

BILLIE BEE

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HOME
SWEET
HOME

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BEES
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pollen
basket

Honey Honey
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To all the children in Manchester
for being kind to one another.



This is Billie Bee.



**Billie is a happy bee.
She has lots of friends
and they live together in a
bee house called a hive.**



The bees are led by the **Queen Bee**, who is very important. She is kind and looks after all the bees and the hive.





FLOWERS
THIS WAY!



Billie and her friends are **busy bees**. They make honey from flowers and store it in a honeycomb inside the hive.

Honey is sticky and sweet,
and bees love to eat it!
When they **work together**
they make a lot of honey.



Bees do a special dance called a **waggle dance**. It tells their friends where the best flowers are.





**Billie loves flowers and
she loves dancing.**

She is always waggling!



Some bees thought Billie waggled **too much**.



But waggling was Billie's job and it made her **happy**, so **she didn't stop**.

The bees grew tired of all her dancing and decided to do something about it.



BILLIE WAGGLES TOO MUCH!

IT WOULD BE QUIET WITH LESS WAGGLING

SHE DOES DANCE A LOT





LET'S go!

FRAGILE


Honey Jars

HOME SWEET HOME



NEW HIVE
AHEAD!

One day, while she was
out looking for flowers,
all the bees left the hive
in search of a new home
without **Billie!**



I'M NOT
SURE ABOUT
THIS



When Billie got back home, the hive was **empty**. No friends, no honey, and no-one to waggle with.

WHAT'S
HAPPENED?

WHERE IS
EVERYONE?

WHY DID
THEY GO?

WHY DIDN'T
THEY TELL
ME?

WHAT DO I
DO NOW?





Billie looked everywhere, but she was all on her own. She was scared, sad and very lonely.

IT DOESN'T FEEL
LIKE HOME ANYMORE



In the new hive, life was very quiet without **Billie**. Without her wagging they didn't know where to find the best flowers.

THIS NEW HIVE IS BORING!

WHERE ARE THE FLOWERS?

Flower map ?

X Woods
New hive
X Nothing here
Not in bloom

pollen basket

Honey

Honey

Honey

Honey

Honey



There was **not enough honey**.
There were gaps in the honeycomb,
and soon it started to **crumble**.



STAND
BACK!

THIS HASN'T
HAPPENED BEFORE

When the Queen Bee saw this,
she was confused.

“What’s going on?” she asked.



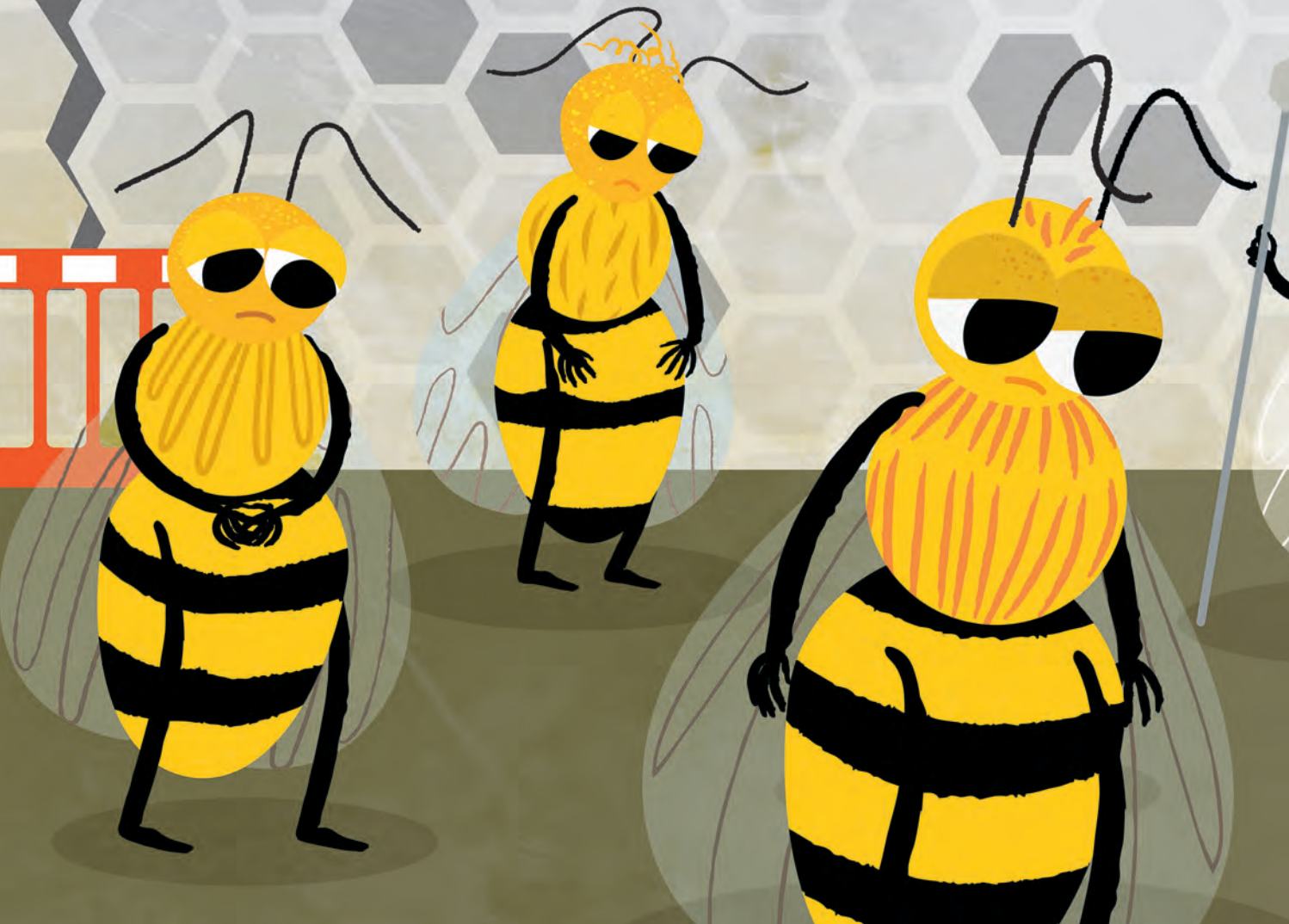



“We left Billie behind because she waggled too much, but now we don’t know where to find the best flowers to make honey,” the bees replied.





The Queen Bee was **CROSS**
when she heard this and
started to **buzz** very loudly.





WE ALL HAVE DIFFERENT
WAYZZZZZZZZZZ
OF DOING THINGS...

BUT WE
NEED TO
WORK
TOGETHER

“Don’t you know that everyone is important?” she asked. “This is not good enough – our hive is falling apart!”

The rest of the bees thought about it. Was the wagging really that bad?

IT WAS ONLY DANCING

WE SHOULD HAVE TALKED TO BILLIE





BILLIE'S DANCING
MADE ME SMILE

HONEY DOESN'T
TASTE THE SAME
WITHOUT BILLIE

I MISS BEING
BUSY WITH BILLIE



“**It’s true,**” they said to the Queen Bee. “Without Billie, our hive does not work so well. We will go and **get Billie.**”



BILLIE BEE RESCUE SQUAD
THIS WAY!



“Because we’ve
learned that honey is
sticky for a reason –

it helps us all stick together.”







DID YOU KNOW?

Manchester uses a picture of a bee as a symbol for the city. This is because bees work hard **together** as a **team**, and **care** for each other.







This is the story of how a group of bees were brought to their knees when they turned their back on one of their friends. So who's the Silly Billy now? Why did the hive come unstuck, and what exactly does the secret glue do for Manchester?



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