A carpenter ant has climbed my kitchen counter
eager to whoop it up with my grasshopper pie.
Such a glittering, ebony body. Such a big, black,
helmeted head. Darth Vader
on six hydropole legs.
I truly regret having to kill him
in order to discourage his relatives.
But in death I give him
what I denied in life,
and for his final resting place, tuck him
into the dark chocolate crumb crust
which soon I will serve
to the female guest who asked down her nose
My dear, whatever do you housewives do
to amuse yourselves
all day long?

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