

Q = Main interviewer (Cath)

Q2 = Second interviewer (Alex)

A = Mum (Denise)

B = Dad (Travis)

C = Child 1 (Jeremy, aged 11)

D = Child 2 (Cerys, aged 9)

Q2 Is there any particular reason for that?

C Just got boring.

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C Mmm. And then I was like turned to watching Minecraft, watched it for a few years then I discovered other things and started watching that. Watched most of the science and then went back to Minecraft. And then here we are now, now I don't watch Minecraft nearly as much, I do watch it sometimes but I mainly watch blogs on ants, because I like ants.

Q2 Ants.

C ??? Plus there's the Argentine Ant, OK.

Q2 Yeah.

C Basically every day about 125 ??? are born.

Q2 Wow, that's a lot.

C And each green? gives stuff to 30,000 ??? Imagine that going against a really ???

Q2 I think I remember seeing a picture about this.

C And just so you know, OK, they do split up. The main ??? will release like a bunch of little greens to go ??? but they are technically all still one big colony because they all still work together.

Q2 Is that how their name was, a super colony, is that what it's called?

C Yeah a super colony. And there's one super colony over the entire world. Because all the Argentine Ants aren't quite ??? so they are working together. Some people say that it's just one big super colony of every Argentine Ant in the world.

Q2 So is that what determines whether or not it's a separate colony, is whether or not they fight? Is that what makes them the same colonies because they don't want to fight each other?

C Yeah. The super colony is colonies that don't want to fight, hence they kind of merge or they just work together.

Q2 OK.

C Or, just a super colony that that's, or a colony with just one on one queen would be a super colony.

Q2 OK, interesting.

C Green Ants is basically the source, and there's also the Black Ant colony. The Black Ant colony, OK, produces queens and males. So queens are exactly the same as the older queens but their brothers? literally are not the same, it's like they came from another colony. Hence they mate and then that queen will stay in the colony.

Q2 OK.

C So she never leaves the colony. Sometimes they do release some ??? make sure that ??? sting.

Q2 So that's how they spread.

C Yeah. But most of the time they just stay in their colony.

Q2 OK. Is that something you....

C And it's a good survival tactic. Well the Fire Ant colony, tropical in the Philippines, that's where ??? is from of the ants, and basically his troubled? parents? are in the UK. He's only had them for a few years actually and yet their numbers have increased by millions.

Q2 Does he keep them in a terrarium, like a big glass....

C Yeah, except he uses plastic boxes.

Q2 He uses plastic boxes?

C Yeah, huge boxes about that far wide and about that big.

Q2 Oh wow.

C And he is using about four of those.

Q2 Four of those.

C And about 16 little mini terrariums about that big, and that big, up to there, bit of an oval shape. And his aren't even touching how...and ??? touching just how many ants are up in the colony yet. Seriously there must be ants that stay underground. And then if you look on the south side it's crawling with ants, there's like one centimeter of space ??? per ant.

Q2 OK, then most of them are underground, not even there.

C Yeah. And I've been having all of the ant ??? on the surface.

Q2 Must be a sea of them just endless ???

C Yeah. And that's sort of what he did. He actually put his hands in, I'm not sure why.

Q2 That doesn't seem clever.

C That's what I say about, you put them in for a few seconds, excruciating pain, he literally dragged his hands out.

Q2 Oh they bit him did they, oh OK.

C Just ants stuck.

Q2 Oh they sting. I see OK.

C Yes. And their toxin paralyses. In fact once he accidentally put in a mother cockroach and as soon as her babies were pushed out and crawled out of the egg sack, instant some will bite. And keep in mind the mother accidentally fell into a nest. But this was when the colony was only one year old.

Q2 OK, so 2 years, OK.

C Yeah 2 years before ??? And recently he did get rhino ??? to larvae, he ??? his hand, but as he was about to cut them with his scissors he decided not to. Now keep in mind that these larvae have bigger ??? they're not that big, but if you gave them to the Fire Ant colony it devours in probably about an hour.

Q2 Because there are so many of them. Terrifying.

C If he gave that to them when they were about half a year old, OK, it would take them about 12 hours to ???

Q2 In time ???

C But then would be a ??? that he has already. It would take about an hour. From 12 hours to an hour.

Q2 That's amazing, really interesting.