

The Weevil

Of all the little bugs and beasts,
the good, the bad, the evil,
my undeniable favourite is...
..the timber-boring weevil!

The weevil is a curious beast -
he's brown - and *very* small:
He lives inside the cracks between
the floorboards in the hall.

He loves to eat - *engorge* himself -
and the *reason* that's not good
is my little friend, the weevil, wants
to eat no-*thing* but *wood*!

And - *wood* is what your house is made of!
..Mainly that.. and bricks!
..and weevils eat your floorboards up!
(amongst their many tricks)..

A *single weevil*, in one day
can eat a ceiling joist!
he loves the taste of rotting pine,
...so succulent, and *moist*..

..and - weevils lay their weevil eggs
within the troughs they've dug...
..and *eggs* turn into *larvae*, which
turn into *weevil bugs*!

Now. *You and I* know good from bad
(as anybody *should*)..
and *you and I* would *never* think
of eating rotten wood...

But, *if* you were a weevil and you
lived on *weevil* food,
to *leave* a pile of joists untouched
would be extremely *rude*!

You'd have to get your weevil mates
to kindly help you out,
and "dig in" to the luscious wood
with timber-boring snouts.

But..”Why?..” (you ask) “..of *all the bugs*,
do you adore *that* thing?
It’s not as if he’s favoured with
a lovely *shell*..or *wing*!”

And, I reply, in modest tones,
“You know - he’s not *that* evil...

..he’s just a bug

that lives on wood,

my humble friend..

...the *Weevil*”

(end)

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