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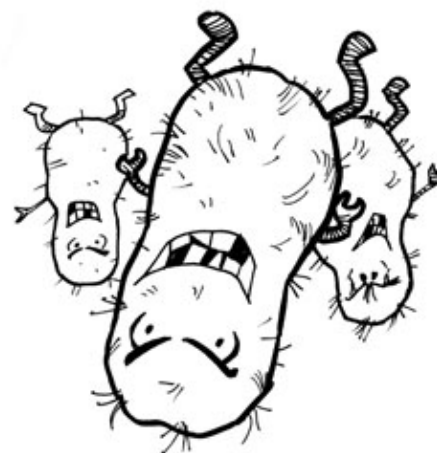


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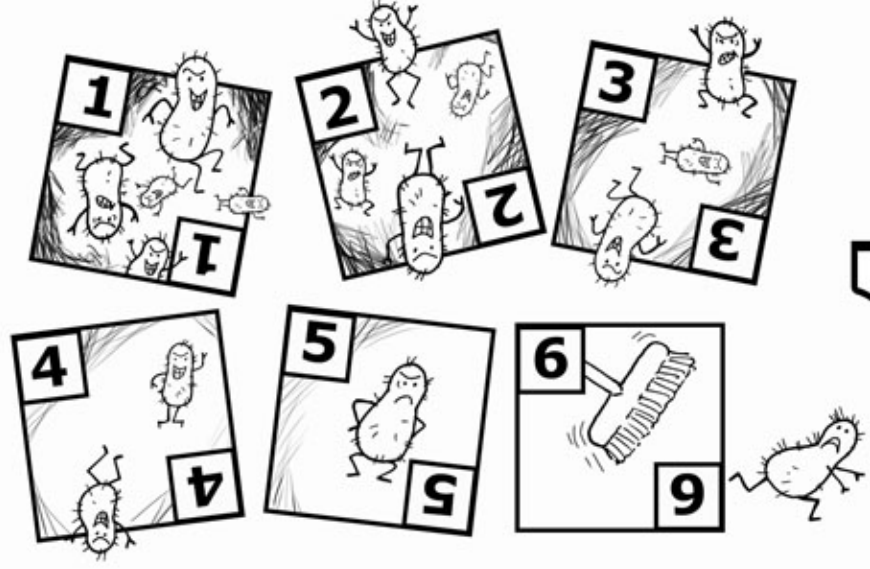
Bloog and Basim
No place to Hide

Basim and his family go to a new house.
It is bigger than their old one. But it is
dark and it is dirty and it is full of rubbish.



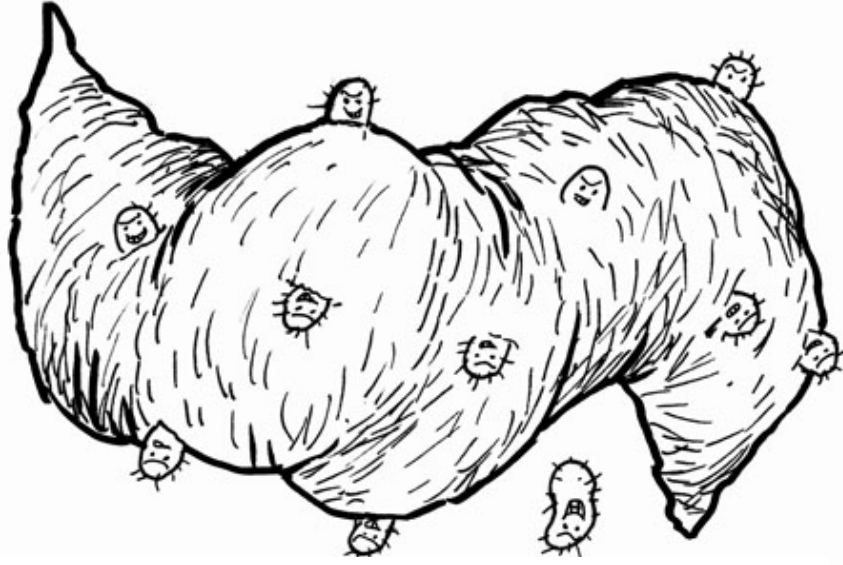
Bloog and his friends go to a new house. This is wonderful! Lots
of dark corners, thick dust, old rubbish, cobwebs and dirty, messy
places make fantastic hiding places. They can play and grow well
here. Then when they are ready they can go and live in children's
mouths and throats and stomachs and make them really ill. Like all
germs do.

On Saturday Basim's family began working on
the garden. They used hoes and cutters and
slashers. They dug out the weeds and threw out
the smelly water and made a big pit for the dirt.
The rats ran out. The Mosquitoes all flew away.
Bloog and his friends just escaped with their
lives. And they have been running from the
children ever since. Unless they find a lazy one
who does not clean up...



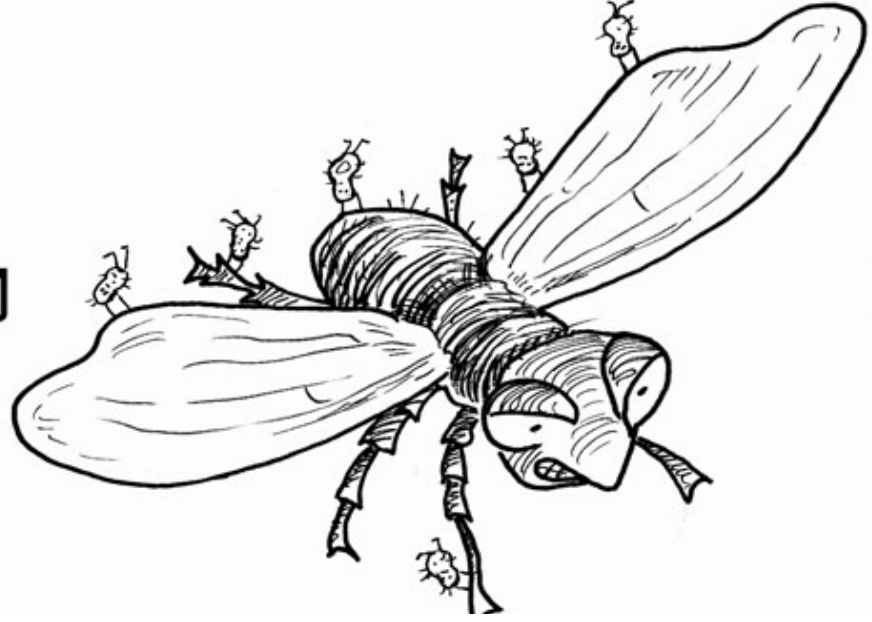
It was safe on Monday. Basim's family was cleaning out their old
house. It was safe on Tuesday and Wednesday. Basim's family was
trying to get getting cleaner water to the new house.
It was safe on Thursday. Basim's family was packing in their old
house ready to move into the new one.
It was safe on Friday. Basim's family was unpacking.
But on SATURDAY That is when it all ended. That was when
Bloog and his friends all had to run for their lives

“Yes, said Bashir,” Dirty water and rubbish help insects and other pests grow. The germs breed with them. On Saturday we’ll give those germs a lesson”



Good! No cleaning children and people here. Just tall weeds and bits of friendly, dirty slimy water and Oh, what's that? Some dog dirt that has been left behind.. warm and smelly and sticky and so good to play with and hide in. Blood and his friends can make dirt castles and bury each other dog dirt. This is fun. And it is safe.

In the kitchen there is rotten food and flies. Basim holds his nose. Phew! This smells awful! He and his friends begin to clean and scrub and wash and sweep. It begins to look clean. The flies buzz away. The cockroaches run away.



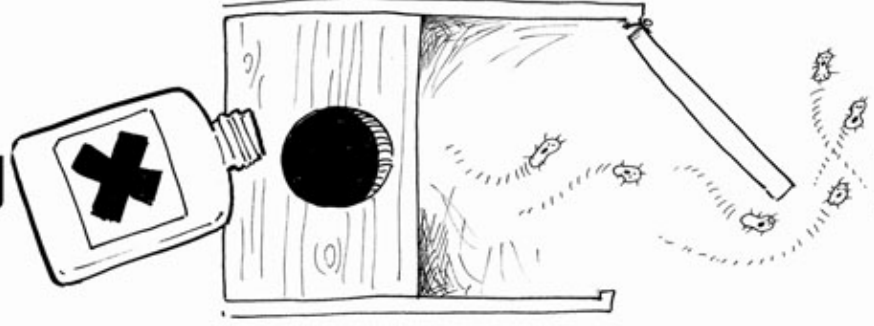
In the kitchen. Blood finds rotting food in a tin that will make a nice cozy bed. His friend finds old milk that has turned a wonderful sticky green. He swims in it. The place has a lovely, stinky smell. Everywhere is sticky and slimy. They slide down the stained sink. They jump over the dried dirt on the floor and catch rides on the hundreds of flies buzzing around. This is fun!

“Time to clean up the bedroom”, say Basim’s parents. The walls need soaping down; the floor needs sweeping, the place needs dusting. It is hard work. But the place looks bright and clean and smells fresh when they are done. “Let’s just clean under the beds and then they will be ready when we bring our bedding”



Bloog and his friends run into the bedroom .. Lots to play with here. They swing from the cobwebs, wake up all the sleeping mosquitoes and make cloud bubbles with the thick, thick dust. They can make finger pictures in it too! This is fun! But then they hear footsteps...they hide under the bed....

Basim and his family work all day. They sweep everywhere. They dust. They wash. They throw lime into the latrine to clean it. “Now the house is nearly clean,” says Basim’s dad . “We can move in. But the garden will have to wait. What a mess that is in.”



Bloog and his friends are fed up! This house is no good. It is dangerous. Everywhere is being cleaned. There are big, sharp weapons that can catch and destroy them. They even find poison in their favourite place, the latrine. This place is not safe. They can't play here. They have to go outside. They run into the garden.