

**Any coincidence in corporate world is purely coincidental?**



***Every day, a small ant arrives at work very early and starts work immediately.***



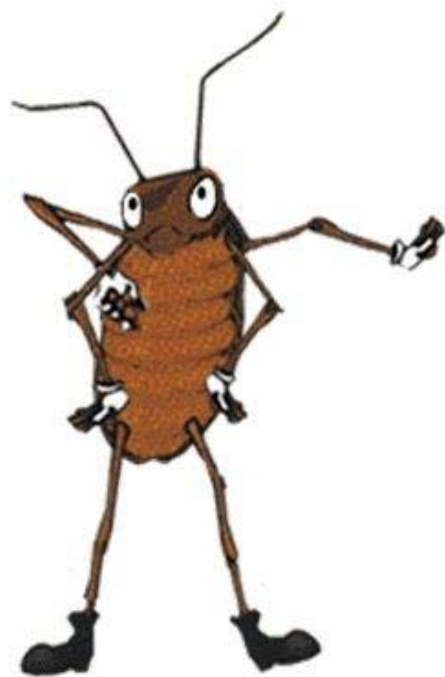
***She produces a lot and she was happy.***



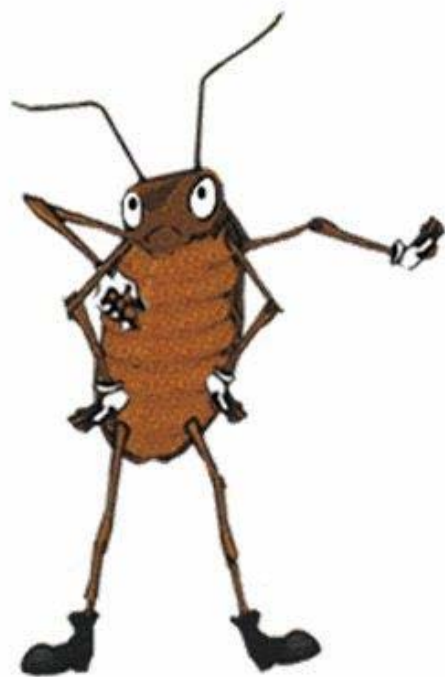
*The Chief, a lion,  
was surprised to see that  
the ant was working  
without supervision.*



*He thought if the ant can  
produce so much without  
supervision, wouldn't she  
produce even more if she  
had a supervisor!*

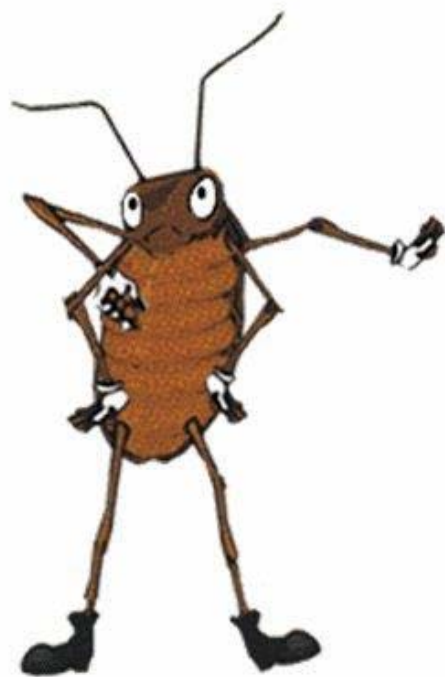


***So he recruited a  
cockroach  
who had extensive  
experience as supervisor  
and who was famous for  
writing excellent reports.***



***The cockroach's first  
decision was to set up a  
clocking in attendance  
system.***



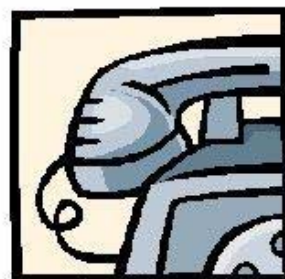


**He also needed a secretary  
to help him write and type  
his reports and ...**





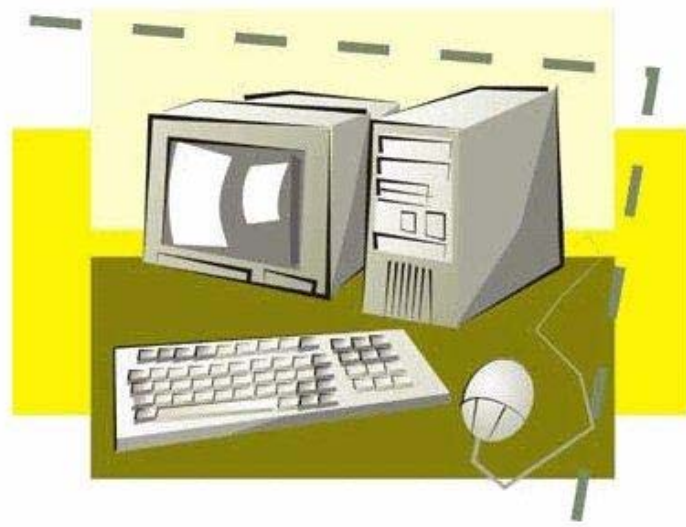
**... he recruited a spider, who managed the archives and monitored all phone calls.**





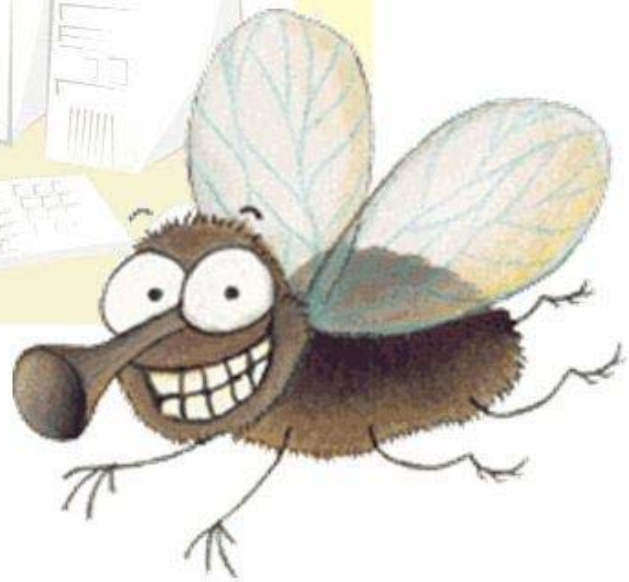


*The lion was delighted  
with the cockroach's  
reports  
and asked him to produce  
graphs to describe  
production rates and to  
analyse trends, so that he  
could use them for  
presentations at  
Board's meetings.*



***So the cockroach had to buy a new computer and a  
laser printer and ...***

***... recruited a fly  
to manage the IT  
department.***





***The ant, who had once been so productive and relaxed,  
hated this new plethora of paperwork and meetings  
which used up most of her time...!***



*The lion came to the conclusion that it was high time to nominate a person in charge of the department where the ant worked.*

***The position was given to the cicada, whose first decision was to buy a carpet and an ergonomic chair for his office.***

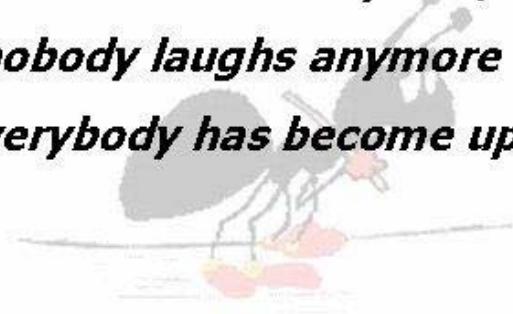


***The new person in charge, the cicada, also needed a computer and a personal assistant, who he brought from his previous department, to help him prepare a Work and Budget Control Strategic Optimisation Plan ...***





***The Department where the ant works is now a sad place, where nobody laughs anymore and everybody has become upset...***







*It was at that time that  
the cicada convinced the  
boss , the lion, of the  
absolute necessity to  
start a climatic study of  
the environment .*



*Having reviewed the charges for running the ant's department, the lion found out that the production was much less than before.*



***So he recruited the owl, a prestigious and renowned consultant to carry out an audit and suggest solutions.***



*The owl spent three months in the department and came up with an enormous report, in several volumes, that concluded :  
" The department is overstaffed ..."*



***Guess who the lion fires first?***

***The ant, of course, because she  
"showed lack of motivation and had a negative  
attitude".***



***NB:***

***The characters in this fable are  
fictitious; any resemblance to real  
people or facts within the  
Corporation is pure coincidence...***