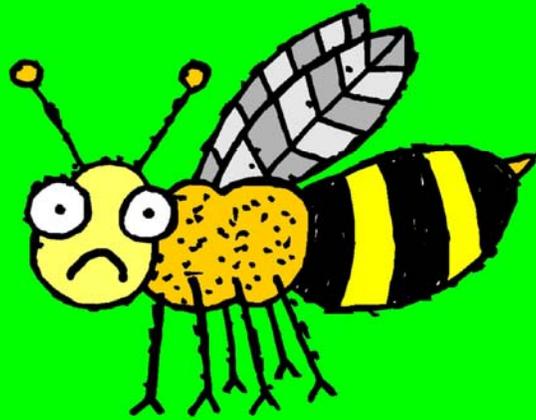


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*To my family and friends
who have always been supportive
of my creative endeavors,
especially my talented and gifted father.*

*I would also like to recognize Linda Aronoff
for introducing me to the dramatic arts
and for bringing the story to the stage.*

*I'd also like to thank the children
who worked so hard
and gave us such wonderful
performances of our play.*

ORIGINAL CAST

THE TROUBLEZOME **Bubblegum** was performed on June 6, 2003, at The Art Station Big Shanty in Kennesaw, GA. The crew members included Linda Aronoff, director; Darby Wills Chism, artistic director; Karen Davenport, stage manager; Erin Taylor, assistant stage manager; Jason Dauphinais, production technician; and Leah Aronoff, director's assistant.

NARRATOR: Becky Chism

ANTS: Larry Leger, Mackie Rader, Payton Chin

GUM: Bridgette Turner

BEES: Elisa Tunac, Michael Marra

BUG: Alexia Howell

FLIES: Drew Howard, James Vesper

SLUG: Karina Simmons

TOAD: Alexandria Cross

CLOUD: Sarah Millender

SILVER LINING: Ansley Watkins

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YOUNG CHILDREN'S. A bug, a slug, a fly, an ant, and a bee find a piece of discarded gum on the side of a road. One by one, the insects get stuck in the sticky gum. Can they free themselves before the Toad wakes up from his nap?

This play offers a fun way to introduce drama to young children. Parents can read the script aloud as children act out their parts, and children can learn their lines visually by coloring in the included coloring book.

Performance Time: Approximately 10-20 minutes, depending upon the number and length of songs included in the show.

CHARACTERS

(9 flexible roles, extras)

NARRATOR

ANT/S

BEE/S

GUM

BUG/S

FLY/FLIES

SLUG/S

TOAD

CLOUD/S

CHORUS: As singing insects.

EXTRAS: As Ants, Bees, Bugs, Flies, Slugs,
Clouds, and Chorus members.

AUTHOR'S PRODUCTION NOTE

For large school productions, an insect character can be assigned to each classroom. Students can wear corresponding bug costumes and sing in a bug chorus that announces the introduction of their insect on stage. For example, one class can be dressed as ants and can sing the "Ants Go Marching" when the Ant enters.

Smaller productions may cast only one ant and can eliminate the introductory song, if desired.

Also, if you wish to shorten the length of the play, characters may sing only a few lines from each song instead of the entire song.

SETTING

On the side of a road.

COSTUMES

The set and costumes can be as elaborate or minimal as you wish. Bug eyes and antennas can be attached to hats with a glue gun. Ribbon can be used for the Toad's tongue. The gum costume can be made from a box that has holes cut in it so that the insects can stick their arms inside the box when they are "caught." Or, each insect can stand next to the gum once it is "captured."

SPECIAL EFFECTS

Paper raindrops or confetti
Jitterbug music

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(AT RISE: A large piece of Gum and a sleeping Toad are onstage. Narrator enters stage left.)

NARRATOR: A sticky piece of gum, made of sugar and plum, lay in the road near a sleeping toad.

(Chorus sings "The Ants Go Marching." Ant enters and marches around the stage.)

ANT: Yummy, yum, yum! I want some of that gum!

(Ant gets stuck to the Gum.)

NARRATOR: The ant was most surprised, when he realized, he was stuck to the gum.

GUM: No need to rant, ant.

(Chorus sings "Bringing Home a Baby Bumblebee," "Flight of the Bumblebee," or another bee song. Bee enters and buzzes around the stage.)

NARRATOR: There bobbed by a bee.

BEE: Yummy, yum, yum. I want some of that gum!

(Bee gets stuck to the Gum.)

NARRATOR: The bee was most surprised, when he realized he was stuck to the gum!

GUM: You can't get me, Bee!

(Jitterbug music. Bug and Slug enter and dance the jitterbug.)

NARRATOR: A blue-bellied bug waddled by with a slug.

BUG and SLUG: Yummy, yum, yum. We want some of that gum!

(Bug and Slug get stuck to the Gum.)

NARRATOR: The bug and slug were most surprised when they realized they were stuck to the load that lay in the road.

GUM: I won't budge even for a bug or a slug.

(Chorus sings "Shoo, Fly." Fly enters and buzzes around the stage to annoy the insects and then "flies" into the audience to buzz around audience members. Fly then buzzes over to Gum.)

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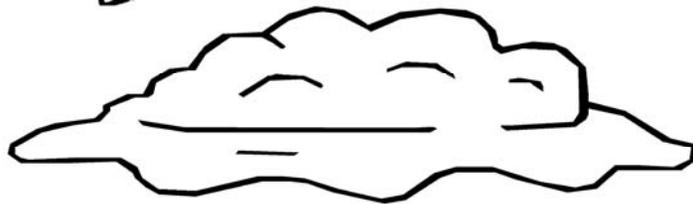
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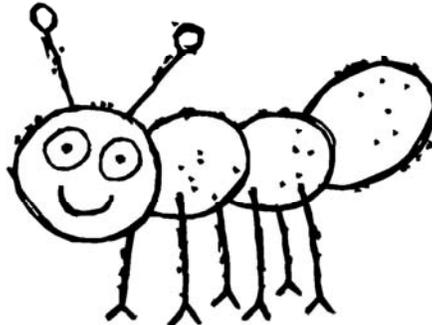
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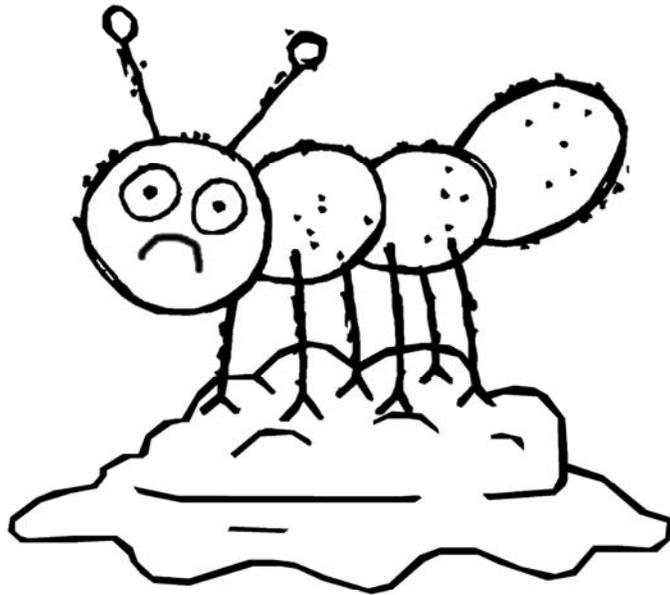
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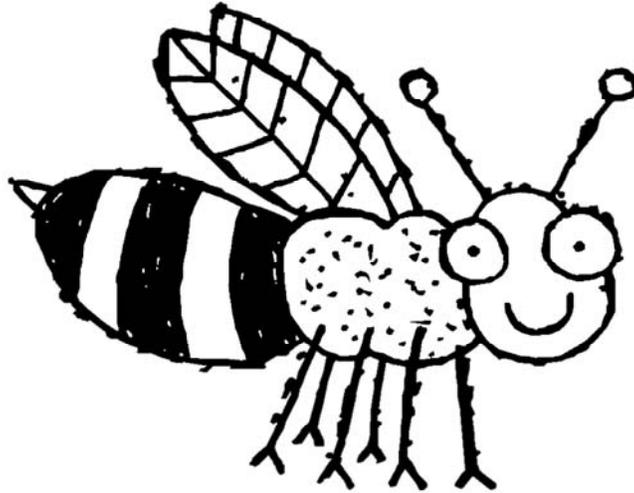


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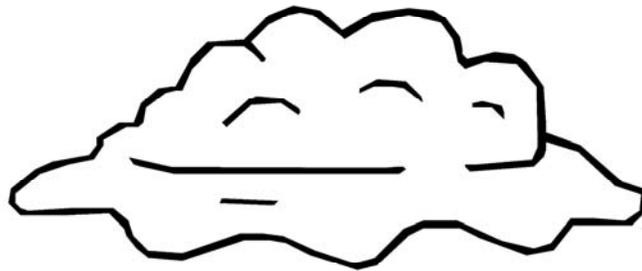


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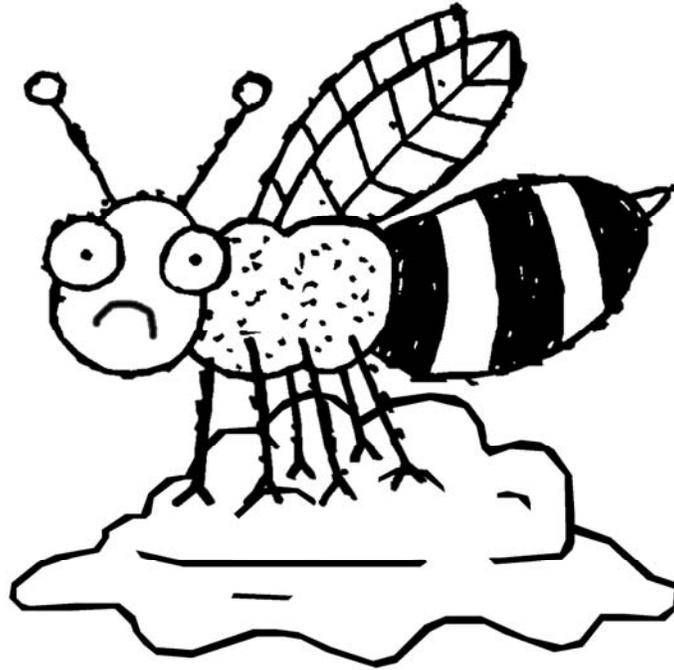
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