





1. Swordfish were attacking sailors in the sea

Swordfish attacked sailors in the sea and people on the seashore killing many. The Raja of Singapura ordered his soldiers to form a barrier but even that did not work.





2. A boy presented a suggestion to the Raja

A little boy suggested that a barrier be formed using banana stems instead. The Raja was impressed with the orphan boy's idea and ordered a banana stem barrier be built.





3. The swordfish were caught in the banana stems

When the swordfish attacked they got caught in the banana stems. The Raja ordered a big feast to celebrate but soon became worried that such a clever boy could become a threat to him when he grows up. The Raja ordered his soldiers to capture the boy.





4. The grandmother confronted the soldiers

The boy's wise grandmother confronted the soldiers and with a wave of her hands the boy disappeared. Blood flowed out the spot where the boy's hut stood and the hill turned red. The hill was named Bukit Merah or Red Hill.