

# TINKLE EXPLAINS

# TO BE A BEE



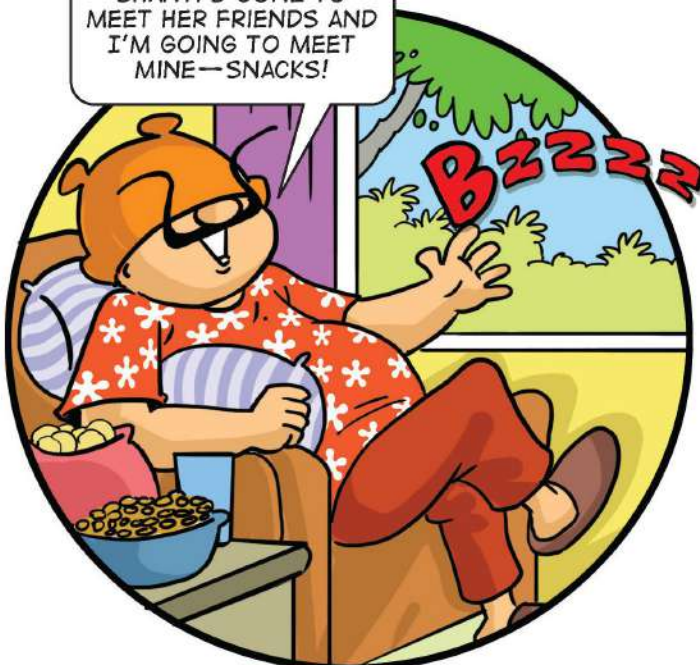
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AH! WHAT A LOVELY,  
LAZY AFTERNOON!  
SHANTI'S GONE TO  
MEET HER FRIENDS AND  
I'M GOING TO MEET  
MINE—SNACKS!



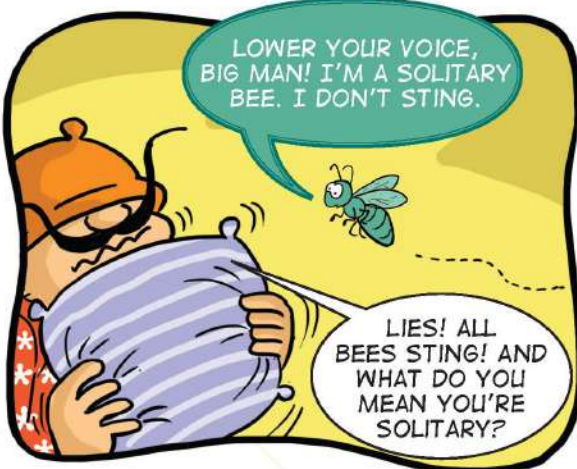
AAAH!  
BEE!

⇒ARGH<



LOWER YOUR VOICE,  
BIG MAN! I'M A SOLITARY  
BEE. I DON'T STING.

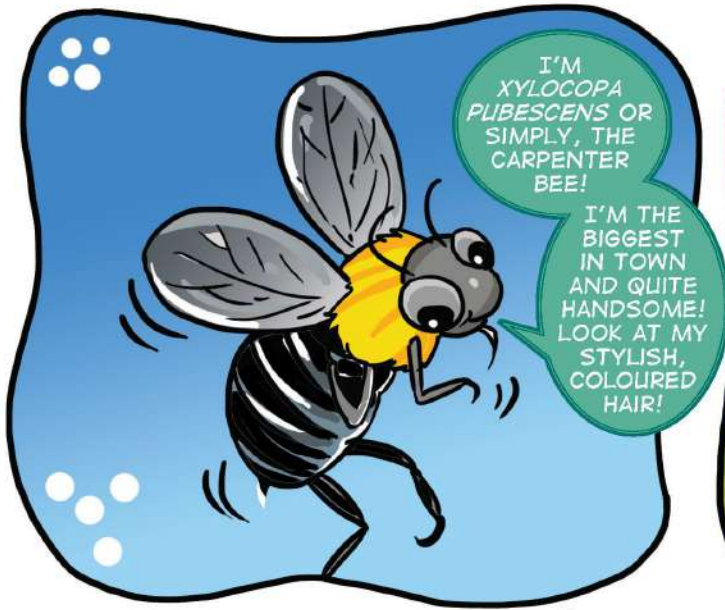
LIES! ALL  
BEES STING! AND  
WHAT DO YOU  
MEAN YOU'RE  
SOLITARY?



⇒SIGH< TIME FOR  
A LESSON. LET ME  
CALL MY COUSINS.

AND LET ME SIT BEHIND  
THESE PILLOWS. MORE  
BEES, MORE SCARY!





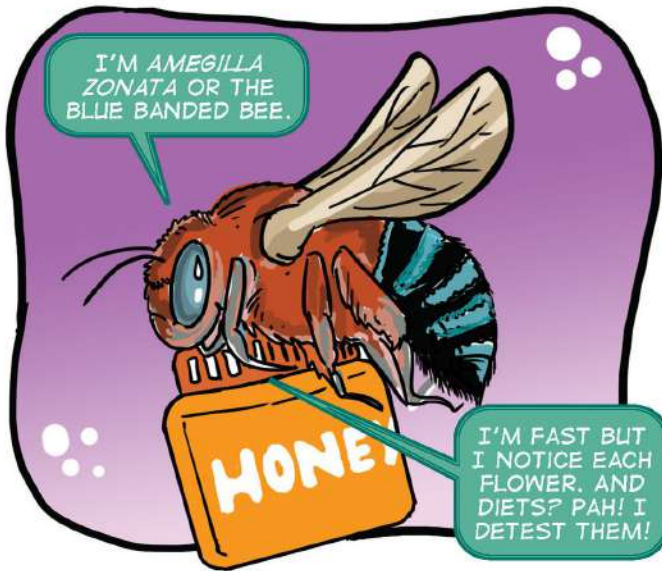
I'M *XYLOCOPA PLIBESCENS* OR SIMPLY, THE CARPENTER BEE!

I'M THE BIGGEST IN TOWN AND QUITE HANDSOME! LOOK AT MY STYLISH, COLOURED HAIR!



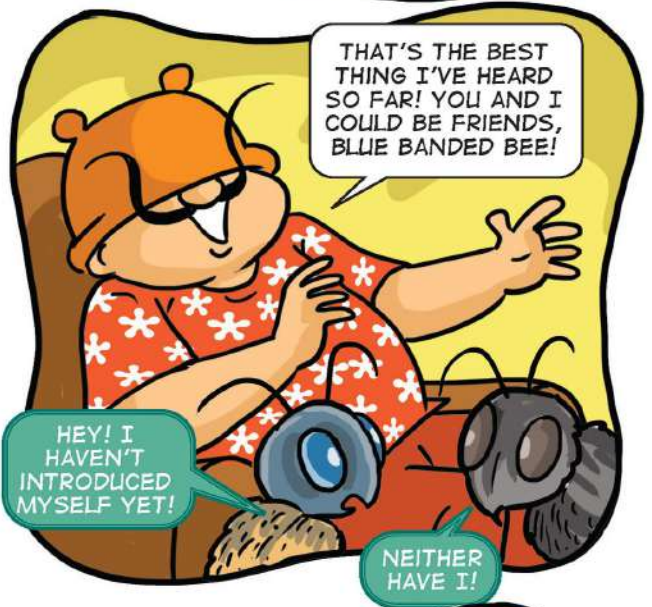
I'M *XYLOCOPA LATIPES* OR THE TROPICAL CARPENTER BEE!

I'M ONE OF THE LARGEST BEES IN THE WORLD. CHECK OUT MY MUSCLES!



I'M *AMEGILLA ZONATA* OR THE BLUE BANDED BEE.

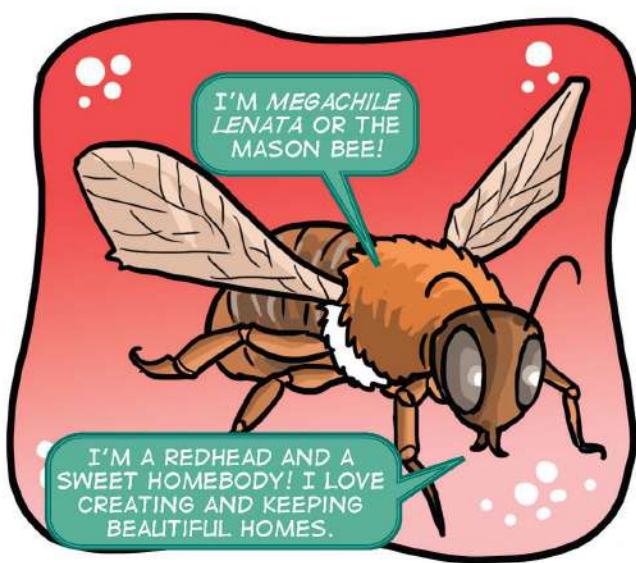
I'M FAST BUT I NOTICE EACH FLOWER, AND DIETS? PAH! I DETEST THEM!



THAT'S THE BEST THING I'VE HEARD SO FAR! YOU AND I COULD BE FRIENDS, BLUE BANDED BEE!

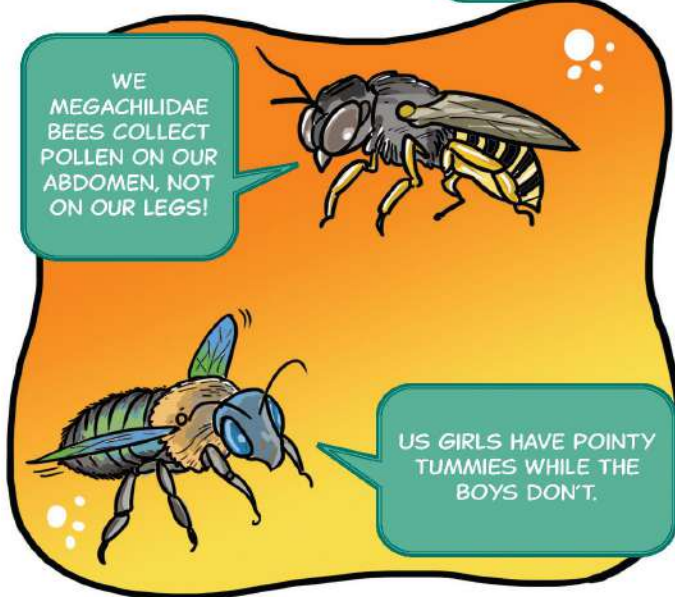
HEY! I HAVEN'T INTRODUCED MYSELF YET!

NEITHER HAVE I!



I'M *MEGACHILE LENATA* OR THE MASON BEE!

I'M A REDHEAD AND A SWEET HOMEBOY! I LOVE CREATING AND KEEPING BEAUTIFUL HOMES.

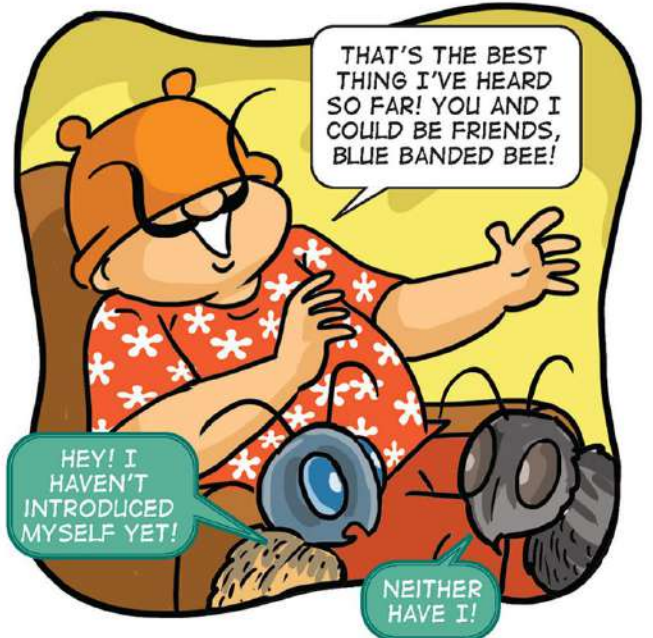
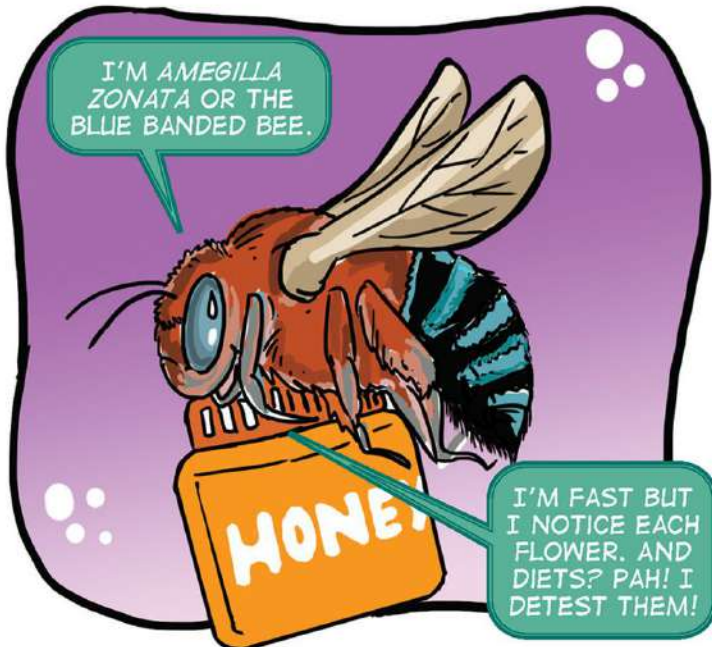
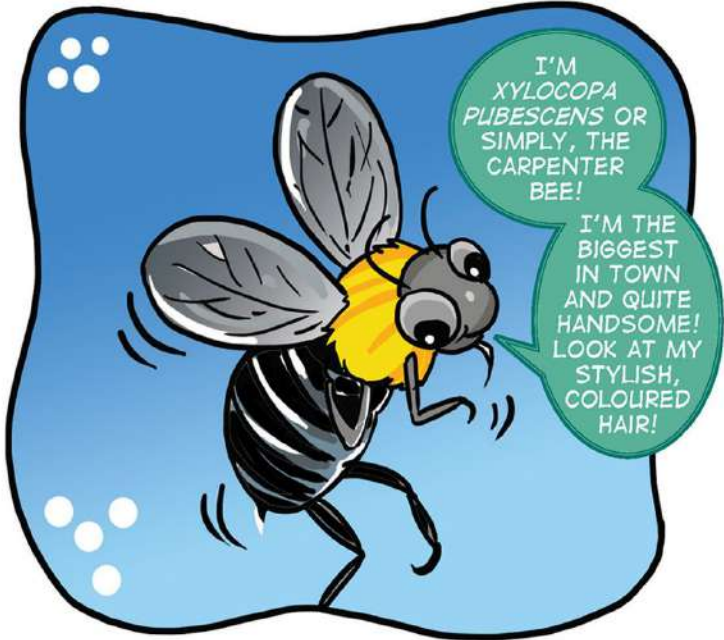


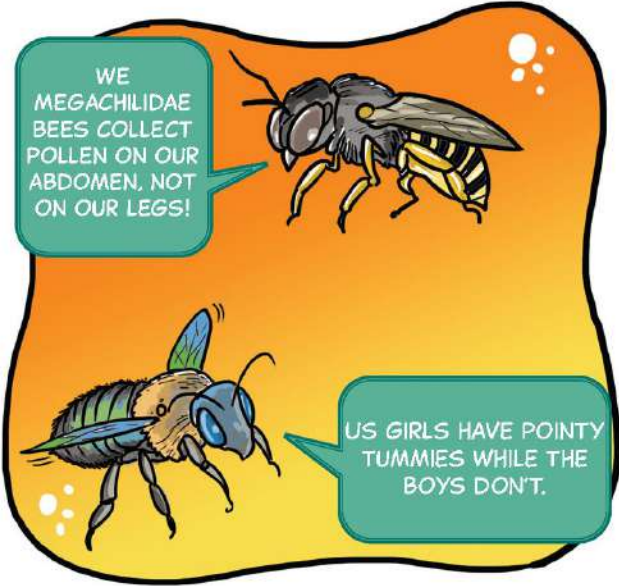
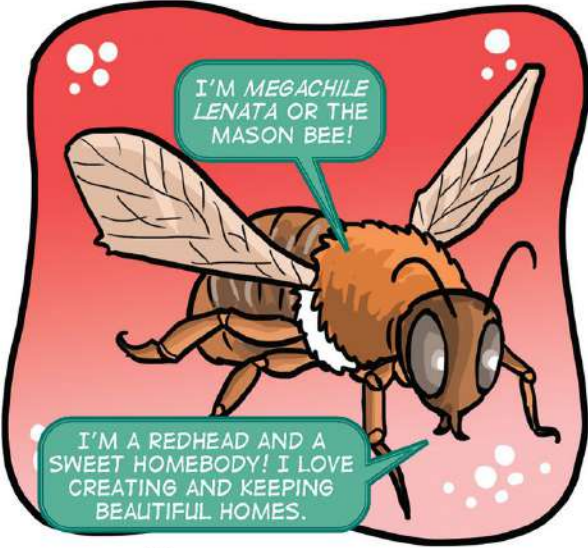
WE MEGACHILIDAE BEES COLLECT POLLEN ON OUR ABDOMEN, NOT ON OUR LEGS!

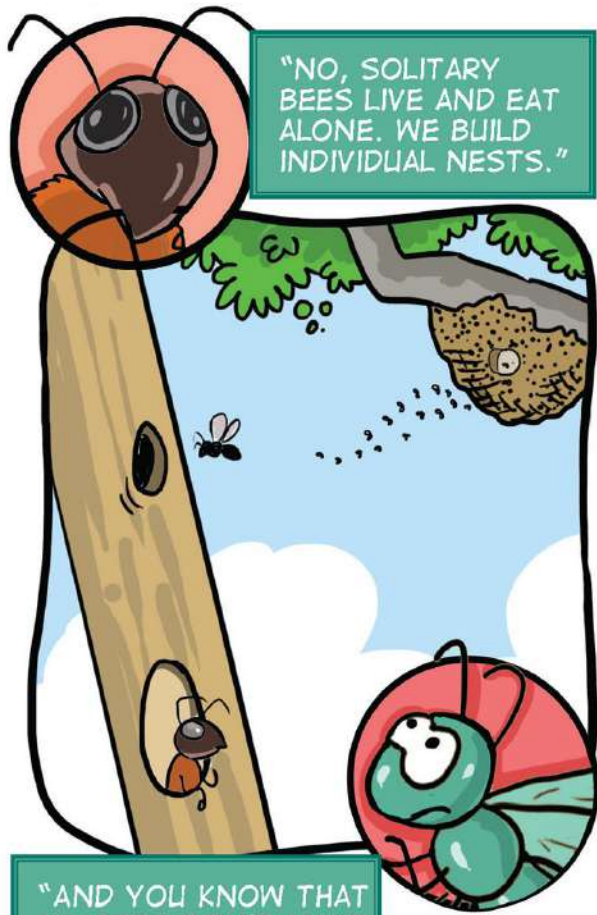


US GIRLS HAVE POINTY TUMMIES WHILE THE BOYS DON'T.

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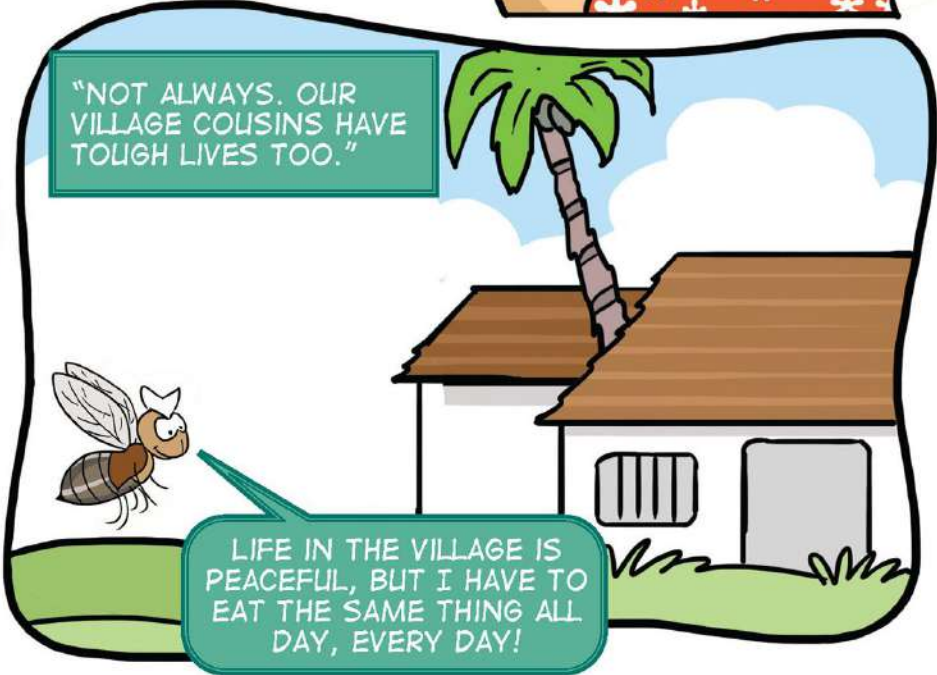
"NO, SOLITARY BEES LIVE AND EAT ALONE. WE BUILD INDIVIDUAL NESTS."

"AND YOU KNOW THAT ALL BEES DON'T MAKE HONEY, RIGHT? ONLY SOME BEES THAT BUILD HIVES DO."



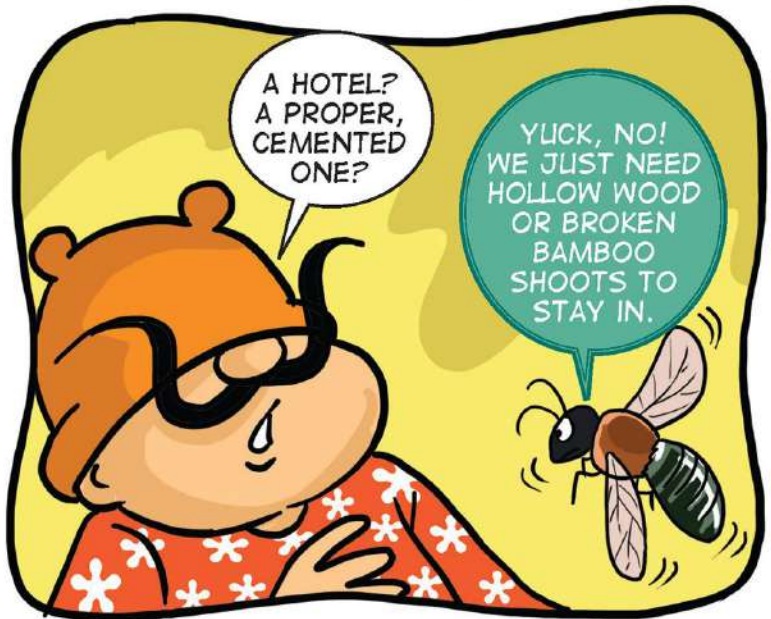
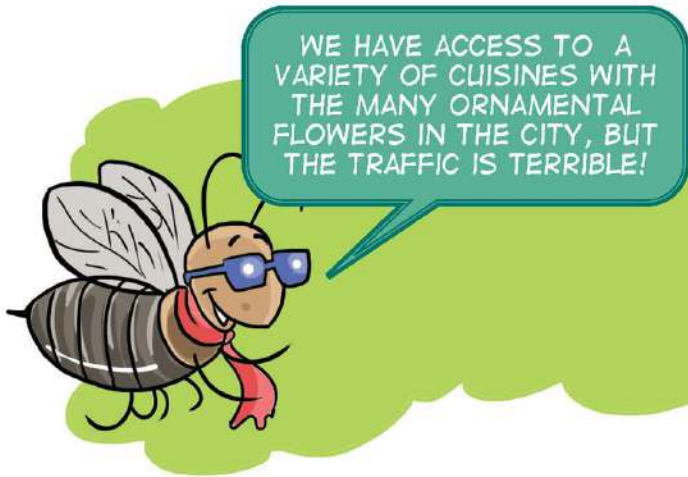
AND NOT ALL OF US LIVE IN RURAL AREAS! THERE ARE SO MANY OF US WHO LIVE IN CITIES.

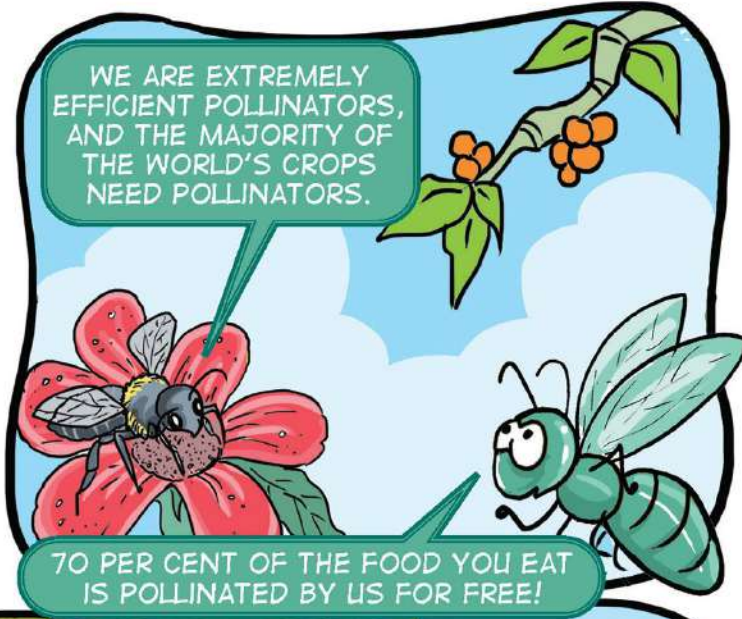
BUT WHY? ISN'T RURAL LIFE BETTER FOR YOU?



"NOT ALWAYS. OUR VILLAGE COUSINS HAVE TOUGH LIVES TOO."

LIFE IN THE VILLAGE IS PEACEFUL, BUT I HAVE TO EAT THE SAME THING ALL DAY, EVERY DAY!





THAT'S RIGHT, AND THESE HOTELS ARE THE LEAST WE CAN DO FOR YOU. I KNOW WHAT SURPRISE TO GIVE SHANTI FOR HER GARDEN!



THE END.