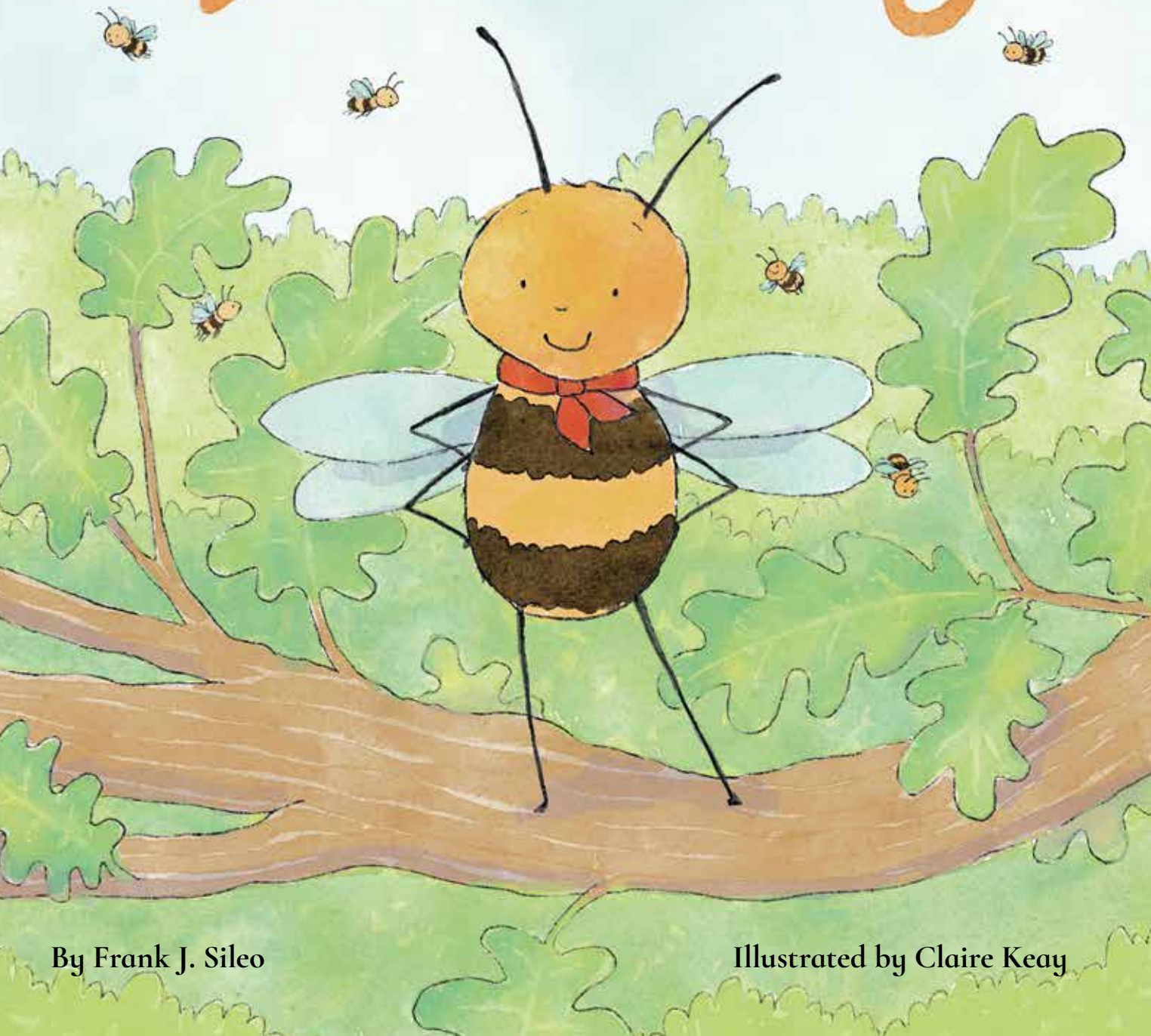


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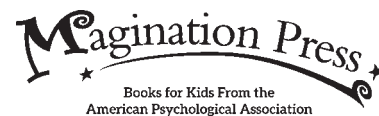


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For Vic with love, so happy you have become
part of our family—*CK*



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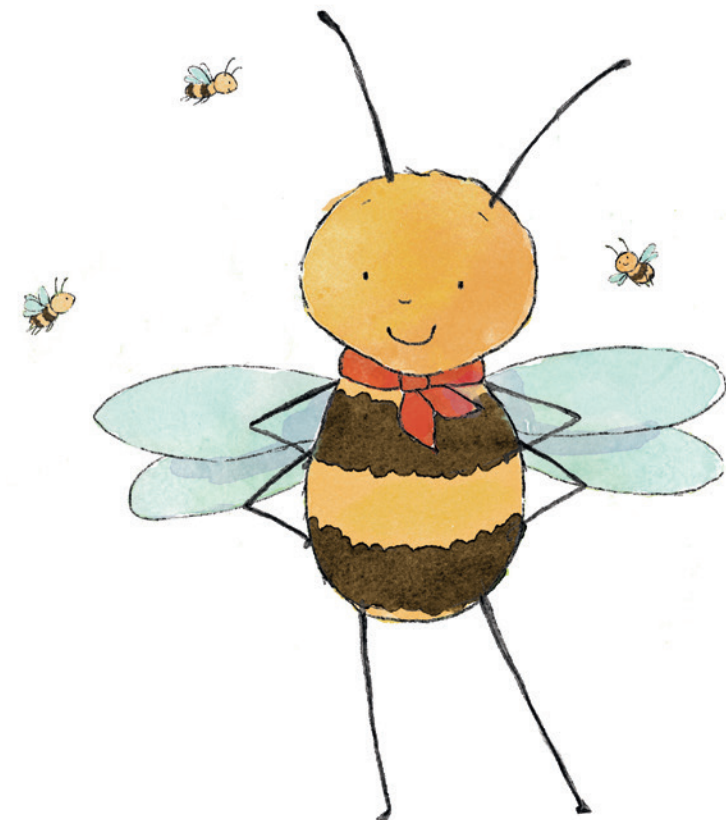
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Bentley Bee hummed happily as he flew toward the flowers in the garden.

He was on nectar-collecting duty, his favorite job in the hive.
Down below, Bernie Bunny was collecting twigs.
It was a beautiful summer day.

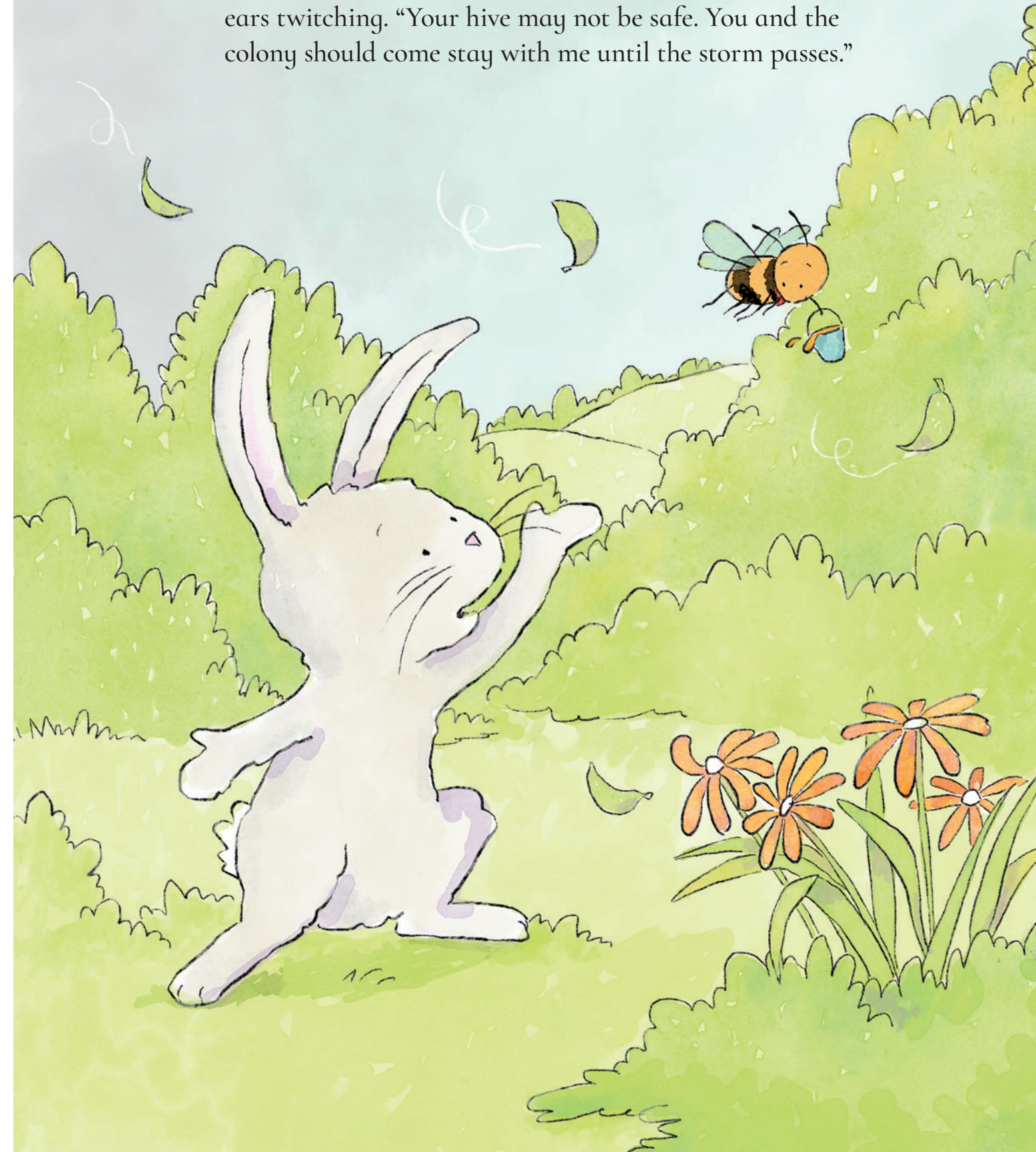


Suddenly, dark clouds covered the sun,
and the wind began to swirl.

In the distance, thunder rumbled.



“This storm sounds like it’s going to be bad!” Bernie called,
ears twitching. “Your hive may not be safe. You and the
colony should come stay with me until the storm passes.”





Bentley flew back to the hive as fast as his wings would take him and told the others what was happening.

The bees dashed across the garden, making it to Bernie's burrow just as the first raindrops began to fall.