

# BEE-NOT-SO-BUSY



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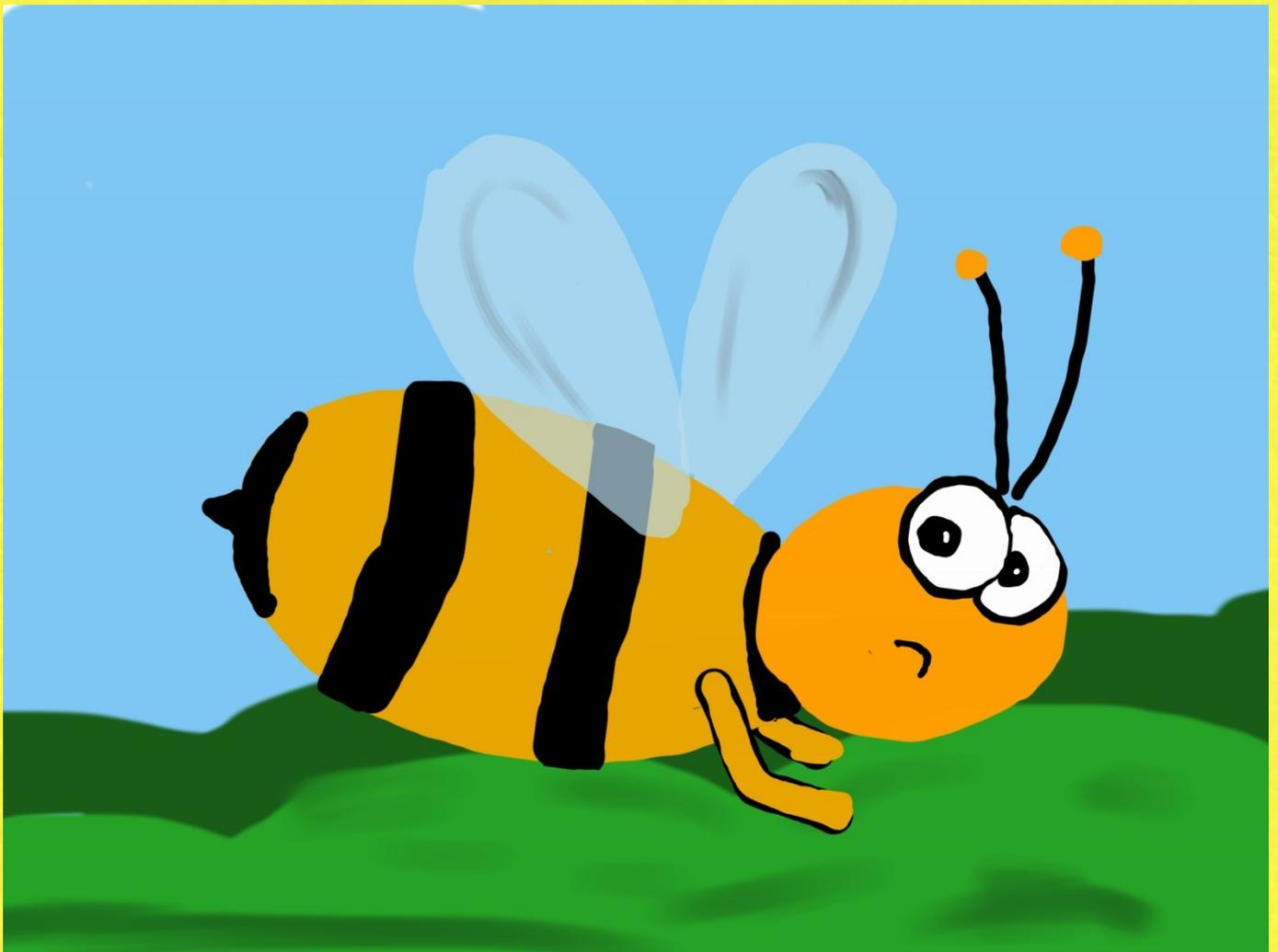
**All day long the Busy-Bees flew from hive to flower and back to  
hive, gathering pollen and nectar.**



**Their wings beat so fast that they caused a buzz!**



**“Look at us! We’re humming with activity!” they sang.**



**Bee-Not-So-Busy was different from the other bees.**



**“Why don’t bees enjoy the garden like the other insects?” she wondered.**



**“I’ll leave the hive and live like the beetles and the butterflies, the ants and the grasshoppers!” she said.**



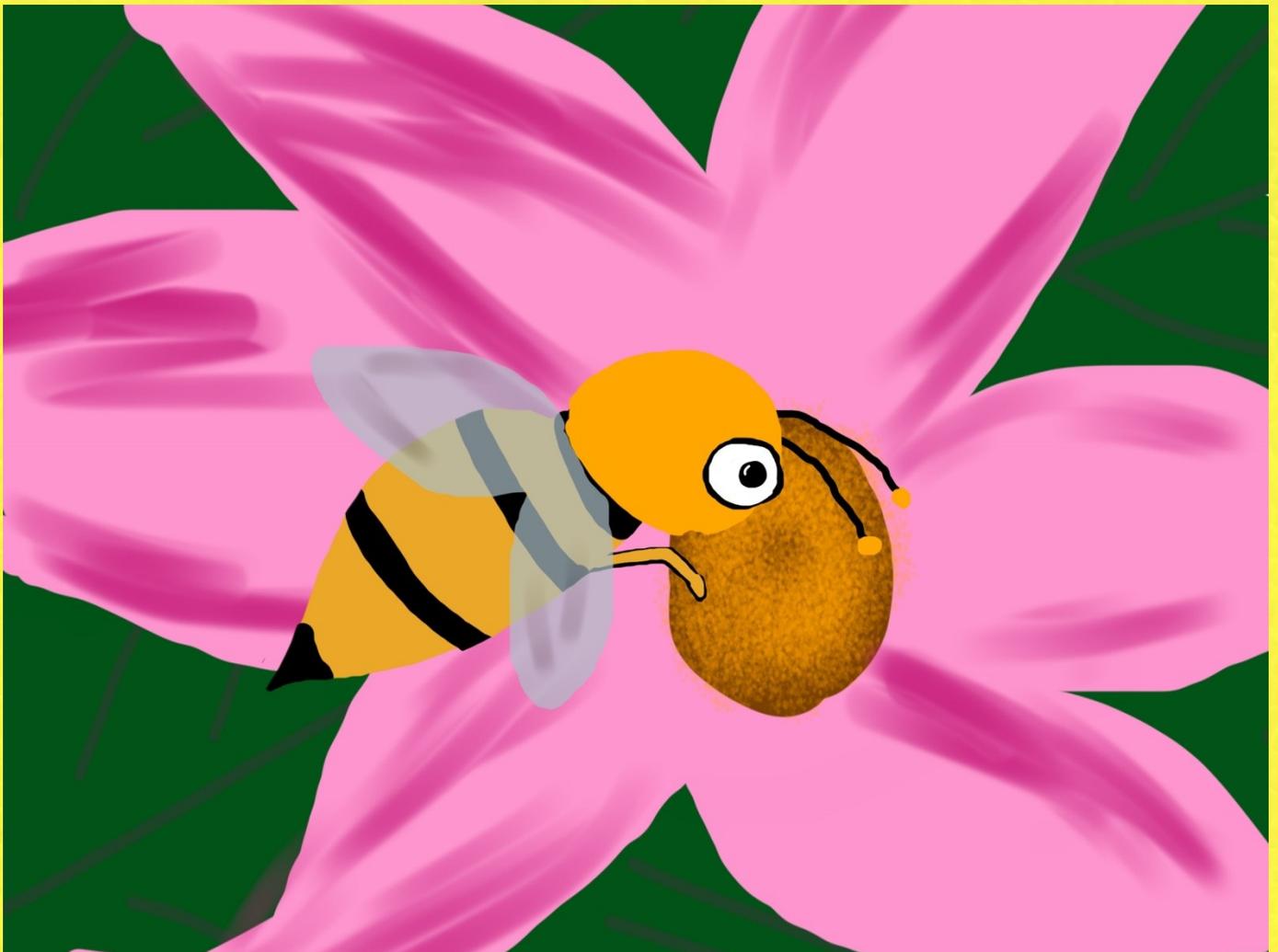
**She saw a beetle on a leaf. Beetles are smart. Instead of gathering nectar and making honey, they eat the leaves on the plant,” she said.**



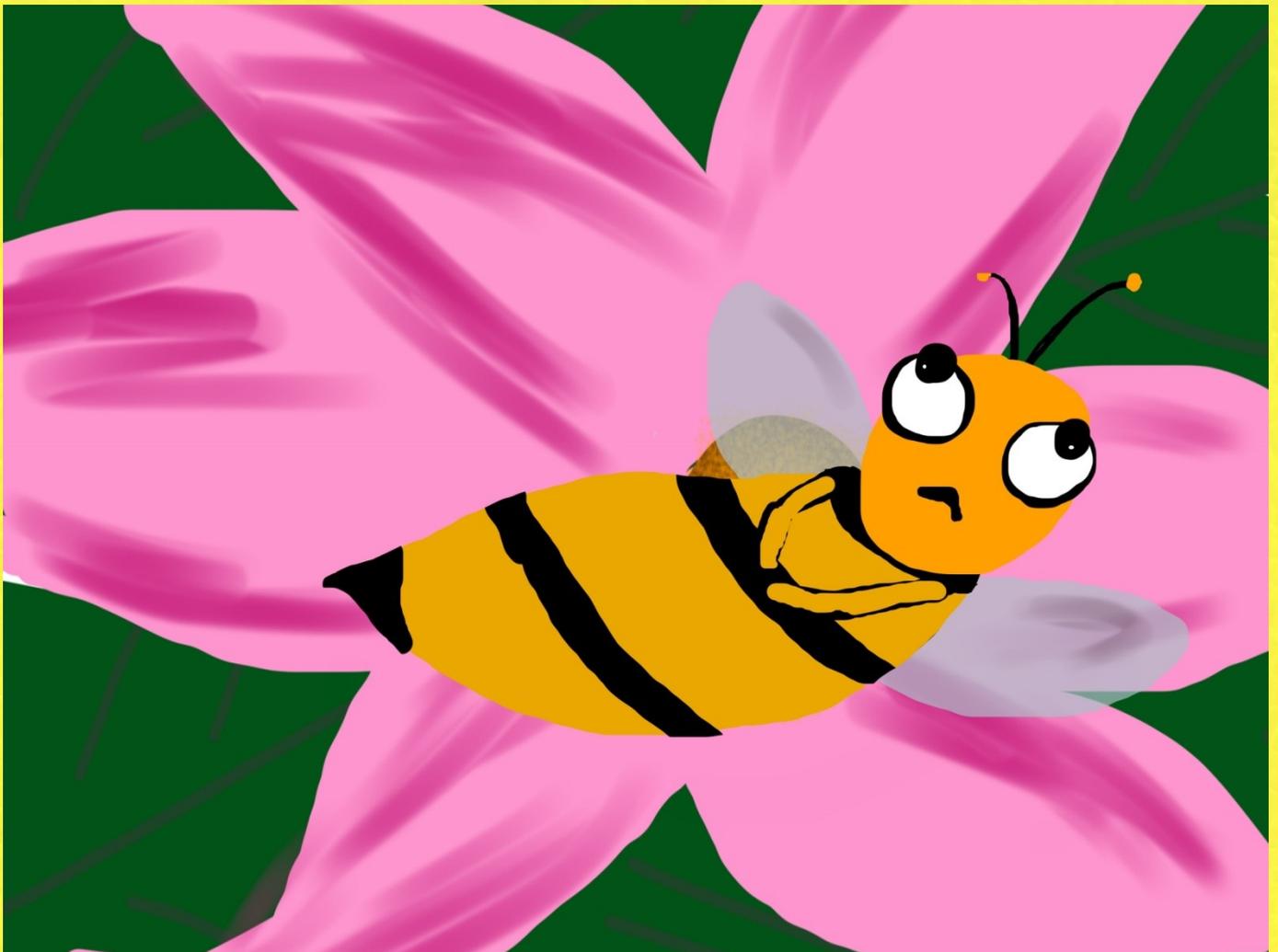
**After dressing up in a beetle suit, she flew down beside the beetle.**



**Bee-Not-So-Busy took a big bite and almost vomited. “Yuck! This leaf tastes horrible!”**



**She flew to a flower and sipped some nectar and felt better.**

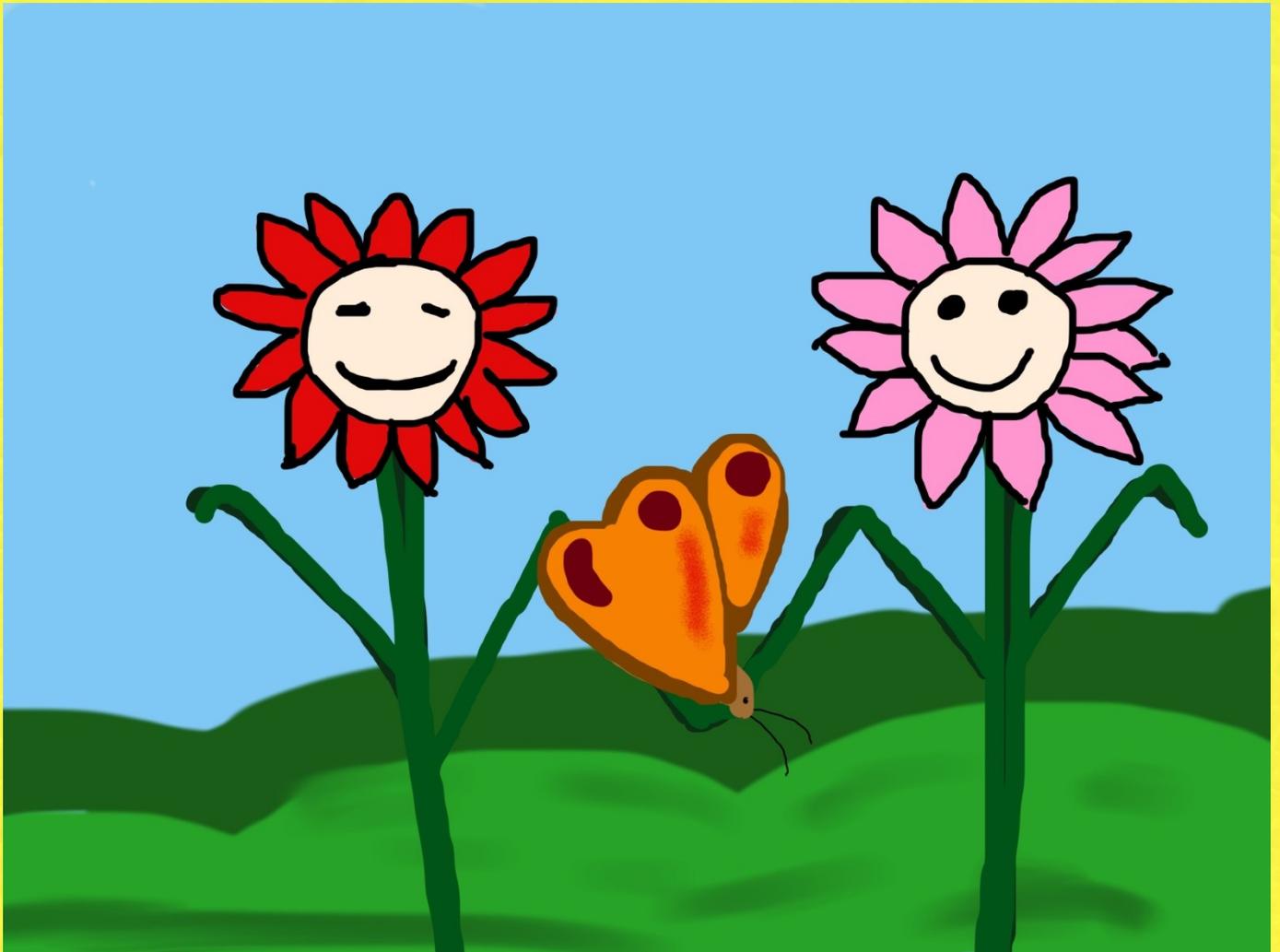


**“I’ll live like a butterfly. They sip nectar but don’t work like bees.”**



**“They fly over flowers before choosing one.**

**They don’t rush at all. And they don’t hum.”**



**“They have so much fun!”**



**Bee-Not-So-Busy found a bright and colorful butterfly costume.**



**She had a nice day sipping nectar and flying among the flowers.**



**By evening, she was tired. Like the other butterflies, she folded her wings and went to sleep under a leaf.**



**Suddenly there was thunder and lightning. Thick drops of rain fell hard and fast.**



**Bee-Not-So-Busy took shelter under a bunch of flowers. The flowers grew heavy with the rainwater.**



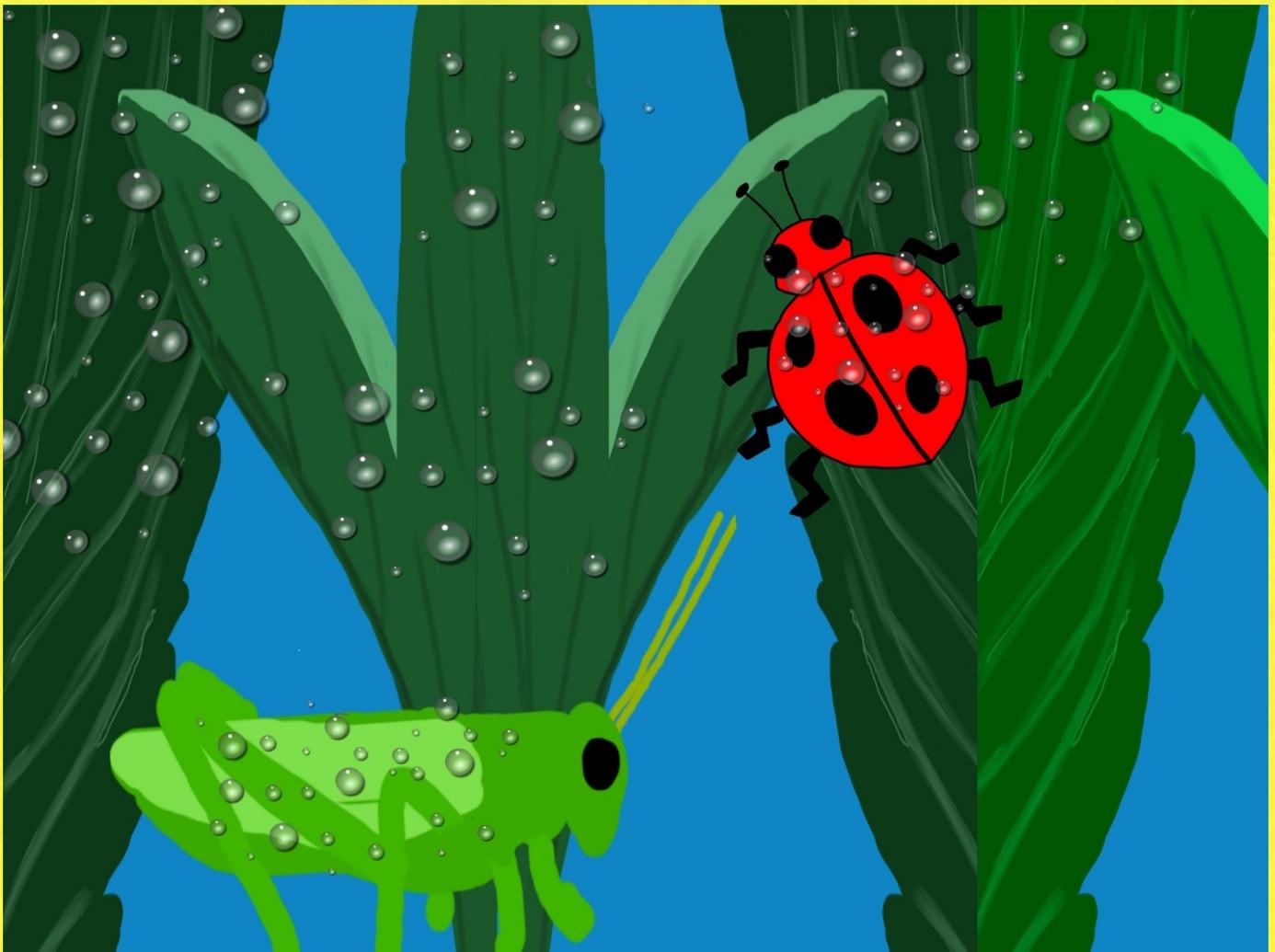
**Bee-Not-So-Busy was scared she would drop into the puddle that had formed around the plant.**



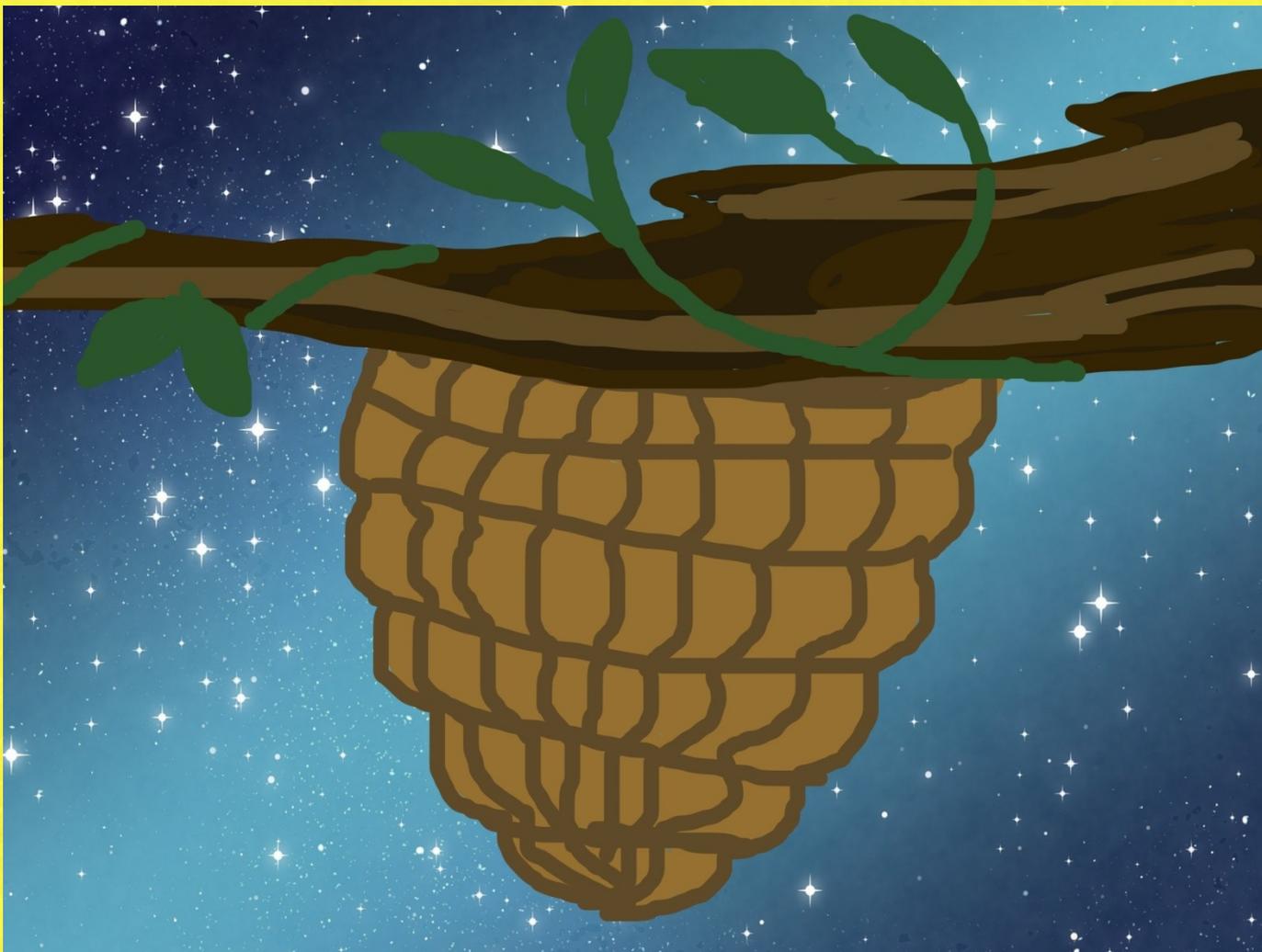
**The rain stopped after sometime. Bee-Not-So-Busy threw away the wet butterfly coat and rested on a stem.**



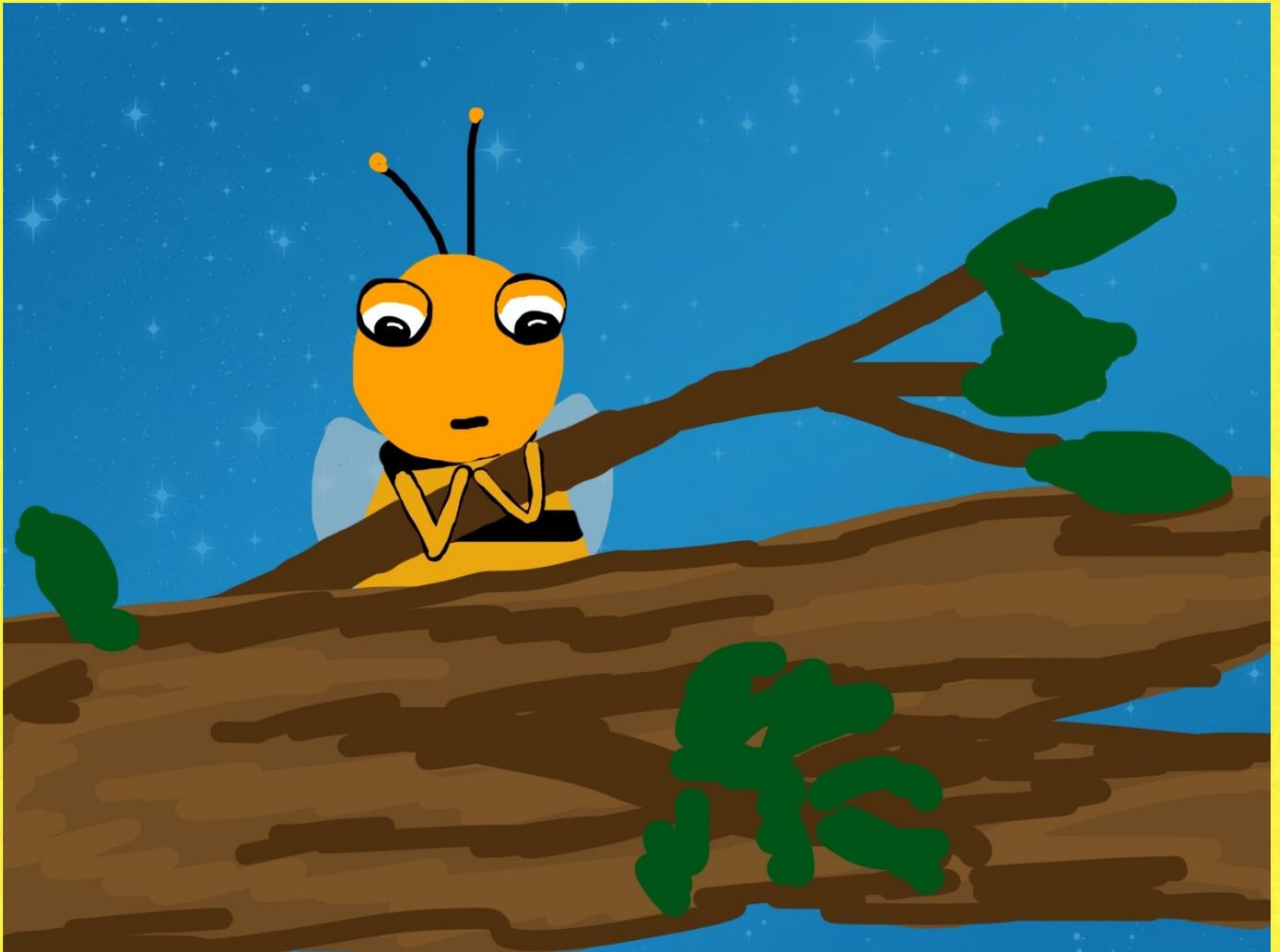
**She saw ants rushing out of an anthill. “Our food is all gone! Our home is all wet!” they cried.**



**Moths, beetles, butterflies, grasshoppers were all wet. They would have no food until the sun shone tomorrow.**

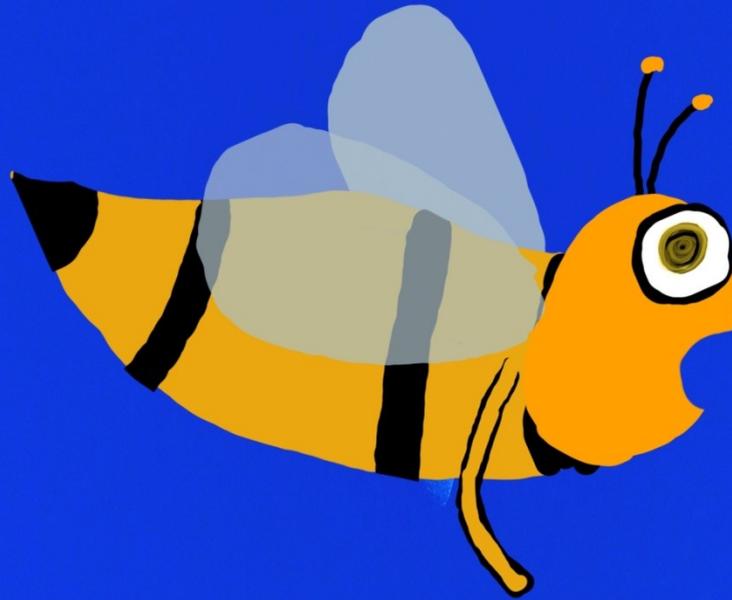


**Bee-Not-So-Busy missed her dry, warm, and safe beehive.**

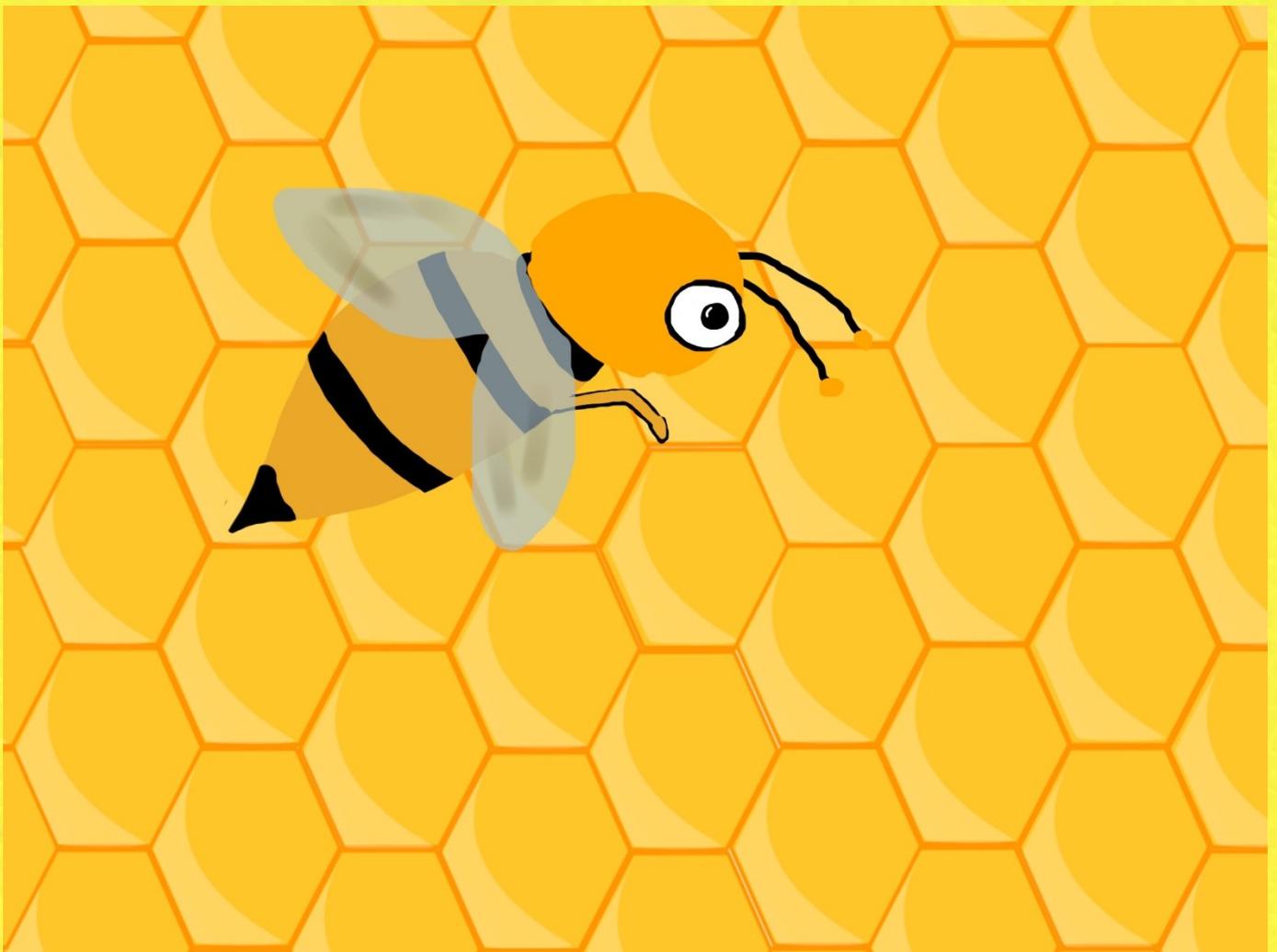


**She was also hungry and longed for the food stored in the hive.**

**There was honey and nectar and pollen in there.**



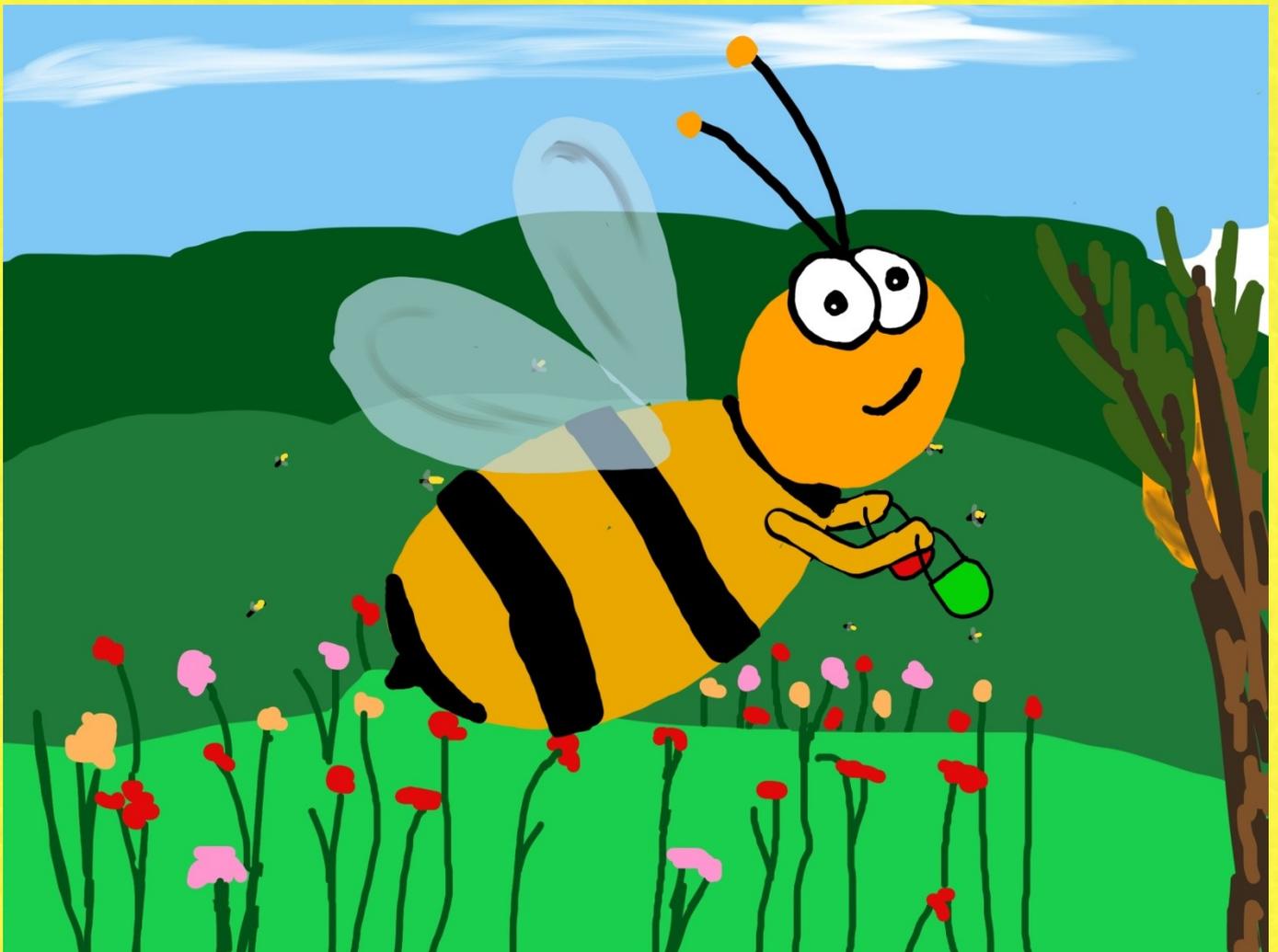
**She shook herself dry and flew back to the hive.**



**Bee-Not-So-Busy had a tasty meal. Happy to be back in her safe, warm, and dry home, she fell asleep.**



**Early the next morning, she flew from flower to hive and back to flower. She worked all day long.**



**Bee-Not-So-Busy had become a Busy-Bee.**

Dear Children and Parents,  
I hope you enjoyed my story.

'Busy Bee'.



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