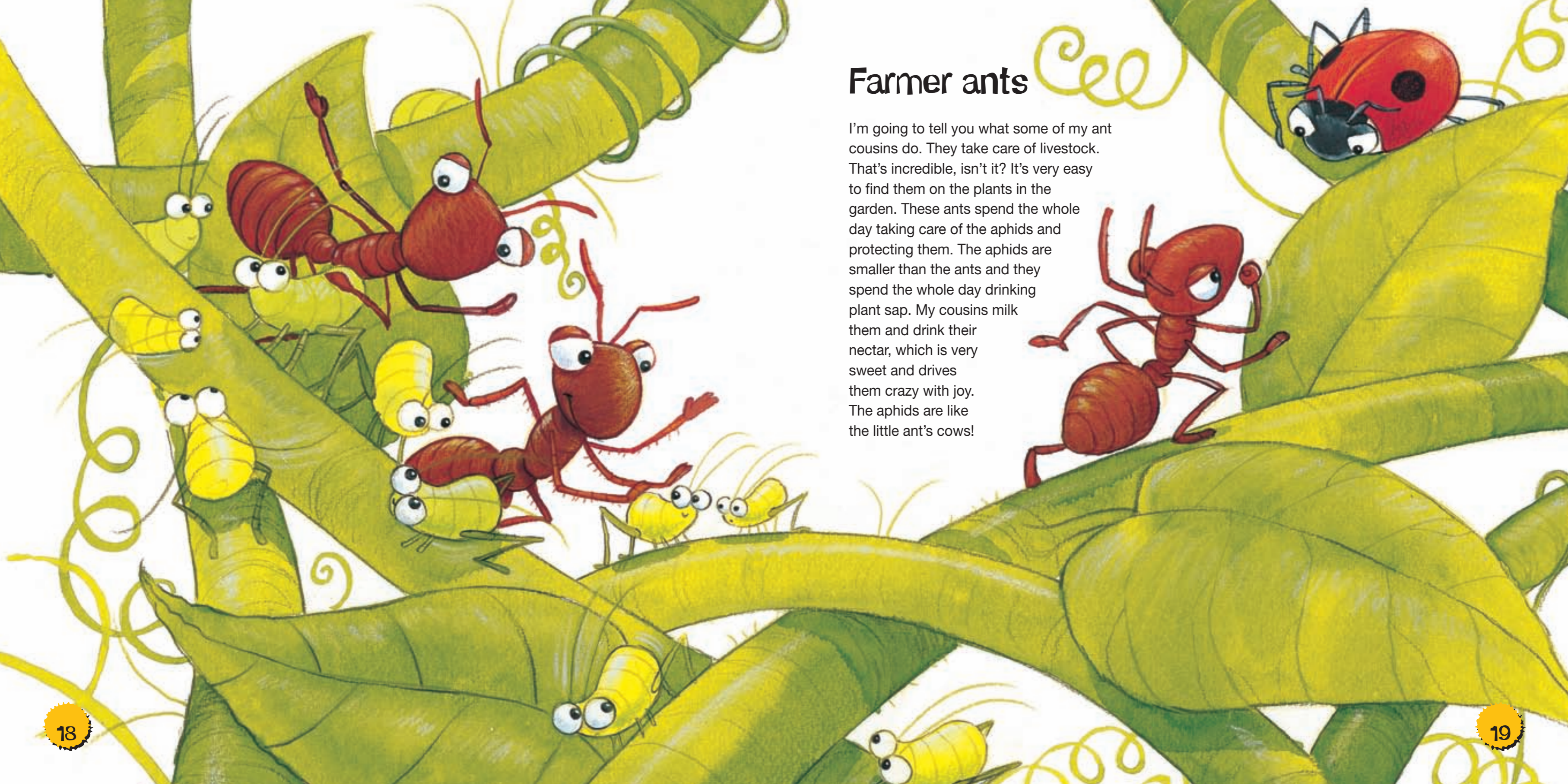


My family

My family consists in the queen ant, who is everybody's mum, the worker ants, who are my sisters and the larvae and the eggs, who are the little ones of the house. We take very good care of our mother, the queen. She never has to leave the ant's nest, because we bring food to her and we dig tunnels and take care of the eggs she lays every day. A little worm hatches from each egg, which is called a larva and we feed it and protect it until it grows into an adult worker ant.





Farmer ants

Cee

I'm going to tell you what some of my ant cousins do. They take care of livestock. That's incredible, isn't it? It's very easy to find them on the plants in the garden. These ants spend the whole day taking care of the aphids and protecting them. The aphids are smaller than the ants and they spend the whole day drinking plant sap. My cousins milk them and drink their nectar, which is very sweet and drives them crazy with joy. The aphids are like the little ant's cows!

Flying ants

Sometimes, our mother the queen ant lays eggs from which flying ants emerge. They live inside our nest, where we take care of them and feed them, preparing them for the big day.

Flying ants are very special: Some are “princesses” and some are “princes”. Once a year, during the night, all the flying ants leave the nest.

What a lovely show from down here!

They form couples in the air and

at the end, the princesses

come back down

to the ground to

become queens

and build new

ant’s nests.

