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The Persistent Uninvited Guests

Once in the old days there was a man who was a practical joker. A friend of his built a new house. Both the joker and the other friends of the new home owner kept asking for invitations to visit the new building. The owner kept saying to them, "All right! All right!" but in fact he never sent any of them invitations. The truth is that he was a very stingy man, and everybody knew that.

The joker warned the new home owner. He said, "I know that you do not wish to invite us to your home, but we may come anyway!"

One day the joker gathered all of their mutual friends and went to call upon the new home owner. They knocked on the front door of the new house, but no one answered their knock. They kept knocking and knocking for a long time. Although the owner was inside the house (and the guests knew that), he did not come to the door. Finally the guests got a ladder and set it up against an

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open window. Then all of them very quietly entered the house through the window. When the owner was confronted by this crowd, he was startled and confused, but at that point he had no choice but to offer them something to eat