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The Bee is Punished for Lying



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The beekeepers from the Rudzati parish explain the fact that bees do not suck honey from the red clover, the meadow-sweet and from the meadow wetchling in the following way - when the God had created the Earth and the insects, he told the bee to go and find out which flower gives the greatest yield of honey.

The bee flew away to inspect all flowers. It turned out that the red clover, the meadow-sweet and the meadow wetchling gave the most honey. When the bee returned home God enquired which flowers give the most honey.

The bee replied that all the flowers were giving good yield of honey except for those mentioned above. Thus the bee told a lie because it wanted to hide the most profitable flowers. However, the God knew better and forbade the bee to suck honey from the red clover, the meadow-sweet and from the meadow wetchling as a punishment for her lying.