**Hey, snail, have you seen a cake sprinkle?**

No, but I just left some slime balls in my trail.

Long, pink, and round on both ends. Our queen lost it.

**A Small Problem**

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Do they taste good?

Oh, yes.

They’re full of yummy liver fluke parasites.

Pass.

Hey, bacteria, we know you don’t have mouths or eyes, but could you tell us if you’ve seen a sprinkle?

Nothin’?

Okay, thanks stag beetle grub. We’ll just go and...

Whew, that was close.

**Gangway!**

Is it just me or is the ground shaking?

**Vibrations in soil mole coming.**

What’s up worm?

**HA! Missed me!**

**Graaaa!**

Run!

Ask the snake at the end of the tunnel.

Ask this thing if it’s seen a sprinkle.

Too late, her head was already passed.

Centipedes only have two legs per segment. Millipedes have four.

How can you tell?

That’s a millipede.

Ask her.

Maybe it fell down this hole.

We could try asking the soil bacteria if they saw it.
AHA! I SLIPPED ON A FLATWORM!

WHAT?

SPLAT!

Hey Flatworm, have you seen a sprinkle?

Does it look like an ameba?

No, I like to eat amebas.

Yeah, but have you seen a sprinkle?

mmm... amebas amebas amebas amebas

We're never gonna find it.

Let's go give the queen the bad news.

INTRUDER ALERT!

Knock it off, you itty-bitty springstails!

PEW! PEW!

Hey! Have you seen a sprinkle?

No. But have you seen our amazing springstails?

PEW!

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 goodfellers 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!