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This children's coloring story book is dedicated to my Sons, *Trevor and Tyler*

For my beautiful TNT Dynamite Boys who inspired this story

It was created over the years at bedtime

One day in the middle of a cold winter, Arnie the Ant, discovered his colony was out of leaves to eat.

Arnie was sad the colony may go hungry during winter, so he began praying.

Arnie's Pastor asked Arnie to travel to the big trees for more leaves. It was very cold and he told

Arnie he would need

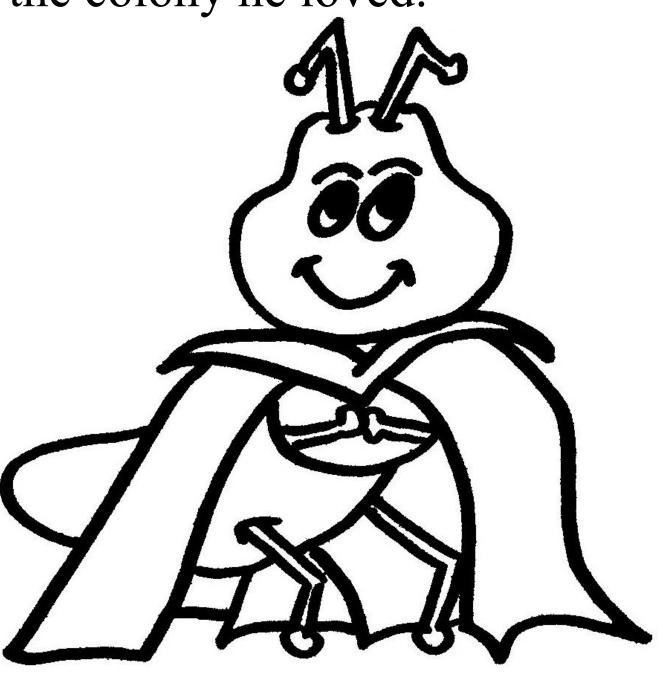
to stay warm. He

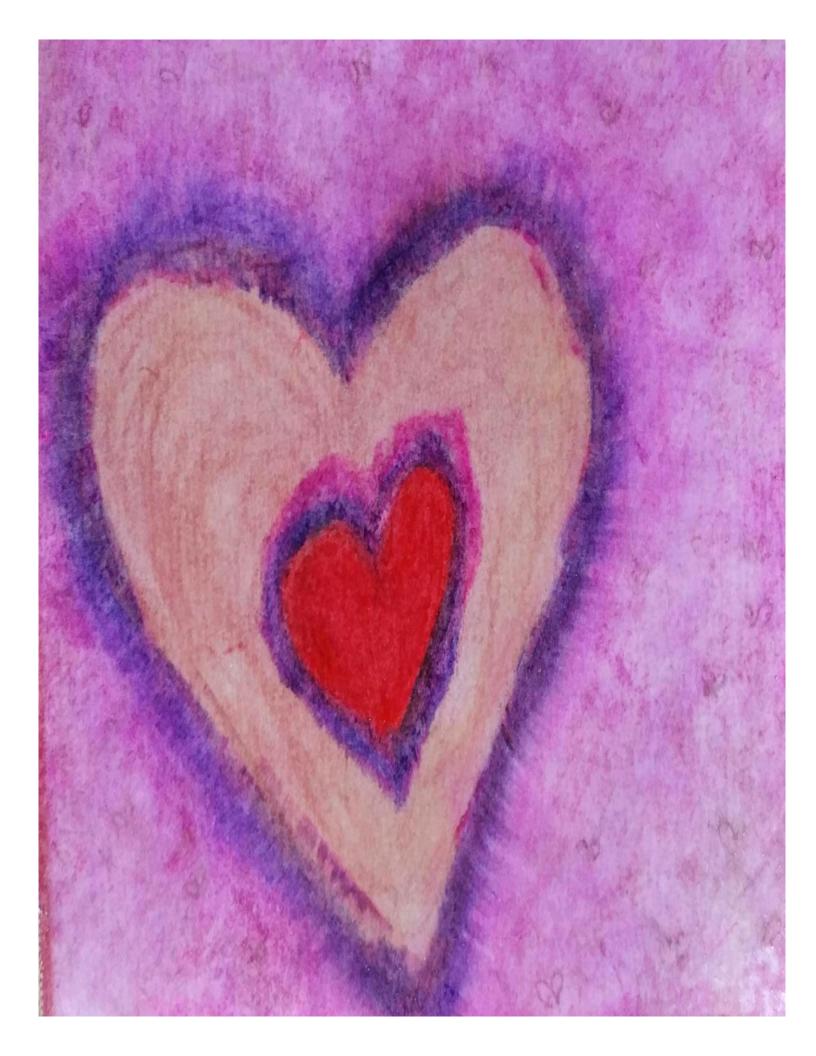
gave Arnie a lovely

red cloak called

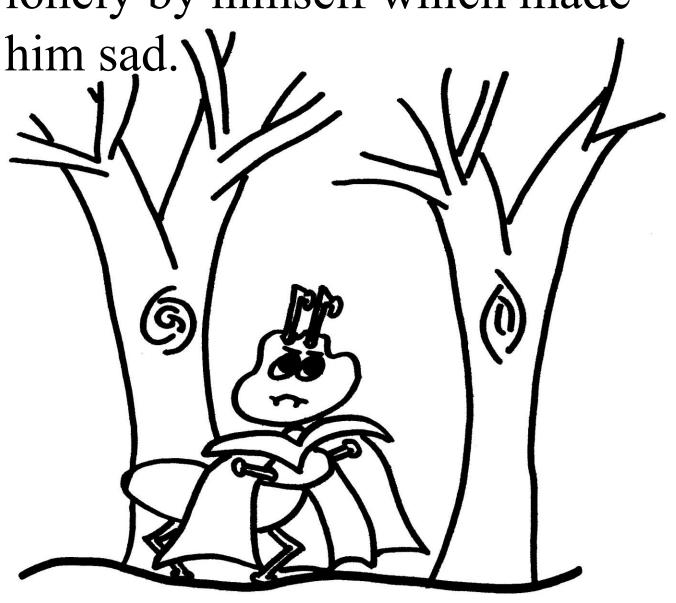


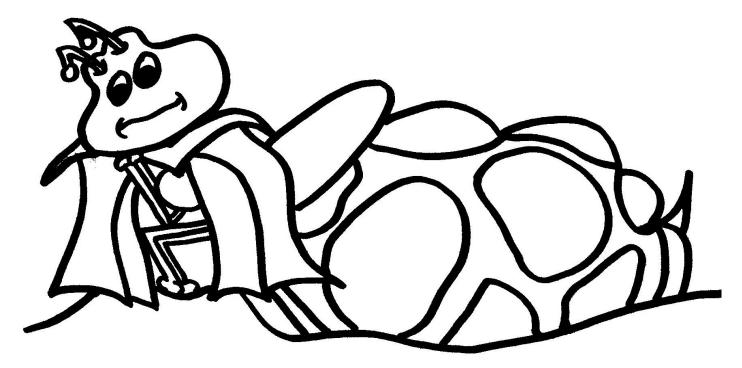
He said it would keep Arnie warm if he had love in his heart. Arnie put on the cloak. He felt warmer as he said goodbye to the colony he loved.





On his trip, Arnie began walking in the snow to the land of the trees. He had not walked this far in a long time and he started to get tired quickly. He was also lonely by himself which made



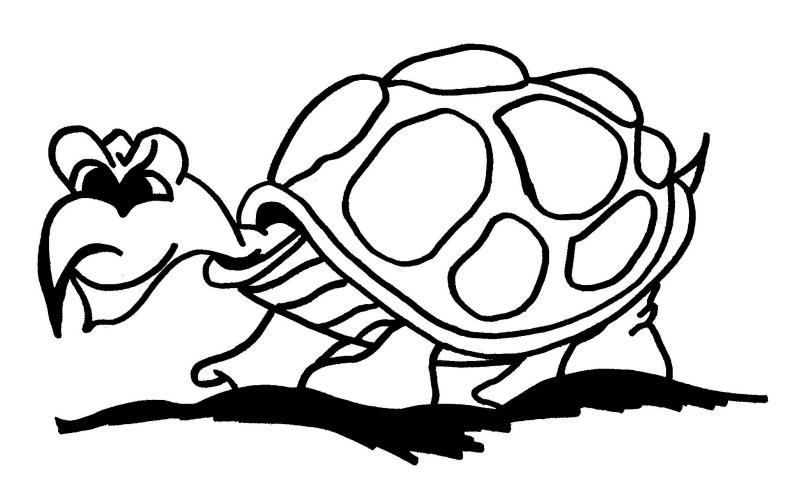


Arnie realized the love cloak had gotten cold and it was no longer keeping him warm. He felt lost. He crossed his arms around him to try to stay warm.

Arnie found a rock buried by snow and decided to rest on it. He pulled the cloak around him as best he could, but he was still not warm.

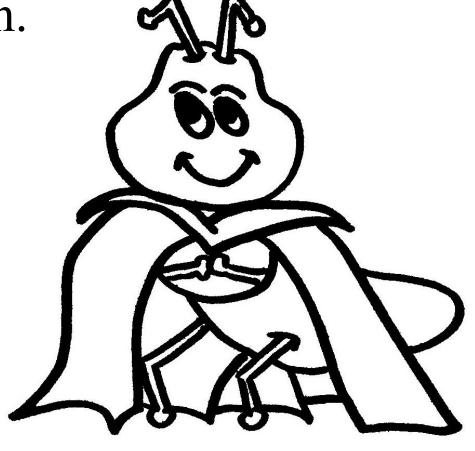
He knew he needed love in his heart, but his sadness would not go away... so he remained cold.

Suddenly, Arnie was surprised as the rock began to move beneath him. He raised his leg and kicked the rock! "OUCH!" the rock said.



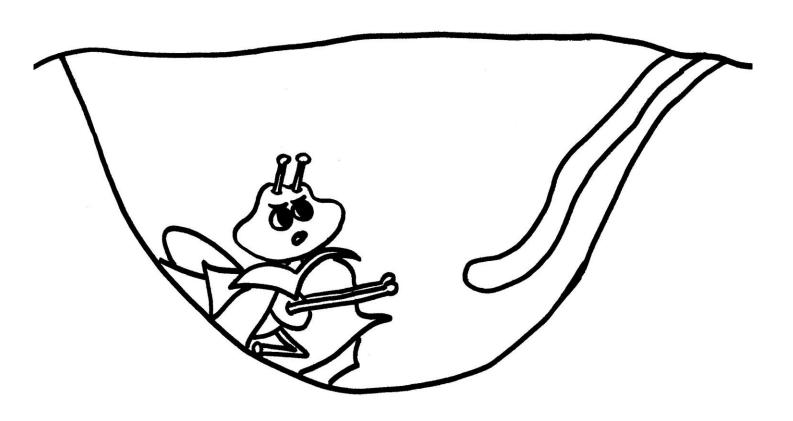
Arnie saw the rock was a turtle and said he was sorry! The turtle smiled at Arnie and wasn't mad. This made him happy and he was

warm again.



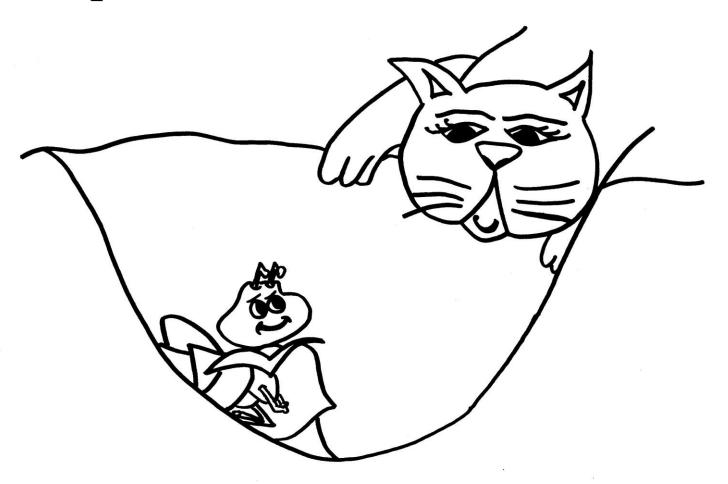
The turtle gave Arnie directions to the land of the big trees. He started his journey again and was happy to have a new friend.

After some time, Arnie fell into a deep hole and he could not get out. This made him start to cry. Just then, something long started towards him in the hole and Arnie swatted it away! He heard a loud painful "MEOOOWWW!!!"

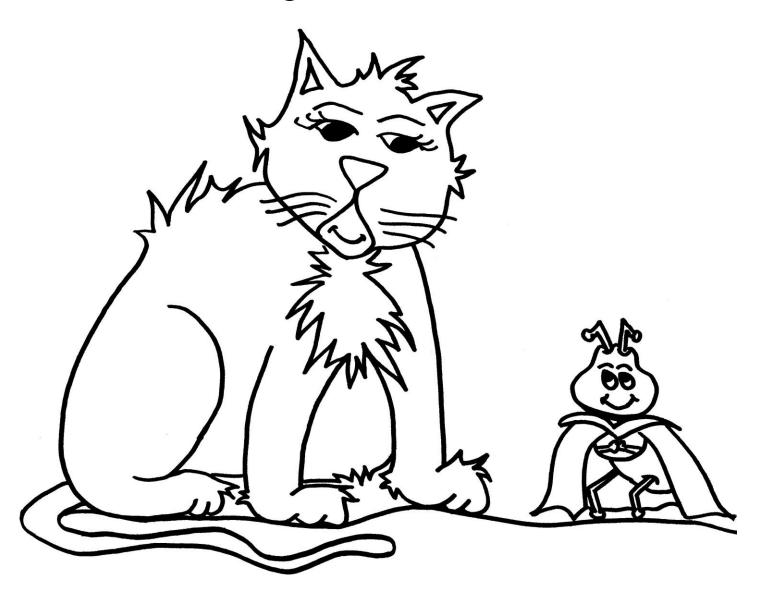


When he looked up, a cat was at the top of the hole. The cat was not upset that Arnie had swatted at her tail.

She knew he was scared and helped him out of the hole.



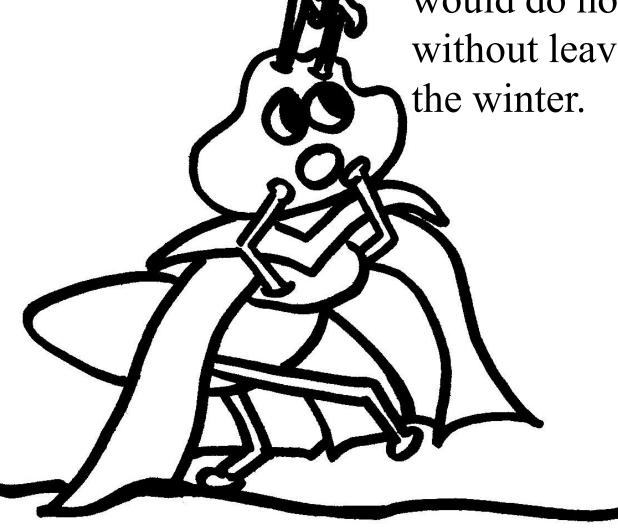
Arnie thanked her and he had another friend. This made him happy and the love cloak became warm again.



Arnie smiled knowing the cloak would stay warm with this love in his heart and began his journey again.

Later, Arnie reached the land of the trees, but the trees were empty!!!

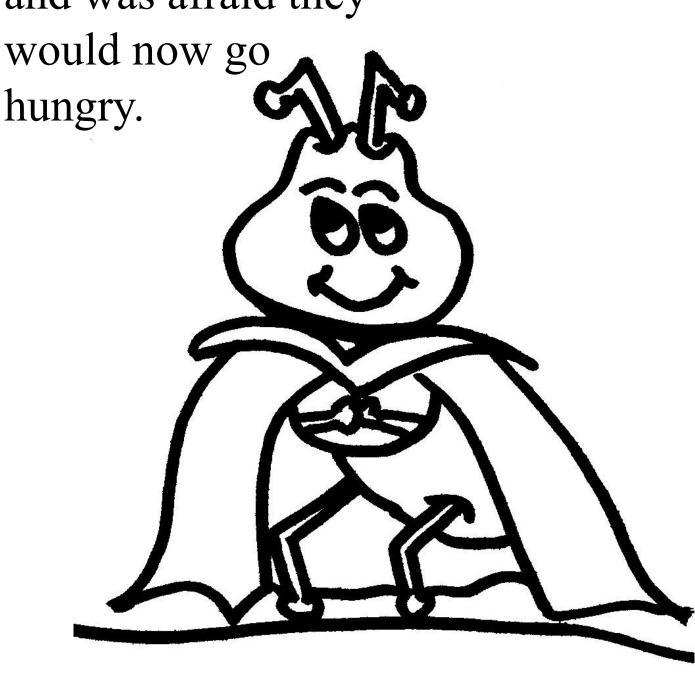
He became sad
over this and
began to shiver.
He did not know
what his colony
would do now
without leaves for



Arnie was then met by a squirrel who heard him crying. The squirrel asked Arnie, "why are you so sad?"



Arnie told the squirrel about needing the leaves to feed his colony and was afraid they would now go



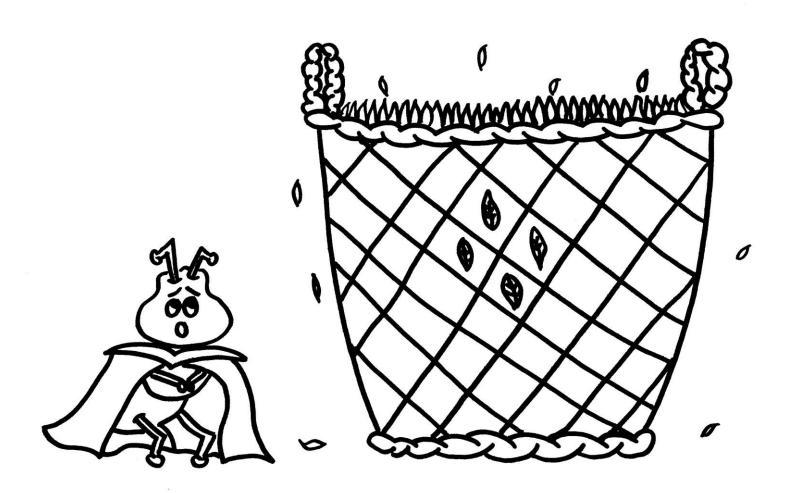
The squirrel invited Arnie inside for hot cocoa. After they drank their cocoa together, the squirrel said he had a surprise to show him.

His love cloak was warm again and his heart was full of happiness. Arnie had another friend and this made him overjoyed!



After they were done with their cocoa, the squirrel showed his new friend a big basket of leaves.

The squirrel said he had far more than he needed and would be happy to share them with Arnie and his colony.

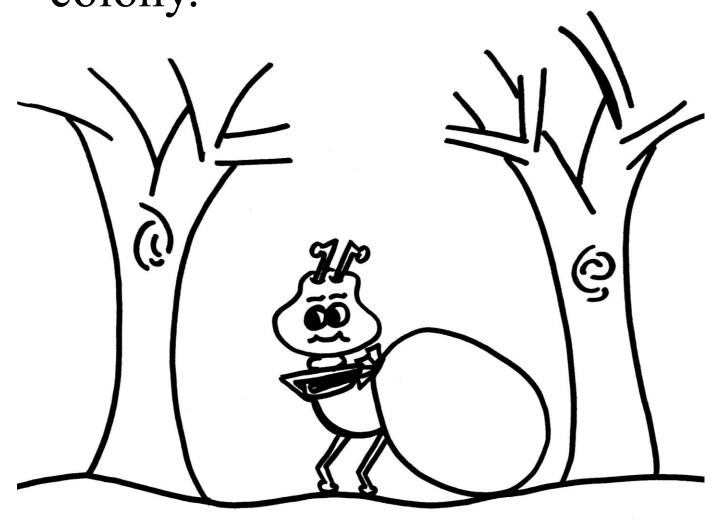


Arnie was so happy and felt so much love in his heart at that moment. He gave the love cloak to his new friend in thanks.



Arnie walked back to the colony without the love cloak.

He kept love and happiness in his heart and stayed warm the whole way back home to his colony.



When Arnie reached home, he showed the leaves for the colony to his Pastor.

He told his Pastor about how he was able to make it back and stayed warm without the cloak.

The real magic of the love cloak came from Arnie's own love in his heart.





"When I love life, it <u>always</u> loves me back" Doris Faye Jones of Doris Jones Labors of Love



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