



Big-Eyed Bee

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Sophy is a bee with the biggest eyes. She can see things from far away clearly. Her wings are short, but she flies the fastest. Sophy is always the first to collect nectar from flowers. Today she flies out as always.



Sophy arrives at a flower garden by the water. She sits on the biggest flower. 'Why haven't the other bees arrived yet? I have been waiting for a long time now,' she complains. The fragrance of the flowers makes her feel excited. 'Ah! How fragrant!' She closes her eyes and dances.



Then, the swarm arrives. They fly as a group to find flowers in the garden. A big-headed bee approaches Sophy and asks, 'Why don't you fly with us?' 'You are all too slow and should learn how to fly like me,' teases Sophy. The big-headed bee gets upset and flies back to the other bees.



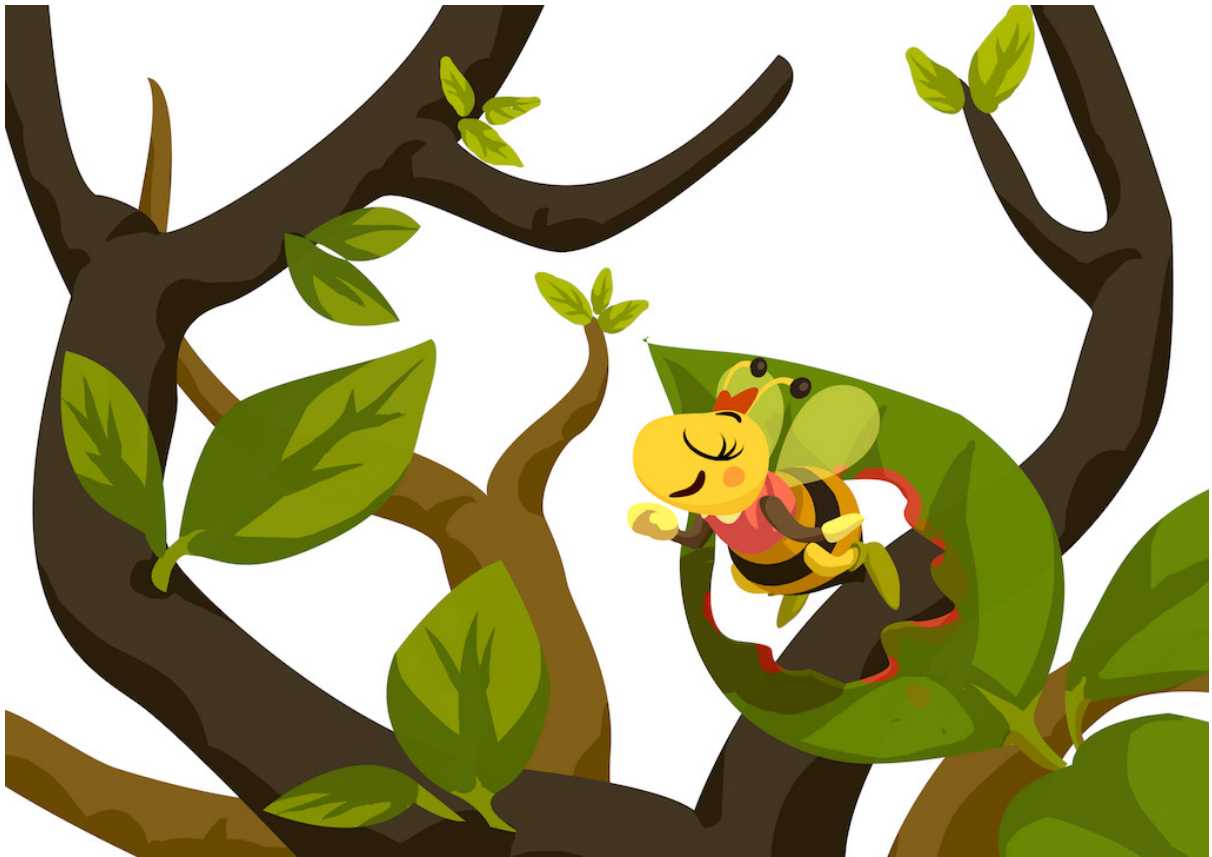
Sophy flies high and says, 'Look! I will collect the most nectar!' Then she flies down and collects it from one flower, then another. She does not care about the others. Sometimes, Sophy samples the nectar.



The sun is about to set and loud buzzing noises grow louder in the garden. All the bees hurry to collect nectar. Sophy corks her bottle and shouts, 'Brothers and sisters, my bottle is full now!' The other bees ignore her. Sophy sits on a gladiolus and thinks to herself, 'I should take a short break.'



Sophy lies down and looks at the beautiful sky. Suddenly, she sees a big, strange purple flower. She is excited and thinks that this flower must contain a lot of delicious nectar. She flies toward it right away.



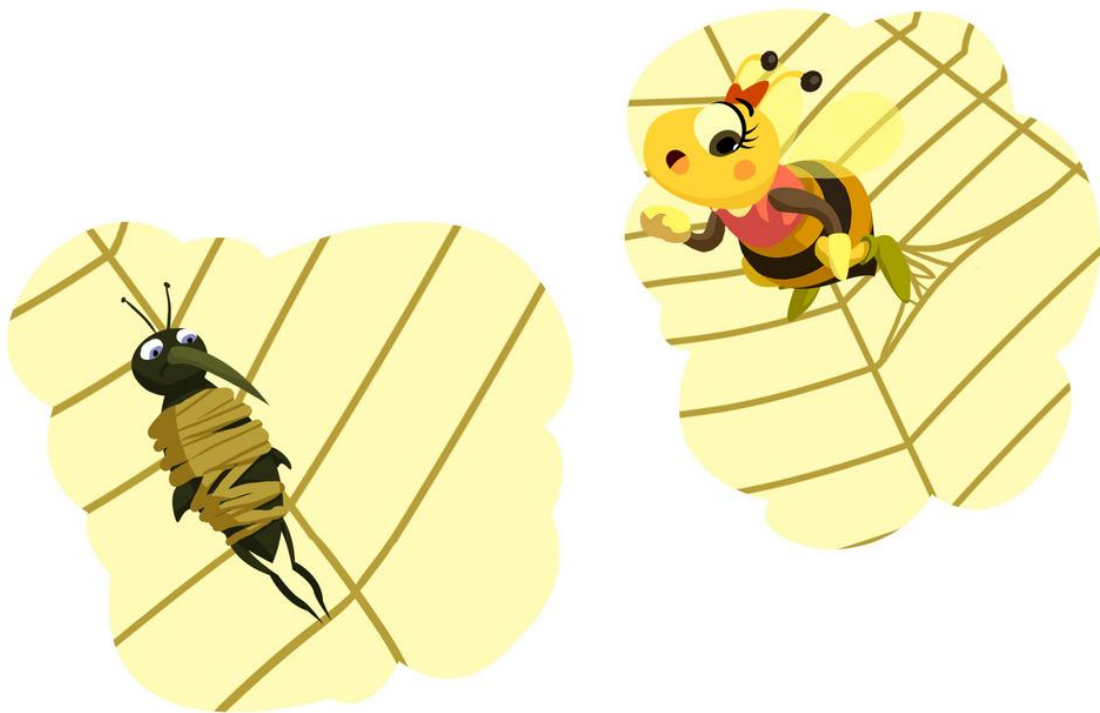
Sophy flies through tangled branches. Some branches curve inward while some curve outward. She flies through holes in the leaves eaten by worms, and she hits droplets of water on the edge of a leaf. 'Haha, how cool it is!'



Suddenly, Sophy slows down. She sees a horrible creature on a web in front of her. 'Haven't you seen a spider before?' the mother spider asks her sluggishly. 'Spider? I have never seen one before!' Sophy replies quickly.



'Do you want to play with me? It's exciting!' says the mother spider. The mother spider runs around on the web. Sophy wants to play as well. She flies to the spider web.



Sophy sees a trapped mosquito. She avoids the trap by quickly flying through the web...
...but one of her legs gets stuck.



The mother spider opens her mouth, shows her fangs, and approaches Sophy. Sophy is so scared. She flaps her wings very hard. 'I am the fastest bee, so I must get out of this trap.' The spider is about to reach her when Sophy finally frees herself.



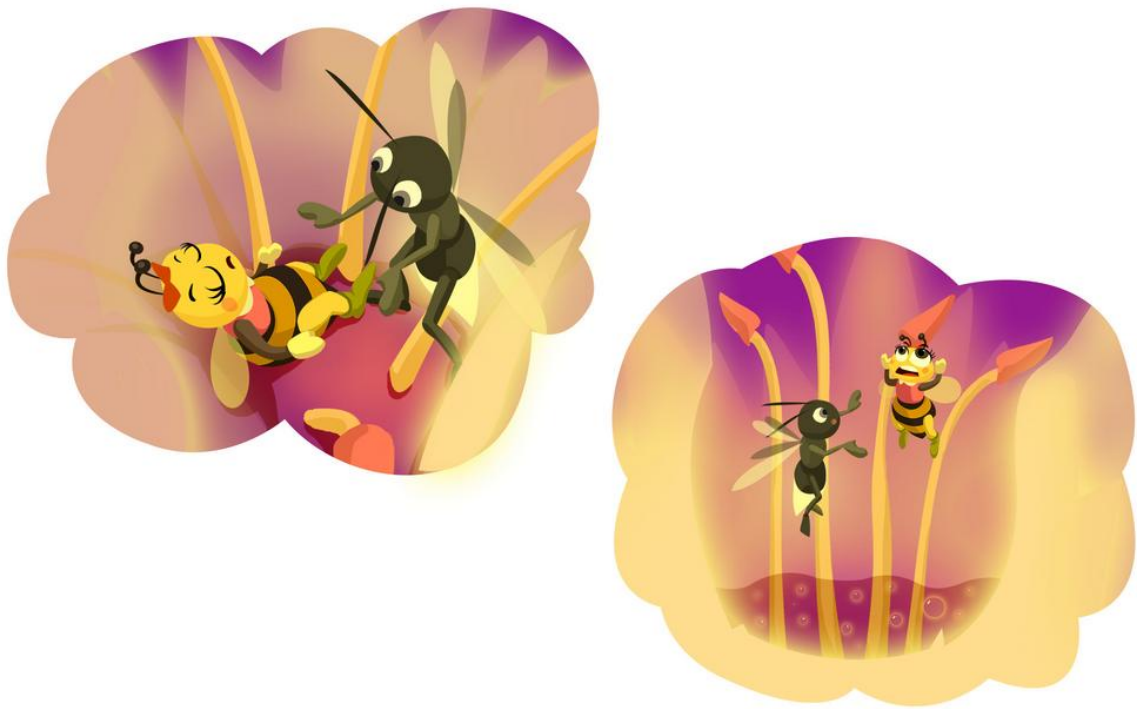
Sophy is so excited and flies toward the strange flower. She looks at the flower with wide eyes. 'It's very beautiful!' she says. Then she hurries to sip the flower's nectar, which is as bright as gold. 'Ah!!! How bad it tastes!' The nectar is bitter and makes her feel dizzy.



Actually, it is a poisonous flower that eats insects. The big-eyed bee tries to fly away, but she starts to lose energy. Her wings become weak and her eyes close slowly. Then, she falls asleep.



The sun is now setting. The swarm finishes collecting the nectar. They think that Sophy has most likely gone back to the honeycomb. The bees fly away.



A firefly tries to help Sophy flap her wings. 'Hurry up! Try to fly!' The sky becomes dark and quiet. 'Wake up! Wake up!' the firefly says. Sophy opens her eyes and sees a small light. It's the firefly.



Suddenly, the petals close and they are both trapped inside. The flower lets out more and more stinky liquid. 'Ugh! I can't breathe! Are we going to die here?' shouts the firefly. 'No! We must get out of this place,' replies Sophy. She struggles and stings the flower.



They manage to escape. But neither of them have any energy left, so they lie on the ground.



Centipedes, frogs, and snakes emerge and want to eat them. Sophy and the firefly cannot move. They are very scared.



Just then, the swarm arrives. A bee tells Sophy, 'We saw that you left your nectar bottle behind, so we searched for you. Let's go.' The bees sting the monsters and take Sophy and the firefly away.



Along the way, the bees get lost because it is so dark. The firefly calls a swarm of fireflies to help. The fireflies light the way for the bees. Sophy uses her big eyes to help.



The bees and the fireflies fly out of the forest.
The light of the fireflies glows in the field.
'Thank you! I am sorry for all I have done,'
says Sophy softly. Sophy, the fireflies, and the
bees smile at one another. Under the moonlit
sky, they become friends.

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