

## ISSUN BOSHI

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I01	Long, long ago in Naniwa, there lived a young man and his wife. They were _____ good people, and they loved each other very much. But, sadly, they had no children. One day they went to Sumiyoshi Shrine to _____.
I02	"_____ you send us a child?" they asked the god of the shrine. "Just one little child of our own, no matter how small!"
I03	And what do you think happened? Some months later, the lady gave _____ to a little baby boy. A very little one, in fact. This baby was no bigger than your finger. But he was healthy and _____ of life, and his parents loved him with all their hearts. They named him Issun Boshi.
I04	Issun Boshi means "Little One Inch." By the time he _____ the age of five, Issun Boshi was still only an inch tall. The same was true at seven, and even at ten and twelve.
I05	It wasn't easy being so different from other children. But when the others _____ at his size, Issun Boshi only laughed along with them. He was kind to all and always smiling. In other _____, he had a very big heart.
I06	He also had big dreams. One day, Issun Boshi went to his parents and _____ deeply.
I07	"Mother, Father," he said, "I want to go to the _____."
I08	"To the City of Kyo?" said his mother. "_____ by yourself?"
I09	"Yes," said Issun Boshi. "They say it's the most wonderful place in all Japan. I want to try my _____ there."
I10	"But you're so young . . ."
I11	His parents didn't want their _____ boy to go, but at last they agreed.
I12	"Very well, son," his father said. "We always _____ you to follow your heart. Go to the capital and become a great man."
I13	"Thank you, Father!"
I14	Issun Boshi was soon ready for his trip. His mother gave him her finest _____ needle to use as a sword, and she tied a straw to his belt to carry the sword in. His father gave him a soup bowl to use as a boat and a chopstick to use as an _____.

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I15	The next morning, they all walked down to the river together. Issun Boshi climbed into the _____ bowl and pushed off with his chopstick. His mother and father waved goodbye.
I16	"Good luck, son! Never stop believing in yourself!"
I17	"Goodbye, Mother! Goodbye, Father! I'll become a great man, I _____!"
I18	Little by little, day after day, Issun Boshi pushed his soup bowl boat up the river. He _____ with strong winds and hard rains. More than once his little boat almost turned over. And more than once he had to fight _____ birds and fish. But he never gave up.
I19	When at last he reached the City of Kyo, he thought he must be dreaming. The beautiful streets were filled with people and horses and carts, and the shops _____ everything under the sun.
I20	"The greatest city in Japan!" he _____. "It's just as wonderful as people say!"
I21	He walked from Gojo, the _____ block, to Sanjo, the _____. And there he came to the gate of a great big house.
I22	"This must be the home of a very important man," he thought. "I'll ask _____ I can work for him!"
I23	Issun Boshi marched right through the gate and all the way up to the big front _____. He stood on the step and called out at the top of his voice:
I24	"Excuse me!"
I25	The Lord of Sanjo _____ to be just inside the entrance. He heard the boy's shout and opened the door himself. But he couldn't see anyone.
I26	" _____ here, sir!" cried Issun Boshi.
I27	Lord Sanjo was surprised to see _____ a small person.
I28	"Who are you?" he said.
I29	"I am Issun Boshi of Naniwa. I want to become a great man. _____ I work for you?"
I30	Lord Sanjo laughed. He _____ this young man very interesting.
I31	"I can use a man _____ you, Issun Boshi," he said. "Welcome!"
I32	Issun Boshi soon became like a member of the great man's family. He worked and studied hard and always did his best at every _____. Everyone liked him—_____ Lord Sanjo's beautiful daughter, Ohime-sama. She thought Issun Boshi was the cutest thing in the world, and they soon became the best of friends.

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I33	Summer passed, and then _____ and winter. One day in spring, Ohime-sama said she wanted to see the cherry blossoms at Kiyomizu Temple. A group of young men and women agreed to go with her, and Issun Boshi _____ them.
I34	They were all walking through the forest on the way to the _____, when they heard a noise in the brush. Suddenly a big blue demon jumped out in front of them. This demon was the size of a horse and had red eyes and long, pointed teeth. It made a terrible noise and reached for Ohime-sama. She fell to the ground in a _____.
I35	The other young men and women all turned and ran away at once. Issun Boshi alone was not _____. He stood his ground, between the demon and Ohime-sama, and pulled out his needle sword.
I36	"This lady is the daughter of Lord Sanjo!" he shouted. "Leave her alone, or I'll _____ you down!"
I37	The demon laughed.
I38	"Why, you're not even big _____ to make a good breakfast!" it said. It reached down and caught Issun Boshi between two fingers. Then it lifted him high in the air and dropped him into its _____.
I39	Issun Boshi found himself in a long, dark _____. But even now he wasn't afraid. He pushed the _____ of his sword into the soft wall of the tunnel. Then he pulled it out, and then he pushed it back in.
I40	"My _____! They hurt!" the demon shouted and danced about. "Stop! You win!"
I41	Issun Boshi jumped back out of the demon's mouth and _____ his needle into its foot. The demon cried and ran for its life.
I42	Ohime-sama was awake now.
I43	"I saw everything!" she said and looked at Issun Boshi with the _____ of love in her eyes. "My _____!"
I44	"Oh, it was _____," he said.
I45	"You _____ wonderful!" she said. "But look!"
I46	She pointed at a strange _____ on the ground.
I47	"What is it?" said Issun Boshi.
I48	"The demon dropped his magic hammer!" she said. "Any _____ you make with this will _____ true! What do you wish for, my hero?"
I49	Issun Boshi put his hand on the hammer and closed his eyes. When he opened them again, he was fully _____.

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I50	Ohime-sama's mouth fell open.
I51	"Oh, Issun Boshi!," she said. "You're so _____! And so nice looking!"
I52	Soon Issun Boshi was a famous and important man in the capital. He and Ohime-sama married and moved into a big house of their own. In time, they traveled to Naniwa and _____ his parents back with them.
I53	And they all lived _____ ever after.