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## **Abstract**

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ering down from their nooks in the cupola to gather on the plank and watch me, an invader. Rows and rows of dirty-haired, snaky-tailed, beady-eyed rats. Horrid, repulsive rats! Above me and beneath me and around me, poisoning the stale air with their foul meanness.

Were they there? I had to see. Gripping my scoop tensely and shaking inside, I put one foot on the rung on the wall of the bin and pulled myself up to peer over the edge of the plank.

Nothing.

There was nothing on the plank. Nothing! It lay empty in the filtered sunlight, a brown path from my bin to the ladder rungs going down. With a sigh of relief, I threw my scoop onto it, pulled myself up, and sat down. Stillness all around me, sifting down from the cupola and settling over the worn boards and indifferent grain. The oats were piled high enough, I decided, and crawled across the plank to the ladder rungs going down.

—Carolyn Curtis, S. Jr.

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Though passion  
Is smashin'  
And filled with delight,  
It's painful,  
Non-brainful,  
*Not* pure lily-white.  
It's blunder,  
Wonder,  
And delicious  
Moral plunder!  
Now, just  
Why must  
We lust?

—Larry Syndergaard, Ag. Sr.