

The Boy and the Ants *By Ken Callow*

Once there was a sunny lake.

And in the sunny lake there was a green island.





In the island, there lived a big baby boy.

And many, many ants.



One day, the Samurai Ants were hungry.

They left their hill to find food.

And they saw the Yellow Ants' hill was nice.



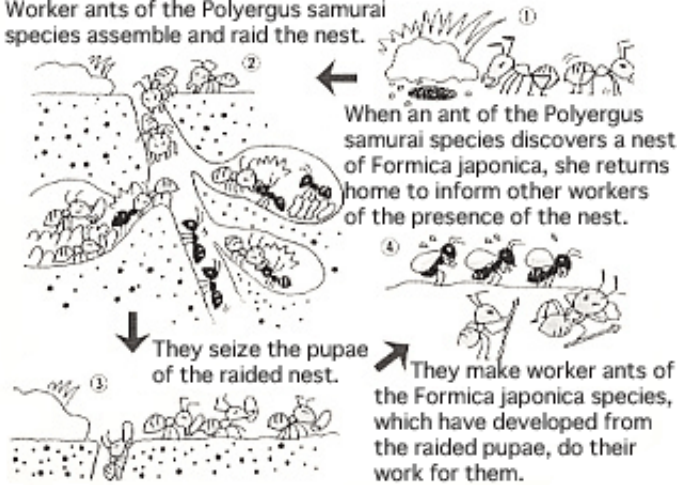
The Queen Samurai Ant said:

"Let's eat their food and take their hill!"

The Queen Samurai Ant became the Queen of the Yellow Ants.

The big baby boy sat and watched.

Worker ants of the *Polyergus samurai* species assemble and raid the nest.



But the Samurai Ants were still hungry.

And they saw the Black Ants' hill was nice.



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The Queen Samurai Ant became the Queen of the Black Ants.

The big baby boy sat and watched.



And so the Queen Samurai Ant became Queen of All Ants.

But the Samurai Ants were still hungry.



The big baby boy was eating a snack.

He took a bees' nest and drank yummy honey.

But the Queen Samurai Ant said:

"Let's bite the boy and drink his honey!"

So the Samurai Ants bit the big baby boy.



They boy was so mad.

He said:

"You ate the Yellow Ant's food and took their hill!

And I just watched!

You ate the Black Ant's food and took their hill!

And I just watched!

But now you bite me, and want my food.

I won't just watch!!"



So the boy kicked the ants and pooped on their hill.

Squish, squash! Bam, boom!

The ants were so sad.

They had no food and no home.

But the Queen Samurai Ant said:


"We are Samurai Ants!

We will have food, and we will make a home!"

The boy felt sorry for making such a mess.

And the boy said:

"If you give me snacks, I will help you make a home!"





So All Ants worked hard.

They began making a new home.

And the big baby boy got snacks.

But the Black Ants and Yellow Ants had a big fight.

The big baby boy helped the Black Ants win.

And the big baby boy got more snacks.

The big baby boy gave honey to the Samurai
Ants.

They became strong.

They built a better home.

And the big baby boy got more snacks.

The Samurai Ants said:

"We work hard! We work well! We are strong!"

And they had a big party.

And the big baby boy got more snacks.

But the big baby boy said:

"I am full! I am sick! No more snacks!"

And he went home with the honey.

The Samurai Ants were confused.

The Samurai Ants were surprised.

The Samurai Ants were sad.

And they went to bed without their honey.

The next day, the Samurai Ants woke up.

They saw the big baby boy pouring honey.

But the honey was for the Black Ants.

The Black Ants said:

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"We work hard! We work well! We are strong!"

And they had a big party.

And the big baby boy got more snacks.

But the big baby boy said:

"I am full! I am sick! No more snacks!"

And he went home with the honey.

The Black Ants were confused.

The Black Ants were surprised.

The Black Ants were sad.

And they went to bed without their honey.

The next day, the Black Ants woke up.

They saw the big baby boy pouring honey.

But the honey was for the Yellow Ants.

The Yellow Ants said:

"We work hard! We work well! We are strong!"

And they had a big party.

And the big baby boy got more snacks.

But then the Yellow Ants said:

"We are not confused!

We are not surprised!

Yes, the Green Ants

You gave the Samurai Ants honey.

But then you went away!

You gave the Black Ants honey.

But then you went away!

So now we go away!"

So the Yellow Ants took the last sip of honey.

And they built a great ship.

They sailed all islands of the lake.

Selling many snacks and toys.

To all baby girls and boys.

And even to Samurai and Black Ants.





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