

## Jupiter and the Bee



A long time ago there was a bee. She was a honeybee. She was mad. She worked hard to make honey. Then people took her honey. The bee wanted help.

The bee took some honey. The bee flew to the heavens. The bee flew to Jupiter. The bee gave him honey.

Jupiter was king of the gods. Jupiter loved the honey. Jupiter said it was a great gift. Jupiter asked what he could give the bee.

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The bee asked for a stinger. The bee wanted to protect her honey.

Jupiter did not like this idea. But he agreed. He gave her a stinger.

But using her stinger will kill her. She has to choose. Will she protect her honey and die? Or will she live?

Since then, all bees must make this choice. Do they protect their hives and die? Or do they let people take their honey?

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At the beginning of time, the honeybee had no stinger. This left the bee with no way to protect her honey. The bee worked very hard to make her honey. But people were always taking it from her. This made the bee mad. The bee needed help. She needed a way to protect her honey.

The bee decided to ask the gods for help. She took some of her best honey. Then she flew to Mount Olympus. That is where the gods lived.

The bee went to see Jupiter. Jupiter was king of the gods. She brought him the honey as a gift.

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Jupiter loved the honey. He had never tasted something so sweet. Jupiter said it was a great gift. In return, Jupiter promised to give the bee a gift. He asked her what she wanted.

The bee asked Jupiter to give her a stinger. She would use it to keep people away from her honey. She would sting people who tried to take honey from her.

Jupiter did not like this idea because he loved people. He did not want them to get stung. But he had made her a promise. Jupiter gave the bee a stinger, but using it came at a price. If she uses her stinger, she will die. The bee would have to choose. Will she protect her honey and die? Or will she let people take her honey and live? Jupiter gave stingers to all bees. Since then, all bees must make this choice.

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At the beginning of time, many things were different than they are today. In those early days, the honeybee had no stinger. Without a stinger, the honeybee could not protect her honey. The honeybee worked very hard to make her honey, but people would often come and take her honey from her. This made the honeybee very angry.

The honeybee decided to ask the gods to help her protect her honey. She took some of her finest honey and flew to Mount Olympus where the gods lived.

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The honeybee went to see Jupiter, king of the gods and presented the honey to him as a gift. Jupiter loved the honey for he had never before tasted something so sweet. Jupiter said it was

a great gift and promised to give the honeybee a gift in return. He asked her what she wanted.

The honeybee explained her problem to Jupiter. She explained how hard she worked to make honey. She explained how people were always stealing honey from her. She asked Jupiter to give her a stinger that she could use to sting people who tried to steal her honey.

Jupiter did not like this idea because he loved people and he did not want them to get stung. But he had promised to give her anything she asked for. As promised, Jupiter gave the honeybee a stinger, but his gift came at a price—her life. He would give the honeybee a stinger, but using it would cause her to die. The honeybee would have to choose between her honey and her life. Will she let people take her honey and live? Or will she use her stinger and die? Jupiter gave all the other honeybees in the world stingers, too. Since then, all honeybees must make this difficult choice.