

# The Alkali Bee and the Blue Flower

## Level 3



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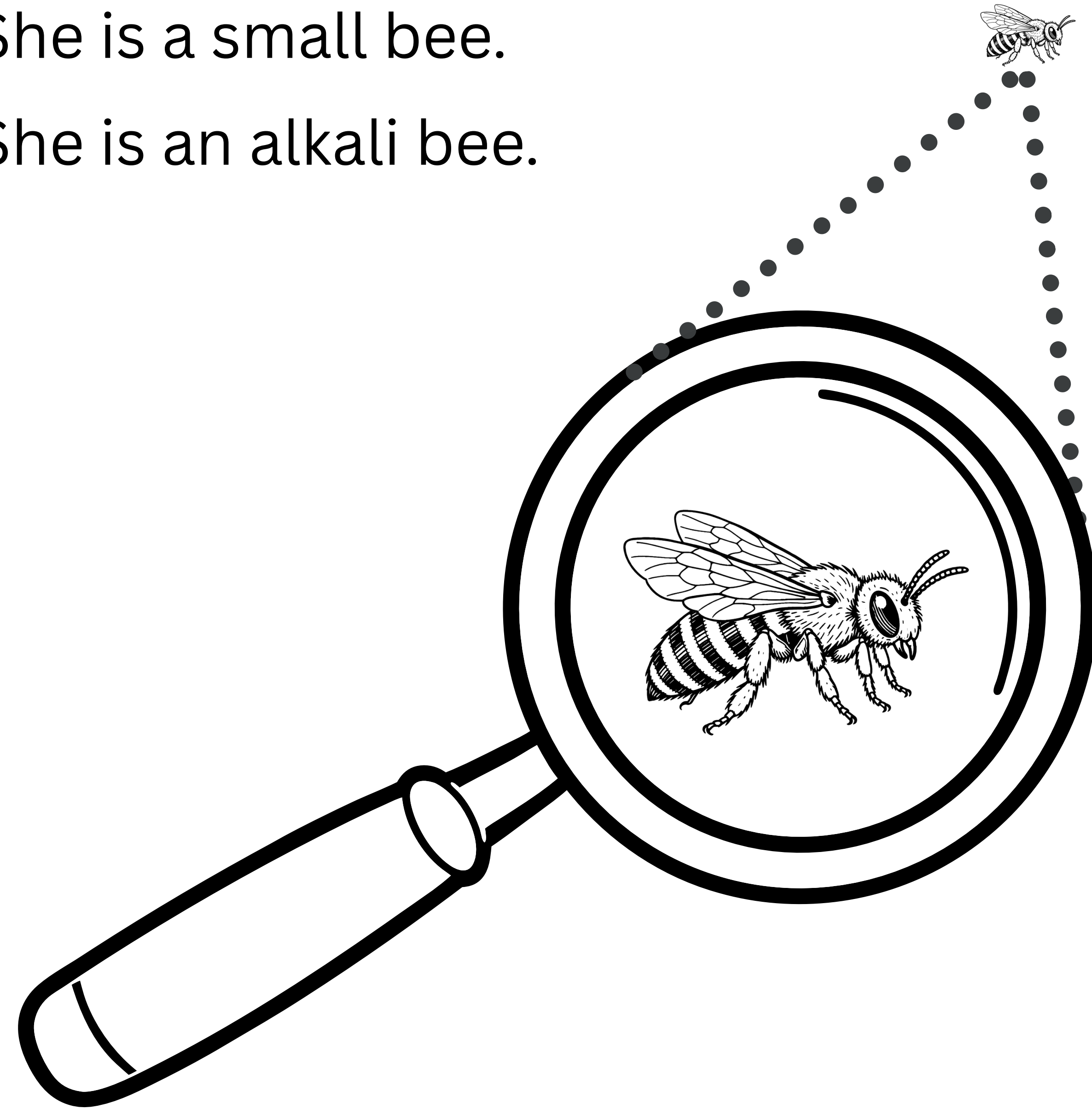
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This is Bizzy.

She is a small bee.

She is an alkali bee.



Bizzy is not a honeybee.

She does not live in trees.

She does not live in boxes.

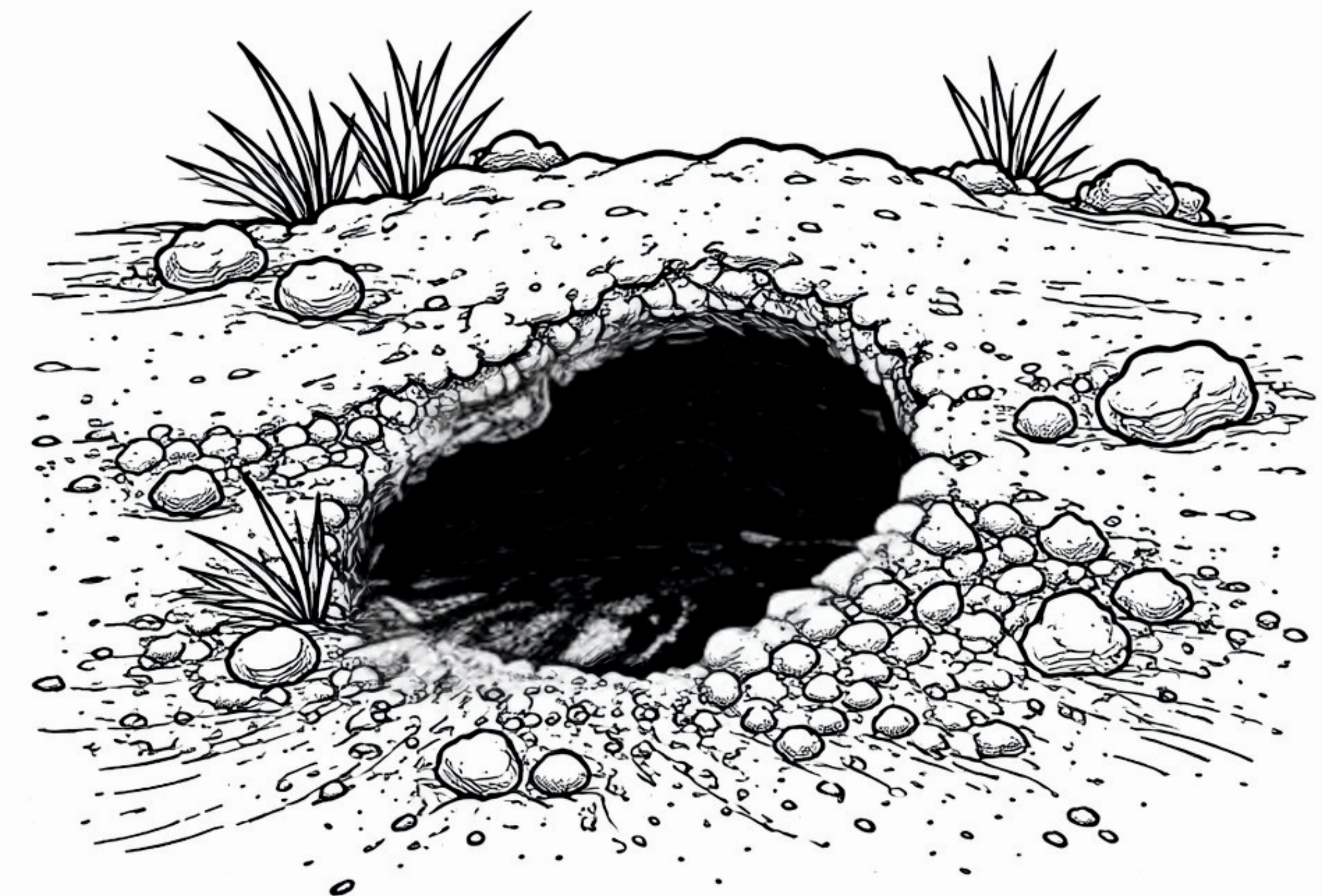
Where *does* Bizzy live?

Where do alkali bees like Bizzy live?

Alkali bees live in the **earth**.

The earth is **wet**. The earth is a little **salty**.

Every bee digs a small **hole**.



That is their home.

That is Bizzy's home.

**earth** - אדמה

**salty** - מלוח

**wet** - רטוב

**hole** - חור



One day, Bizzy flies out of her hole.  
 She sees a blue flower.  
 The flower is tall.  
 The flower is **full of** food.



It is alfalfa.



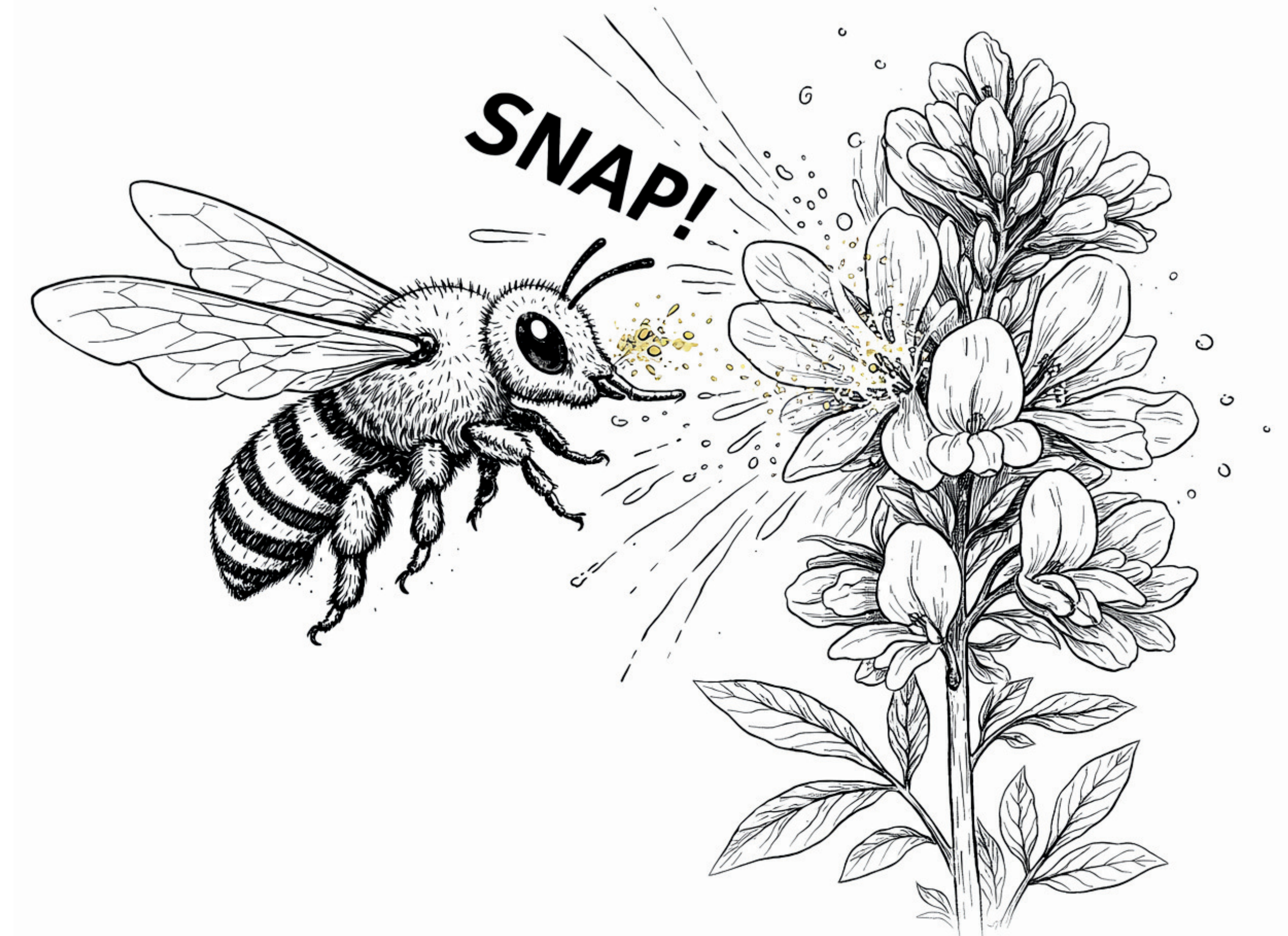

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**full of** - מלא ב...

Bizzy flies to the alfalfa flower.

**SNAP!**

The flower pops!  
 The **petals** pop open  
 and yellow **dust** comes out!  
 The yellow dust is called **pollen**.



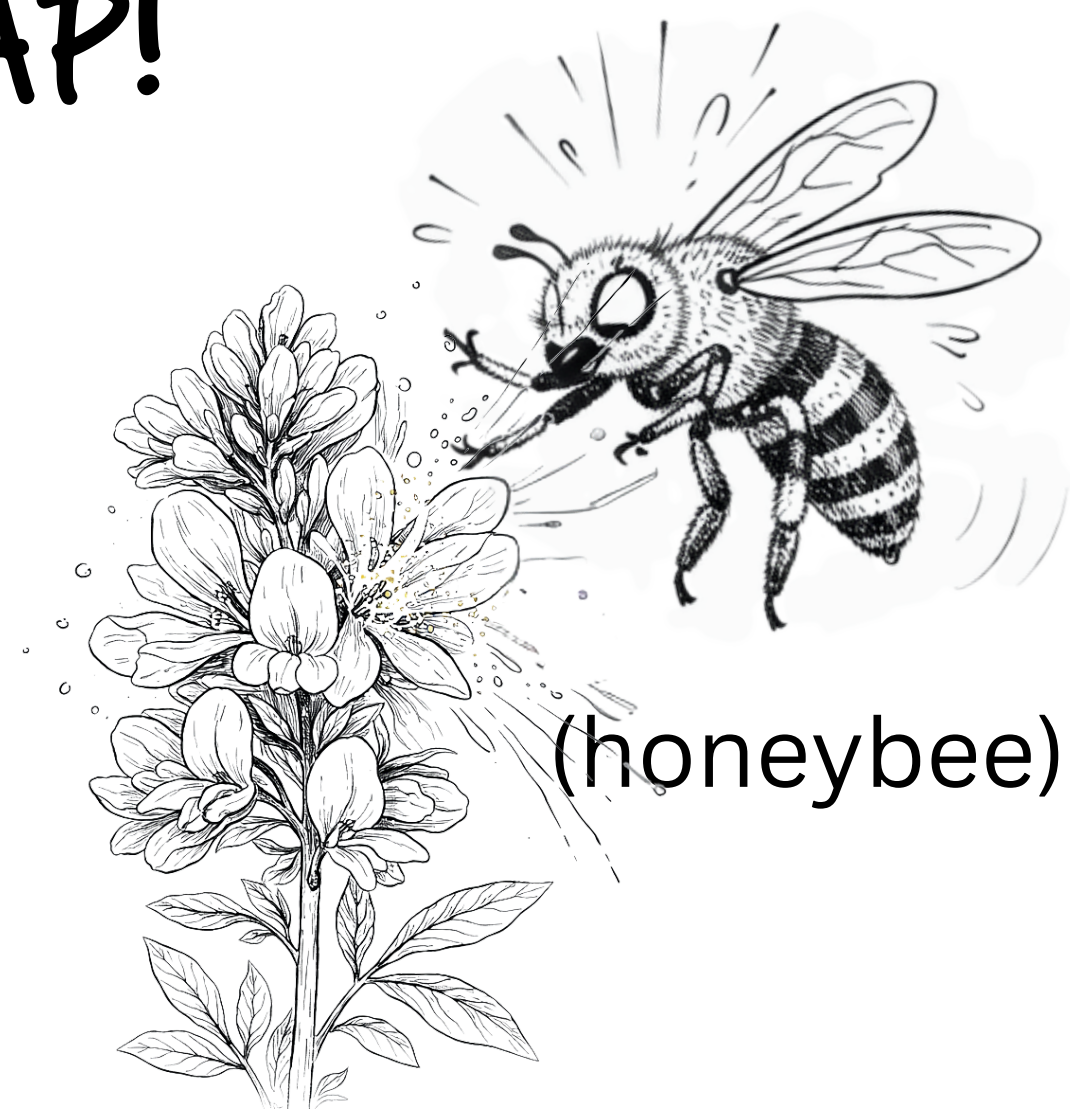

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**petals** - עלי כותרת  
**pollen** - אבקנים

**dust** - אבקה



Honeybees don't like the **SNAP!**  
Honeybees get **scared**  
when the flower pops open.



Alkali bees are not scared.  
Alkali bees love  
when the flower pops open.  
They love the **pollen**.



Bizzy drinks the sweet nectar  
from the flower.  
She gets yellow pollen on her legs.

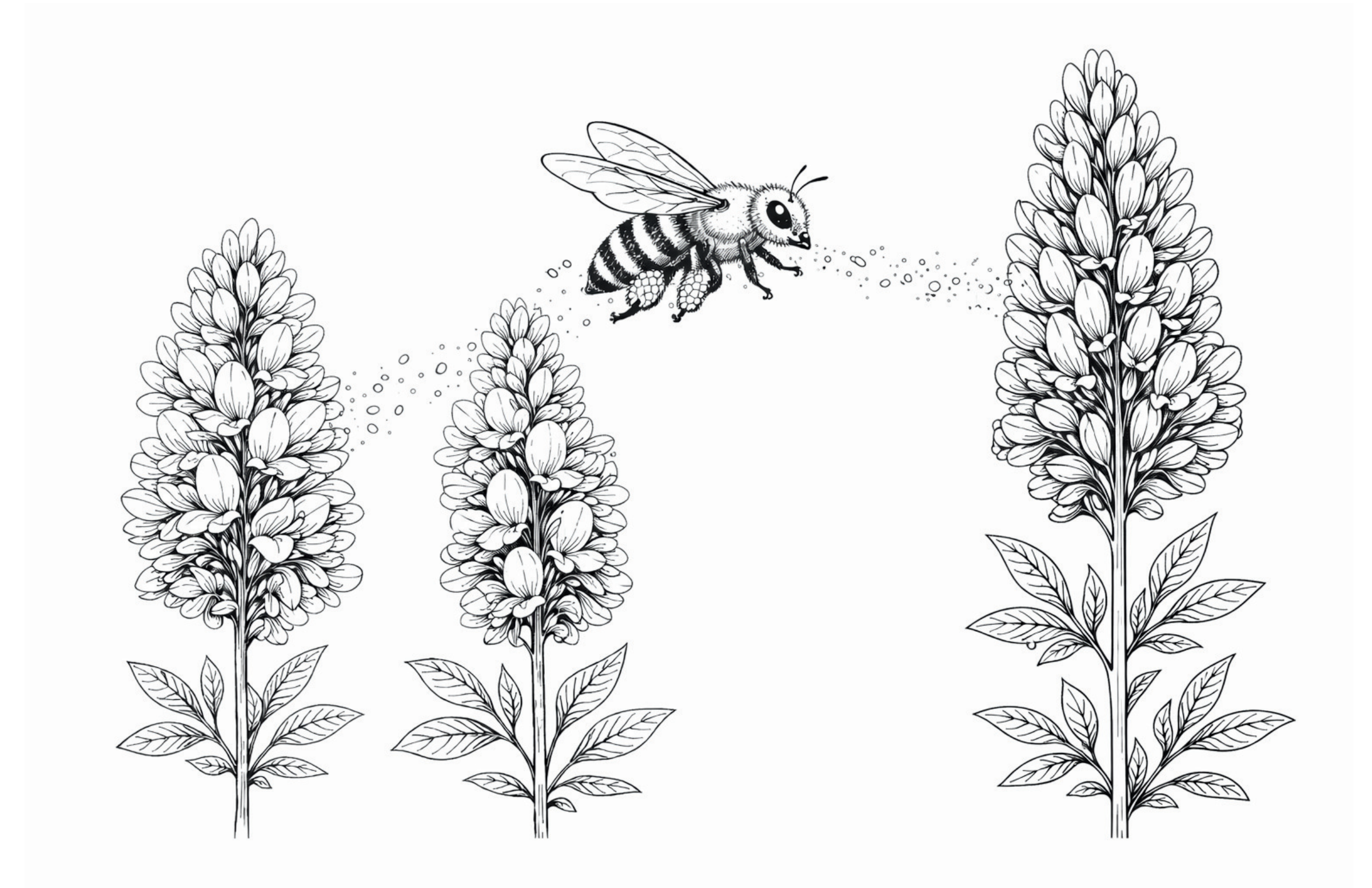
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**scared** - מפחדות

**pollen** - אבקנים

Bizzy flies to the next flower.  
Snap! Snap!

She flies to more and more flowers.  
Snap! Snap! Snap! Snap!



The **pollen** falls on more flowers  
and they will make more and more  
new **seeds**.

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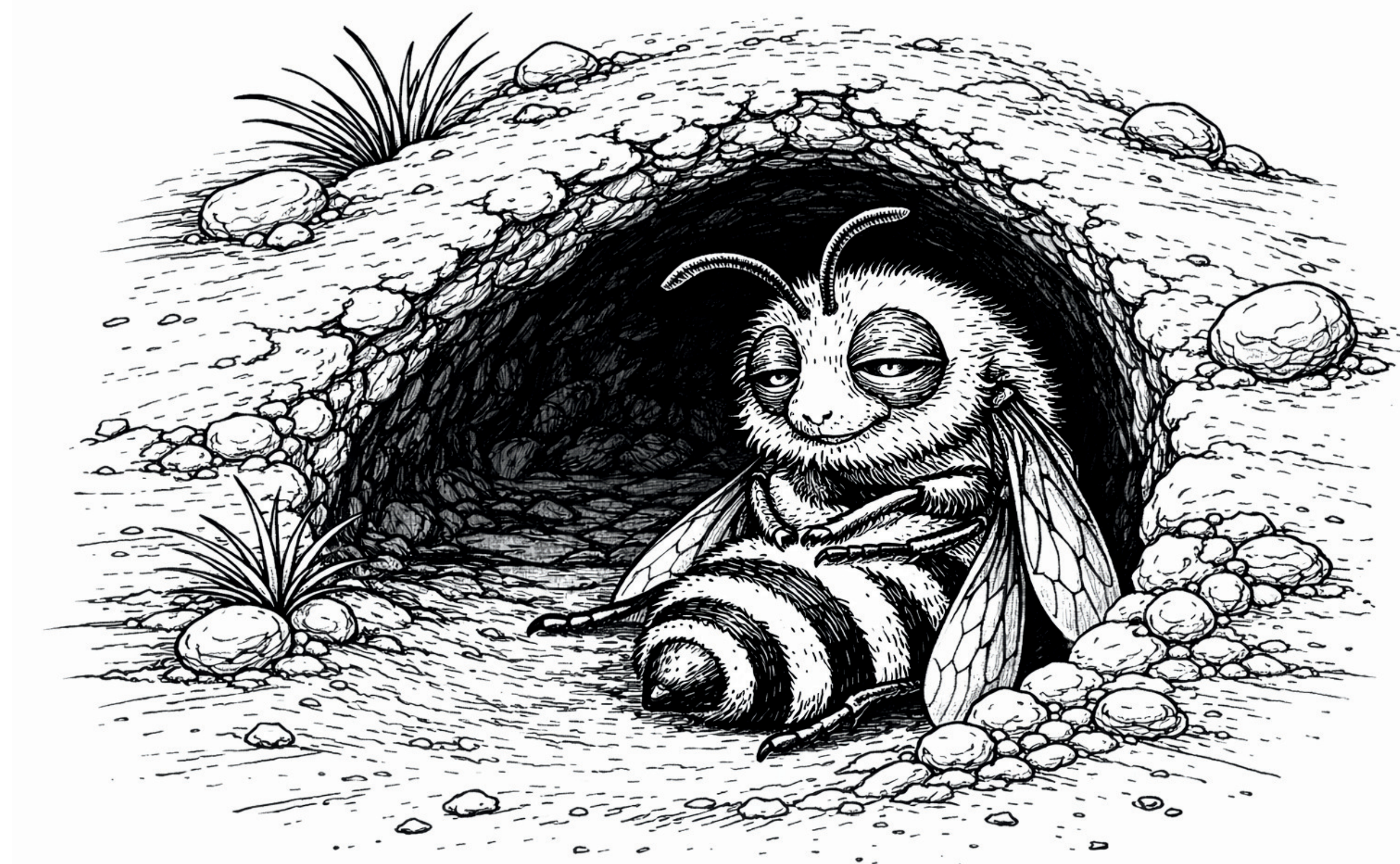
**pollen** - אבקנים

**seeds** - גרעינים



Bizzy flies home.  
She goes into the **warm earth**.

She is tired.  
She rests in her warm **hole**.  
The alkali bee did good work today.



Bizzy and her friends help alfalfa grow.  
They help alfalfa grow **better**.

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**warm** - חמים      **earth** - אדמה  
**better** - יותר טוב      **hole** - חור

Alfalfa **seeds** are very **important**.  
Cows eat alfalfa. They will make a lot of milk.  
**People** drink a lot of milk.



Bizzy and alkali bees are very important.

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**seeds** - גרעינים      **important** - חשובים  
**people** - אנשים