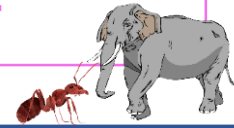


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SLAVE ANTS WHO BELIEVE THEY ARE ELEPHANTS

Sultan of Elephant sends Ulukepez to look around. Ulukepez returns and tells that the ants have done a wonderful collaboration. Sultan of Elephant decides to use the ants for his own purposes. The leader of the ants, Red-Bearded Lane Ant, had a meeting with Sultan of Elephant for three days, and finally, the ants had to accept Sultan of Elephant's demands and started to fulfill his wishes.

Sultan of Elephant saw a great danger in Red-Beard Topal Ant. Because Red-Bearded Lane Ant was brave and had arguments with Sultan of Elephants. After the ants accepted Sultan of Elephant's demands, Red-Bearded Lane Ant disappeared. This worried Sultan of Elephant even more. Sultan of Elephant wanted to control the ants and use them for his own purposes and was determined not to give up. He was afraid that these slave ants under his command might rebel. If Red-Bearded Lane Ant messed up everything... No... Never... Sultan of Elephant wouldn't allow that. Ulukepez and Sultan of Elephant put their heads together to make a plan.

First, they wanted to prevent the ants from thinking. They developed tools and games to keep the ants away from thinking. They organized training for the ants to forget their own language and learn the language of the elephants. Sultan of Elephant encouraged the ants to think of themselves as elephants. He told them, "If they serve the elephants, they can be as powerful and rich as them." In addition, they decided to place spies among the ant community. Yellow ants were assigned to spy among the ants.

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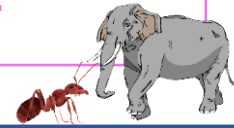
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Sultan of Elephant not only asked for a palace but also he wanted the ants to build a throne. But he wanted them to use a special material for the throne. He said, "Make a throne from blue diamonds." The ant community, with their hands tied, began to dig deep into the ground. There, they started making the thrones from blue diamonds. During this task, the ants worked hard and got tired. But Sultan of Elephant thought that the progress of the work was slow. Ulukepez said, "My Sultan, the ants are making progress quickly. If we bring more help, it will be faster," he said. Ulukepez also told Sultan of Elephant that there were other ant countries, and if they could also be brought under his command, things would progress even faster. This idea influenced Sultan of Elephant. Sultan agreed with Ulukepez's idea. At first they didn't want to take the ants by force so Ulukepez took the ants who were defeated in the previous battle as an example to the black ants. But the black ants ignored Ulukepez's request. Angry Ulukepez sent the nearest elephant community to attack the ants. The ants had to accept the superiority of the elephants. Then he did the same to the red, blue, and other ant countries. Now all the ant worlds work for Sultan of Elephant.

Thus, Sultan of Elephant's plan began to be implemented. All the ants started to behave like elephants and work as a large army. But this was just the beginning.

One morning, when all the animals woke up, they saw a shiny thing on top of the mountain. It was the palace and throne the ants had built. Ulukepez, very surprised, told Sultan of Elephant everything and invited all creatures to the palace opening.

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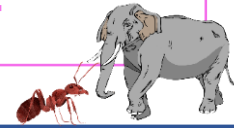
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Sultan of Elephant decided to go and praise the ants in his speech. He also made up a story that the ants were related to elephants. He said, "If the ants work hard for me, they can become elephants, too." As a reward, he gave them lots of food until they were full.

Sultan of Elephant, sitting on the shiny blue throne, felt really happy. His words made the ants think they were elephants, so they started eating a lot, just like elephants do. When Ulukepez told Sultan of Elephant about this, he realized it was a big problem. He was worried the ants would eat too much and get sick. He didn't want to lose the ants he had just found, so he told them not to eat like elephants. The ants, now thinking they were elephants, began copying elephants by rubbing their backs. All the ants went to the forest, found trees, branches, and things to rub against. It was so much fun that even the hoopoes birds joined in, and Ulukepez tried it, too. Sultan of Elephant told them to stop, but no one listened.

Sultan of Elephant didn't know how to fix this. Later, he remembered that the ants hadn't prepared for winter. When winter came, there was no food left. The hoopoes birds ate from their warehouses, but the ants were starving. They went out to find food, and many didn't come back. Sultan of Elephant promised to give them food if they brought a red-bearded ant, and three times as much for Red-Beard Topal Ant.

Sultan of Elephant gave the ants new jobs, and they accepted. Even though Sultan of Elephant was suspicious, Ulukepez explained that since they thought Red-Beard Topal Ant had died, the ants had lost hope. Sultan of Elephant and Ulukepez wanted the ants to stop thinking, so they gave them more work.

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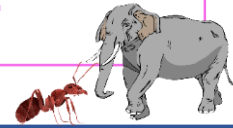
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The ants made things like palaces for the elephants, nests and food for the hoopoes birds, a big statue for Sultan of Elephant, and a scratching machine. The ants finished quickly, and Sultan of Elephant asked for more.

To make the ants forget who they were, they played brass instruments humans used. They kept telling everyone that the ants were like elephants now, just smaller. They even opened elephant schools for the ants to make them think they were elephants.

The ants started to like radios, TVs, cinema, and newspapers, and they forgot who they were. When winter came again, the ants filled all the hills with food for the elephants and the hoopoes birds. The ants didn't prepare for winter, and they spent it half-hungry and half-full, watching TV and listening to the radio. One day, the ants went to the forest and started rubbing their backs again.

Sultan of Elephant got mad, but Ulukepez calmed him down. He said that the ants rubbing their backs meant they had forgotten who they were. Sultan of Elephant was very happy about it.

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