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The Clumsy Bees

Long ago, the bumblebees built the very first hive. But	10
the bees were quite clumsy. They bumped into each	19
other in the dark tunnels and crashed into the hive.	29
One of them even stung the queen by mistake.	38
“From now on, every bee must wear bright yellow,”	47
said the queen, rubbing her side. “That way, we can see	57
each other.”	60
“But if we’re all yellow, we’ll get lost inside yellow	70
dandelions,” said a bumblebee.	74
“I suppose that’s true. But if we add black stripes, we’ll	85
show up everywhere,” said the queen.	91
From then on, all bumblebees have been yellow with	100
black stripes.	102