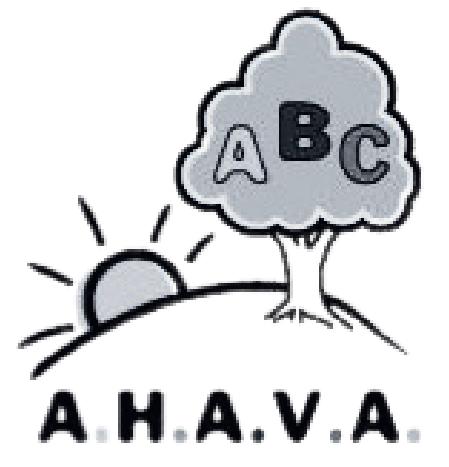


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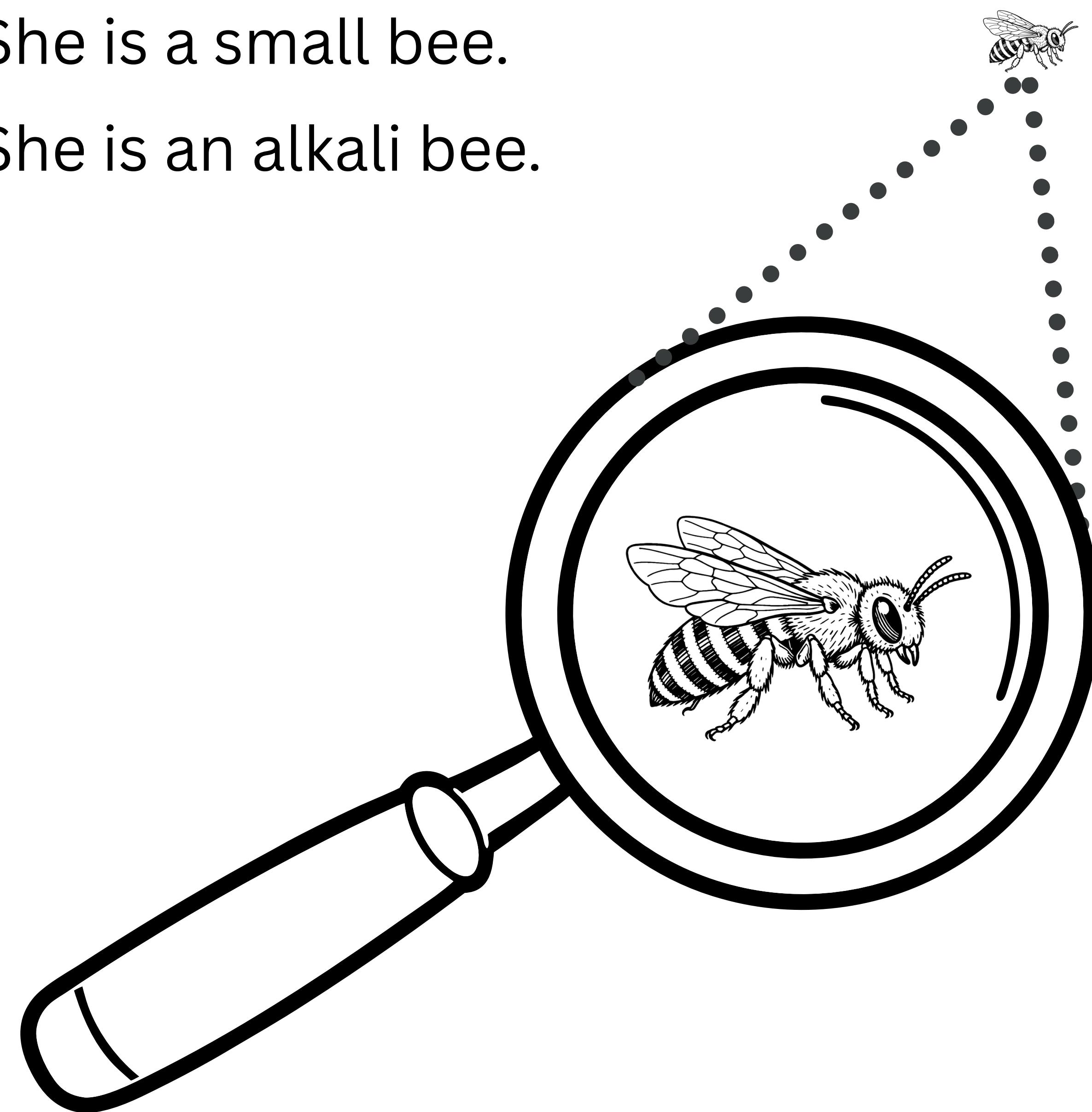
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This is Bizzy.

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.

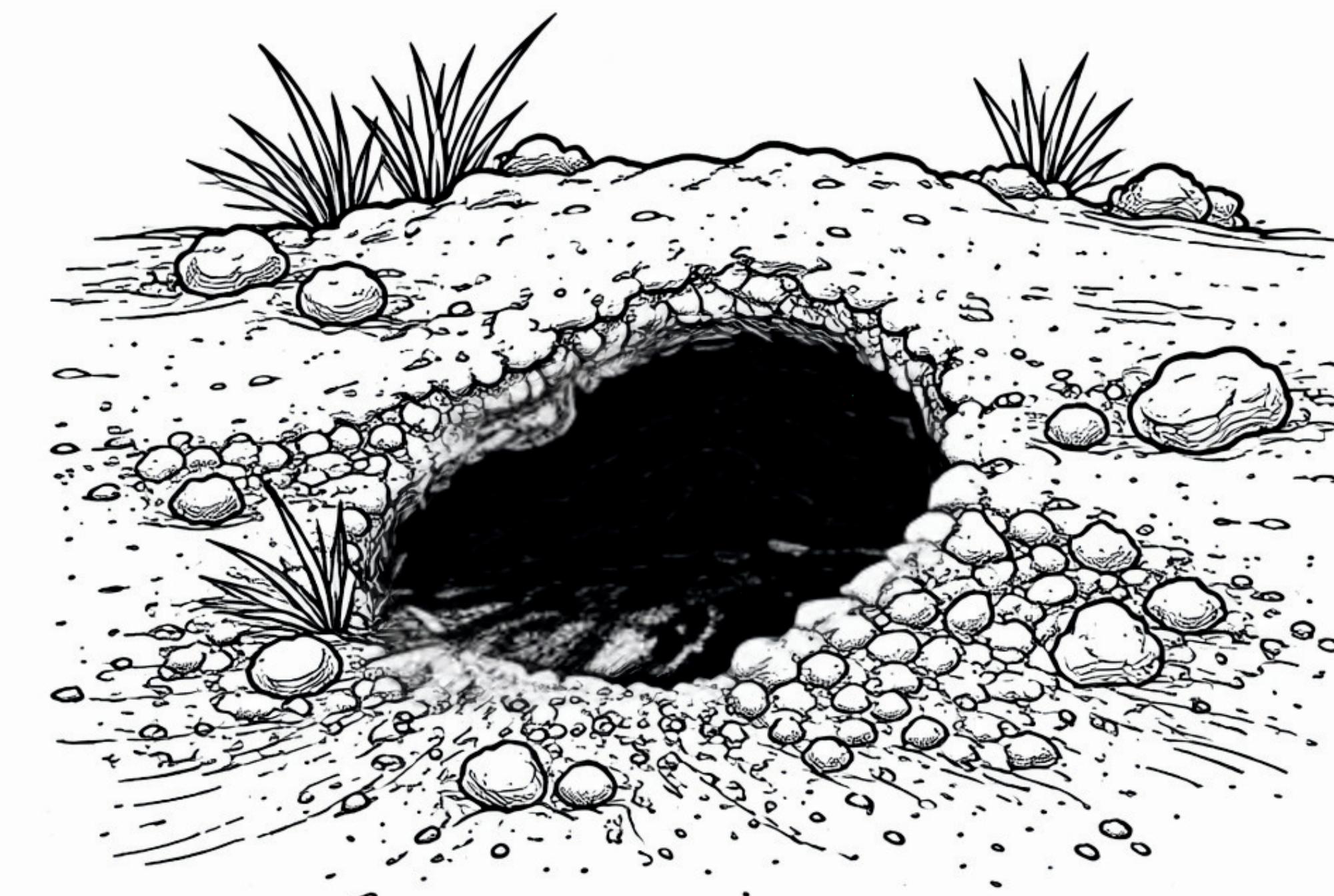
Where does Bizzy live?

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.

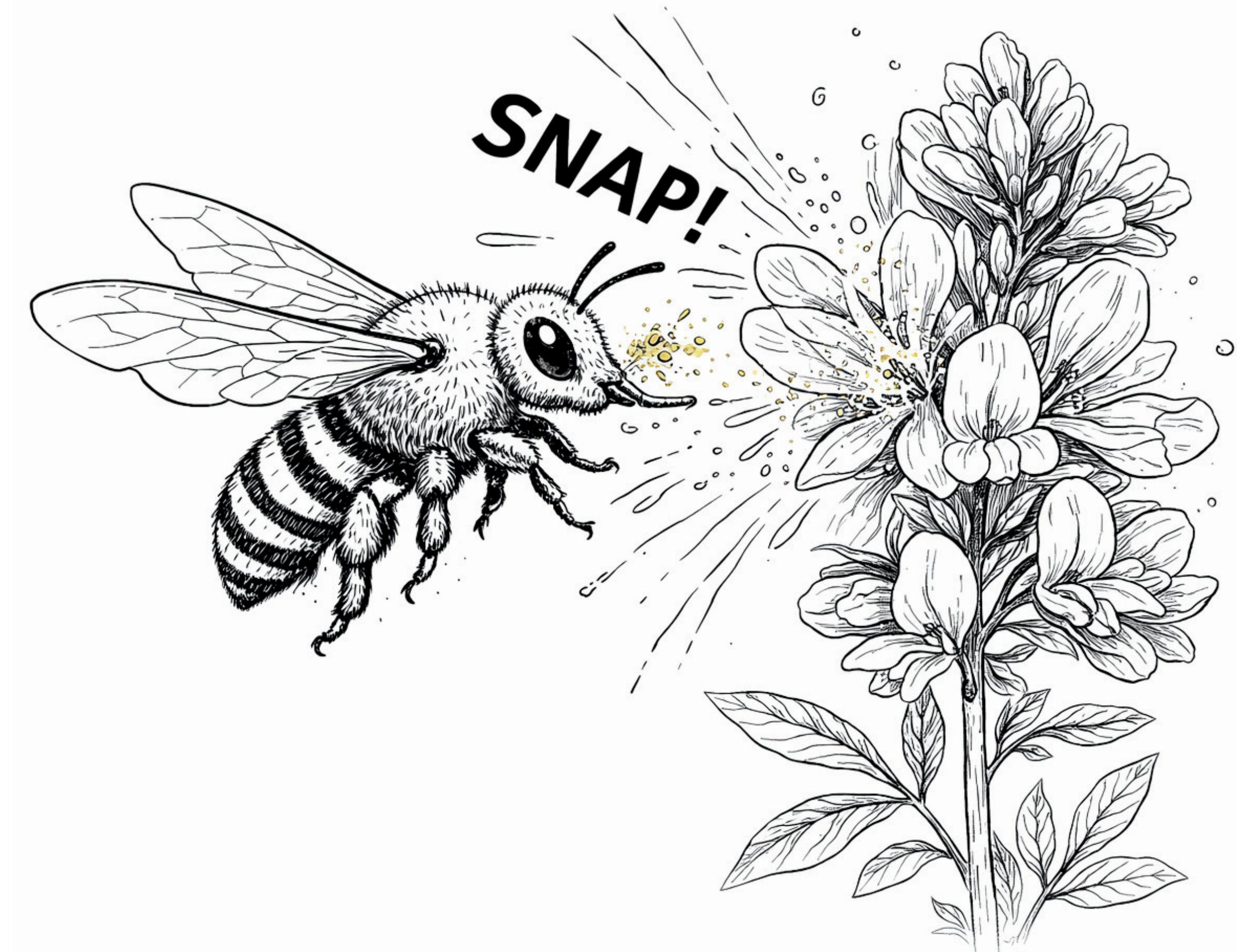


full of - מלא ב...

Bizzy flies to the alfalfa flower.

SNAP!

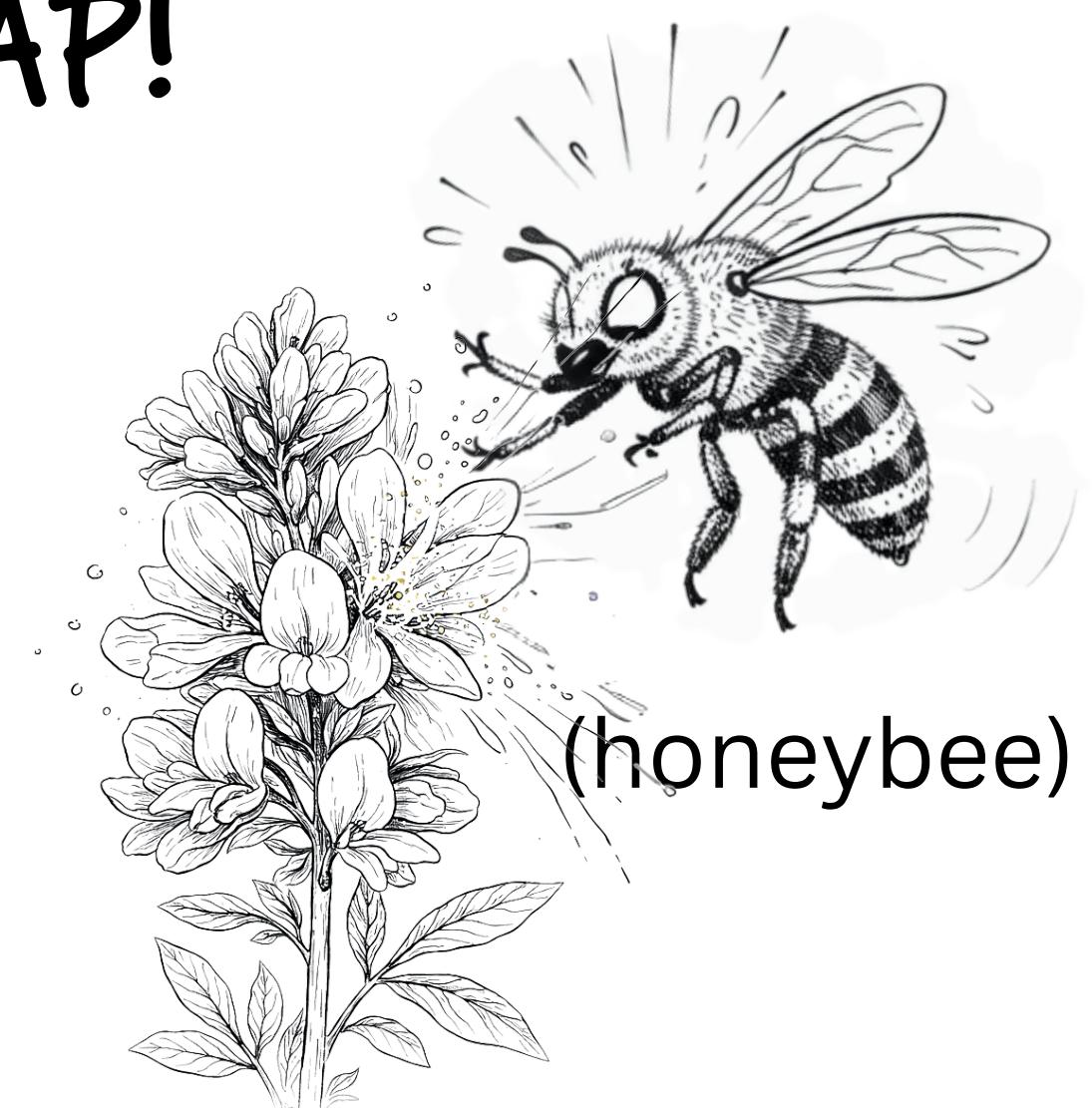
The flower pops!
The **petals** pop open
and yellow **dust** comes out!
The yellow dust is called **pollen**.



petals - עלי כותרת
pollen - אבקנים

אבקה - **dust**

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.

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**.

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**.

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



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

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