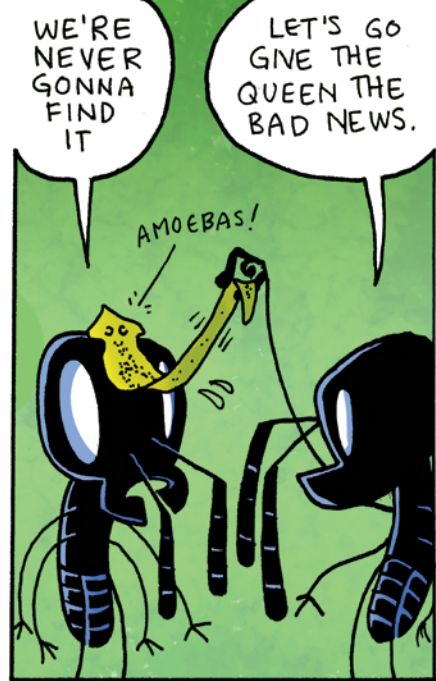
DOES IT LOOK LIKE AN AMOEBA?

NO.

I LIKE TO EAT AMOEBAS.

YEAH, BUT HAVE YOU SEEN A SPRINKLE?

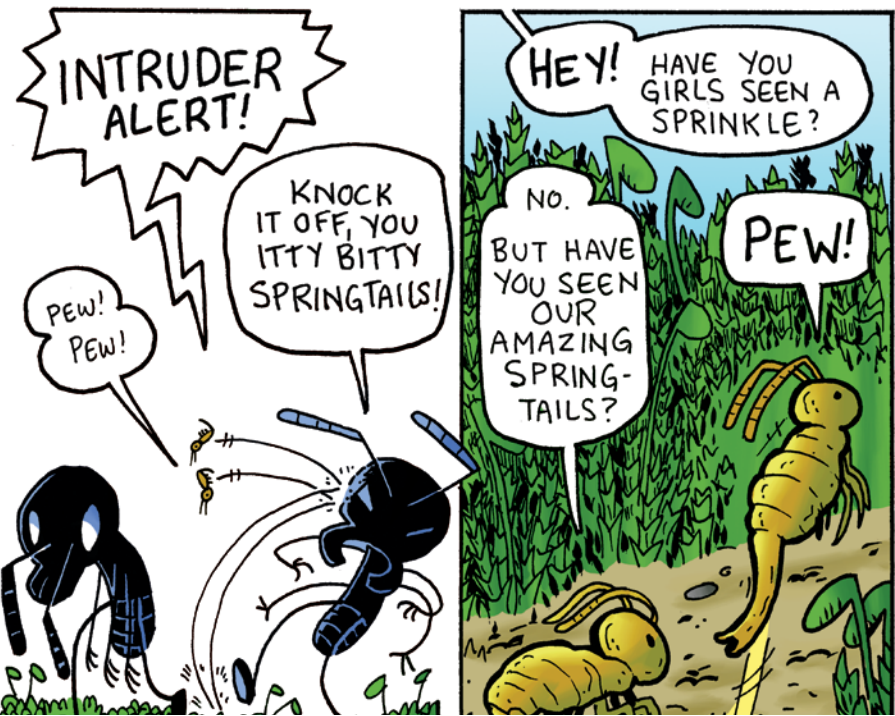
mmm... AMOEBAS AMOEBAS AMOEBAS



WE'RE NEVER GONNA FIND IT

LET'S GO GIVE THE QUEEN THE BAD NEWS.

AMOEBAS!



INTRUDER ALERT!

KNOCK IT OFF, YOU ITTY BITTY SPRINGTAILS!

PEW! PEW!

HEY! HAVE YOU GIRLS SEEN A SPRINKLE?

NO. BUT HAVE YOU SEEN OUR AMAZING SPRINGTAILS?

PEW!



PEW!

PEW!

Sigh.



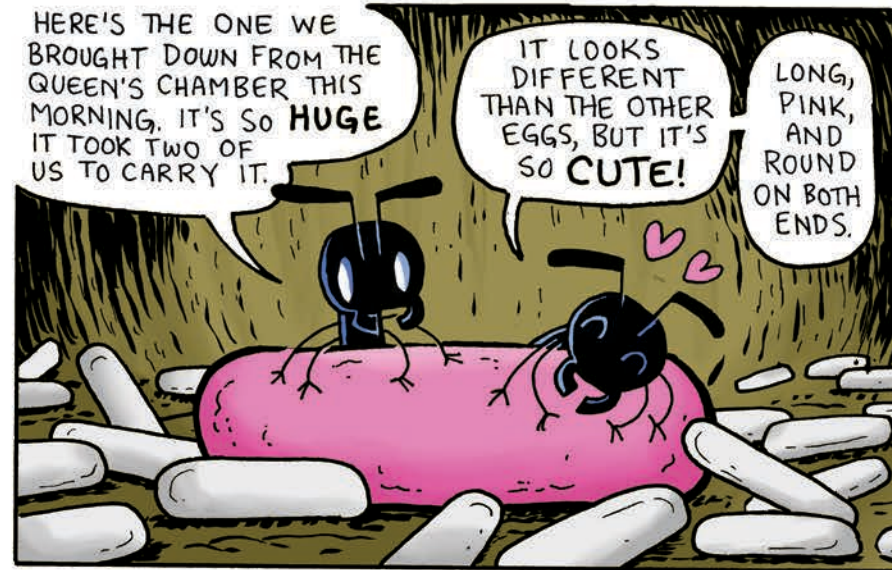
LET'S GO TO THE NURSERY BEFORE WE TELL THE QUEEN.

GOOD IDEA. BABIES CHEER ME UP.



LOOK AT ALL OF THOSE ADORABLE EGGS.

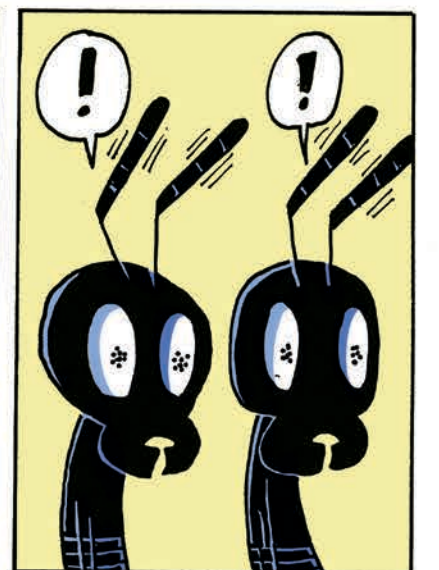
HELLO, FUTURE BABIES!



HERE'S THE ONE WE BROUGHT DOWN FROM THE QUEEN'S CHAMBER THIS MORNING. IT'S SO HUGE IT TOOK TWO OF US TO CARRY IT.

IT LOOKS DIFFERENT THAN THE OTHER EGGS, BUT IT'S SO CUTE!

LONG, PINK, AND ROUND ON BOTH ENDS.



HEY! ARE YOU THE TWO GOOFBALLS THAT BROUGHT THAT SPRINKLE DOWN HERE?

WHAT? NO. PFFT! THAT'S SILLY!

BUT WE'LL REMOVE IT FOR YOU, SISTER! RIGHT AWAY!



HEY, WHAT DOES AN ANT SAY WHEN SHE FINDS THE QUEEN'S SUGARY SPRINKLE?

SWEET!