



AMELIA

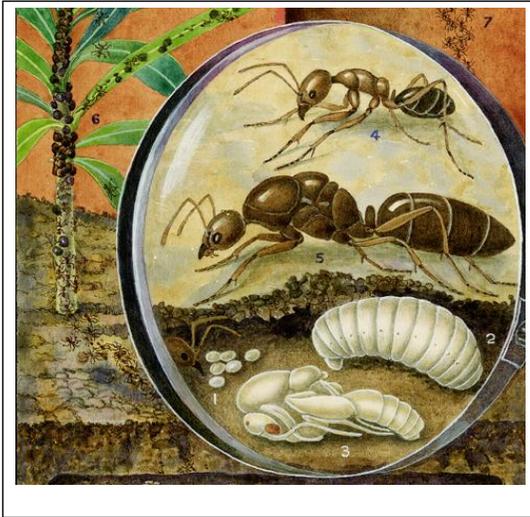
THE ANT



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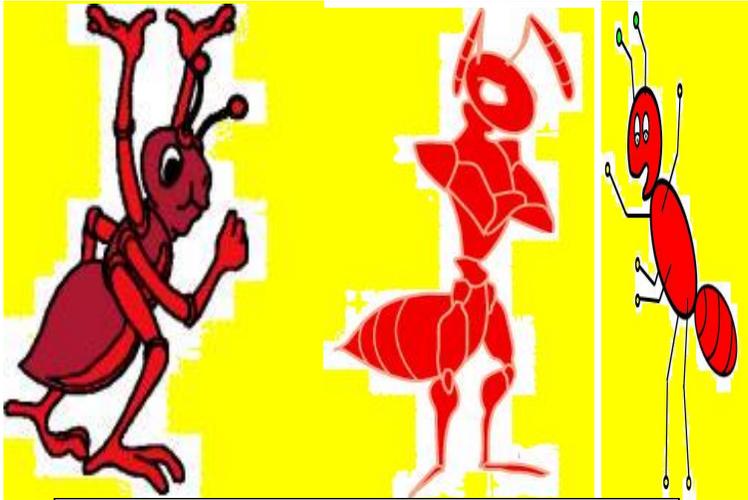




Once upon a time ,
Under the big
stone , there was an
ant city ruled by a
Queen .It was a
Prosperous city
having huge dairy
farms consisting of

a thousand Aphid cows.The Queen's subjects were loyal to her ,worker ants very faithful and honest, the harvester ants collected and stored seeds just like farmers ,other ants like good gardeners grew crops ,ant crop you know are tiny toadstools ,they were indeed good gardeners for they fertilized their gardens with fermented leaves to their Queen they brought the best of their produce.

The Queen had six children who were dear to her and all the other helper ants .There were five handsome boys and the sixth child was a cute ant girl Amelia The darling of all.



The Queen had six ant children



Ah ! but she was a very spoilt and disobedient darling .

Ofcourse you already know My dears that she was the

crown princess as ant cities are ruled by ant queens

The royal children had hundred pets , there were silver fishes

and different kinds of beetles , these the slave ants had to

take constant care .

Now one day the soldier ants caught a ladybird [kind of beetle]

which had been found devouring the ant cows in the pasture .The

princess could be naughty and stubborn when she wished and

she demanded for the beetle .



'I want to keep the ladybird as my pet' said Amelia



'Why you want that beetle ! 'asked the Queen

'I want to keep as my pet "pouted the princes

'No ! No! said the Queen horrified by the strange request

'No ! No! said the soldier ants

No ! No! said the worker ants

No ! No! said the slave ants

Yes ! yelled the princess Amelia.

They tried to reason with her , it was not possible it will eat up all their aphid cows ,they will not have any milk ,cheese or butter but the princess was not one to be reasoned with , She threw one of her worst tantrums and gave up food ,she looked herself in her room.

A complete fortnight passed ,the princess didnt take a morsel of food in her mouth .

**Nomore
bedtime
stories
Princess
Amelia must
sleep now !
She has
been very
naughty
today!!!!!!**

**Let me tell Amelia
a storyOnce
upon a time there
was bird and a frog
who were
friends.....!!!!**



The Queen could bear it no longer ,she would have long given into the princess Had it not been for her counselor who had asked the Queen to be firm in the interests of her loyal subjects The Queen tip toed into her darling's room and immediately burst into uncontrollable sobbing ,the apple of her eye had been reduced into a bag of bones

Oh! How weak and pale she had grown .

The royal doctor was called, he dotted down a diet that would help the princess to regain her strength. The same day the lady bird was included among the royal pets

A farm was opened specially for the ladybird where aphid cows were bred for its food .

The Amelia once again became her cheerful romping self.

Day by day she became more and more fond of her strange new pet ,naming it spotty because it had beautiful black spots on a red wing case

Day by day the Amelia grew older and also beautiful but did she change her naughty ways



No! Sir! Amelia was still troublesome as before much to the distress of the Queen and the royal helpers . At meals she was especially naughty she loved all sweets like milk candy puddings, chocolates ,well the worker ants always brought the tidbits from nearby sweet shop [after all ants enter everywhere .]

The royal doctor said No!

The Queen and the royal helpers said No! for after stuffing herself with sweets Amelia would be very ill

Yet meals sometimes would be rough affairs ,she would throw away vegetables ,she would throw away her cereals and she would spill her milk all over the nice clean table cloth and she would ofcourse demand sweets

Now the Amelia loved one thing better than eating sweets and throwing trantrums

That was listening to stories ,she could situp all night listening to tales about the land outside their ant city

If it had'nt been for this love they would have all given into the Amelia and he often very silly wishes The moment the

princes would throw a tantrum ,her mother would say ,”Now don’t be difficult or I will have to stop your bedtime stories “

Immediately she would stop her tantrum and be good as gold

The poor worker ants did not get a moments rest when they returned from the land outside the ant city ,until they told her their customary stories and accounts of their adventures.

One day the Amelia decided to go with the worker ants and find the truth about the land outside .

She announced her intention one fine morning when the worker ants were leaving for work

The Queen shook her head ,” its too soon for you to go out of the ant city .You are just too young my little Ant So she had to content with this answer ,very soon she got tired of waiting to grow older and again asked her mother

The Queen made a strange promise ,” you can go out as soon as you grow a pair of wings “



' Wings ! indeed ' yelled Amelia ,turned her back and stamped to her room leaving her mother smiling mysteriously behind . Well Amelia coaxed and cajoled but her mother was adamant . The Amelia decided to solve the mystery herself ,was her mother trying to put her off or was there any truth in her promises.To put her suspicions at rest ,one night she closely questioned the royal butler one of the oldest citizens of the ant city ,who was her favourite storyteller and he told her a strange thing that one day she will grow wings . The Amelia listened to him disbelieving . She was convinced that the butler was also in league with her mother .And they all were plotting and trying to discourage her from going out of the ant city. So she decided to give up the idea ,the thought of running away from the ant city did occur to her but running away was like getting out from a locked room without a key So Amelia settled down , spent her days as before and never mentioned the trip much to the surprise of her mother .



One morning Amelia woke up up to find a pair of tiny gossamer wings ,growing on her back .

Oh! My wasn't she pleased ,she was now going to get her dearest wish . She raced to her her mother , To her surprise she found a a number of the royal councillors with her ,admiring and praising her five brothers who had also grown wings.

Amelia got ignited with their excitement and could not wait to start on the trip. They danced around their mother and asked to be allowed to go at once

No ! No ! cried the amused mother ' You cannot go just now ,you must take your breakfast and you must tidy yourself or the big beautiful sun outside will laugh at you

Oh ! No! 'cried the royal children in dismay .

"We don't want any breakfast" pouted Amelia

"We don't want to tidy up! we're are neat and clean " yelled the five ant princes who like ordinary boys hated washing up

"Bath and breakfast or I will cancel the trip", said the Queen

Off they went ,a little fearfully incase their mother kept her word and cancelled their trip .

How they tried to hurry their nurses but they would not be hurried

They washed the royal ants till they shone like ebony and their wings shimmered like costly silk. Next came breakfast.

Oh ! how they gobbled the food much to the amusement and amazement of the watching Queen and helpers,they stuffed the royal darlings with rich goodies for it appeared as they had been starving for weeks .

At last the meal was over and the were ready to leave .The children were given a basket each filled with cakes from the royal bakery

Amelia wanted to take her pet with her ,nobody refused everyone was fed up of the giant pet which had devoured a thousand of the aphid cows.



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