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Dazzle, Drip and Sting

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People stood and watched in absolute awe as the most spectacular bee Manchester has ever seen flew overhead. Bet you're wondering which bee I mean? Well I'm talking about The Dazzle Bee.

When the blinding sun beams down onto her, the mosaic reflects like a mirror, creating amazing patterns on the ground below or buildings beside. Most people think that The Dazzle Bee just stands around inside the lobby area of the library every single day. Well, she does.

But then, at night, when nobody is around, she soars through the sky like a plane. Have you ever wondered what bees do, other than collecting pollen from flowers and using it to make honey? Well, The Dazzle Bee meets up with The Drip Bee and Sting, two of the other fellow bees and they love flying through the turquoise sky.

When Dazzle Bee has met up with Drip Bee and Sting, they all soar through the sky together. Dazzle Bee loves the feeling of freedom, especially after a long day of having photographs taken and not being able to move and be free. They usually meet up at twelve AM, because nobody stays out in Manchester that late, and then they fly around for hours and hours.

Dazzle Bee is located in the lobby area in the Manchester Library, she gets quite busy during the day because people love sparkly things. Dazzle Bee sometimes refers to them as 'Magpies'. Drip Bee, however, is on the other side, located by The Manchester Football Museum. Dazzle and Drip met when they were being decorated, Drip was plain white at the time and it was Dazzle who came up with the idea of making him into Drip Bee.

Anyway, once Dazzle, Drip and Sting have flown around Manchester for hours, they usually re-energise themselves by finding pollen in flowers. And in case I didn't tell you, all of the bees in Manchester can actually change size! This is how they can fit into flowers they find. Another thing I didn't tell you was that when the bees were being created, they often all shrunk themselves and flew around in the sky whilst making amazing patterns.

Sometimes in the day, the bees sneak out of their bee-points and fly around Manchester. But one day, disaster struck for Sting.

He tried to shrink so that he could take a break from all of the tourists that want to take selfies but when he tried to, he found that he wasn't able to make himself change size anymore.



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“I tried to shrink. But I just couldn’t.” He later explained to Dazzle and Drip.

“So now how are we going to fly around without being seen?” Dazzle asked.

“Wait. I know how we might be able to help!” Drip exclaimed.

They all darted to the nearest flowerbed and replenished Sting with plenty of pollen. Sting then was able to shrink.

From that day on, all of the bees in Manchester flew around together.

As one colony.