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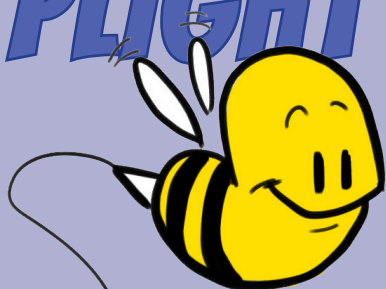


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On her way to gather nectar, Zoe was shocked to see a building where flowers and trees used to be...she buzzes to get help!



"Strix, my pollinator friends and I are having a habitat emergency. And we need Whobuddies assistance!"



"Zoe and her friends have lost their important food sources like flowers and fruit trees, so I am hoping you might be able to help us Ninnox?"



"I have some special plant specimens that are just what Rocky and his friends need."



Let me call our friend Ralph and see if he can find us some help. "Hello Ralph. We have a natural resource emergency, and could use your help. Think you have time to help out some local bees, humming birds, butterflies and other pollinators?"



"You bet my old friend! We've got the perfect spot in the school yard for a new pollinator garden. I'll go talk to Mr. Brad and the kids. We'll be ready for another Whobuddies adventure!"



"Hey Connor! We need to plant a pollinator garden to provide food for Zoe and her pollinator friends. The garden will be full of plants that will be good for our soil and add beauty to our school yard. Will you help?"

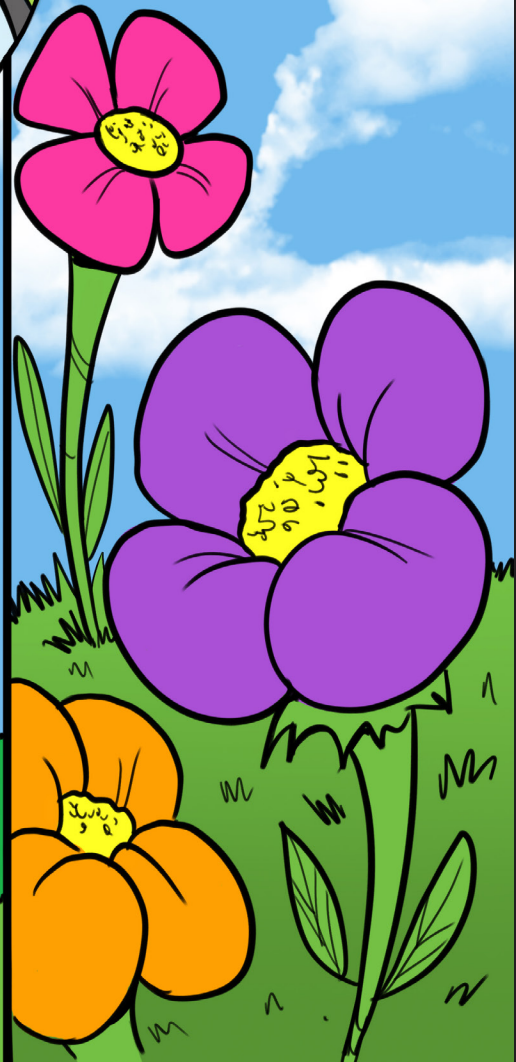
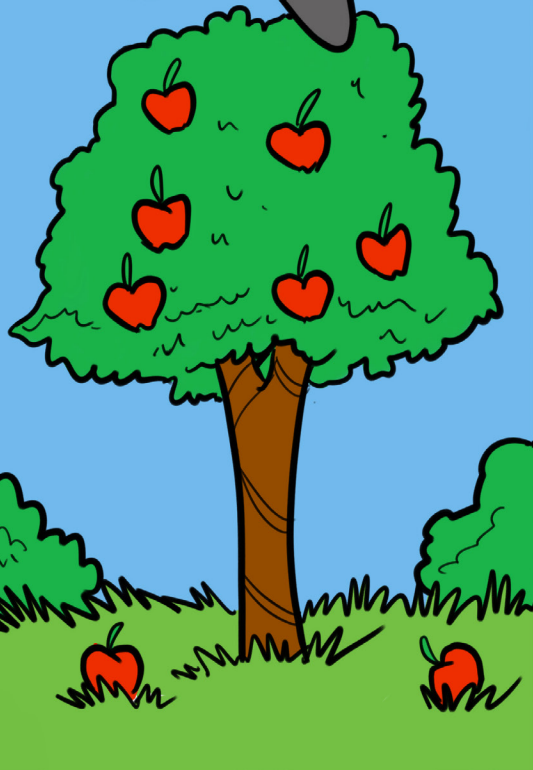
You bet  
we will!

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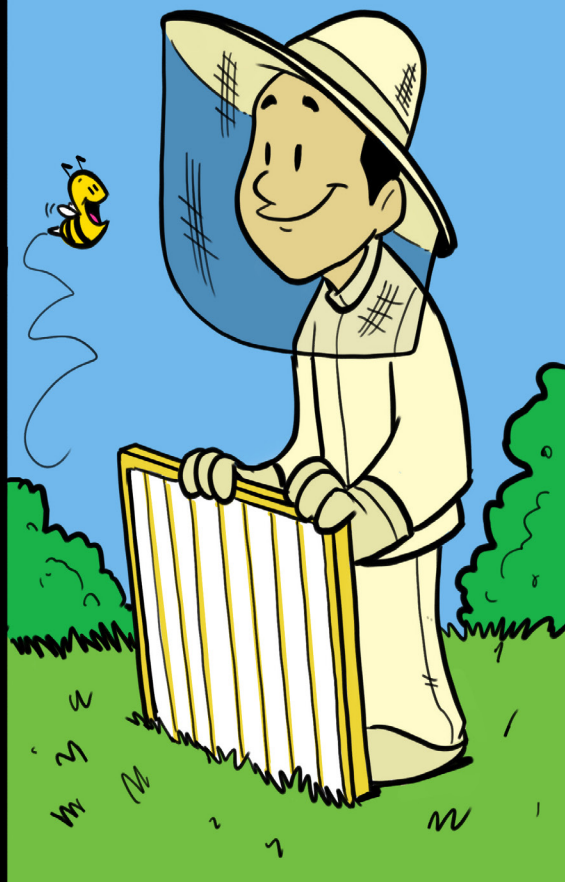




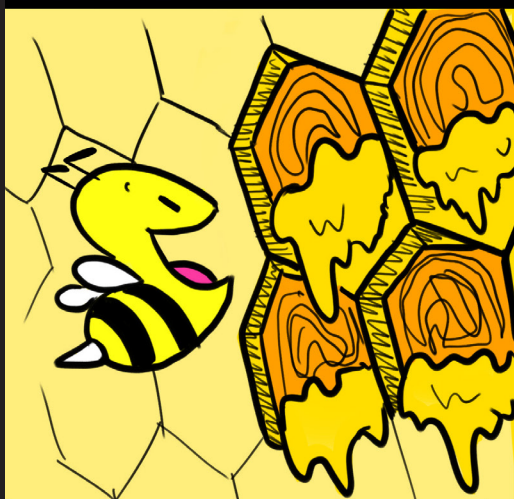
Pollinators like bees, butterflies and humming birds are an important part of the life cycle of many trees and flowers. Without the help of pollinators, fruit won't grow on trees and flowers can't produce seeds.



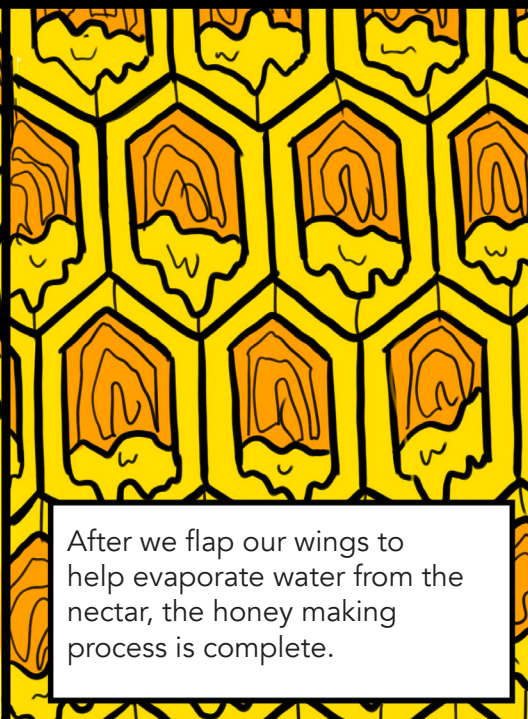
Pollen and nectar, which come from flowers and blooming trees, are important food sources for bees, who work as a team to convert nectar into honey in their hives.



Let's take a moment to learn from Zoe about how bees turn nectar and pollen into the honey we buy from farmers or the grocery store.

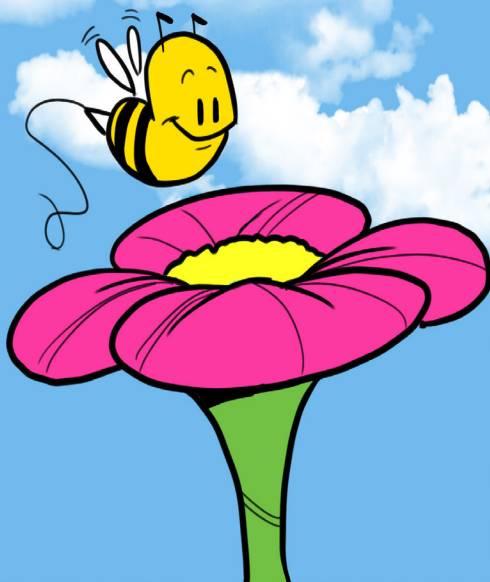


The nectar is stored in special cells in the hive and then sealed with a wax made by worker bees like me!

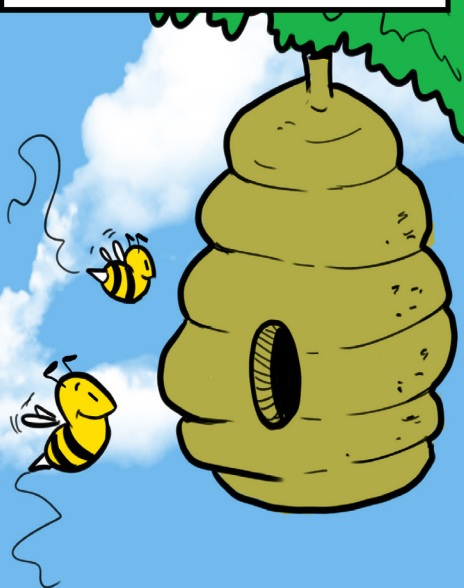


After we flap our wings to help evaporate water from the nectar, the honey making process is complete.

I visit flowers and other blooming plants to gather nectar and store in a special stomach.



I bring the nectar back to my bee hive where the honey making process begins.



Beekeepers have special hives for us, where they can harvest our honey.



Honey never needs to be stored in the refrigerator and doesn't spoil.

**WE ARE HERE TO HELP.  
LET'S GET STARTED!**



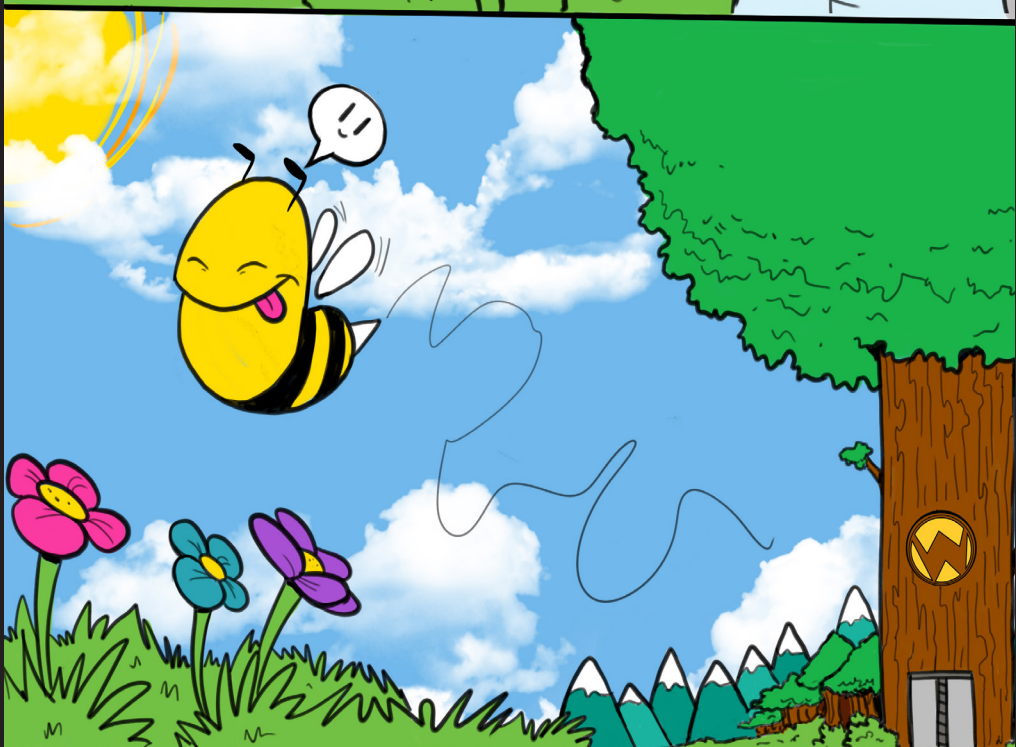
With Bubo digging the holes, Ninox and the kids planting his special pollinator plant specimens and Otus watering the plants, we will get this new garden planted in no time! These new plants will provide plenty of pollen and nectar for Zoe and her friends, and help build healthy soil, protect the school yard from erosion, and brighten everyone's day with their beautiful blooms.



Thanks kids! Zoe and I really appreciate all your hard work today. The bees, butterflies, humming birds and other pollinator friends are so happy to have this new beautiful habitat. And what's great is these plants will grow here every year, so Zoe and her friends will always have this garden for their pollen and nectar.



"The Whobuddies and their natural resources super hero powers rescued us again! We are so grateful for your help. We love all the new plants and promise to work with Conner, Mr. Brad and the other kids to take good care of them."



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