

## Aunt Maysie's Surprise

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*Tom Pfeiffer*

Two boys  
in muddy cover-alls  
are playing with their favorite  
Christmas present:  
an ant farm  
sandwiched between  
two cheap-shit plastic windows  
that must have cost about a buck.

Aunt Maysie, on the outside,  
thinks the gift a wonderful lesson:  
the natural order of life.

The ants, on the inside,  
haven't even begun to suspect  
that something is seriously wrong.