

## *Fairy tale about the Brave Bee*

One day Michael and his father went outside. His father was sitting on the bench and he was reading a newspaper. Michael was playing in the sandpit. Suddenly he saw a bee and he started to scream. His father got up quickly and ran to his son. „She wants to bit me! I'm scared of her! - he shouted. Let me tell you one story - Michael's father said. He took his little boy on his knee and started the story.

It was a long, long time ago. Small bugs with black and yellow stripes and with their wings were defenceless. They had wings as the butterflies but they didn't have stings. The bees were working extremely hard. They flew from one flower to another, picked the nectar and made honey from it. The busy bee picked honey, put it into the beehives and they made their stocks bigger and bigger. They didn't have a break even for a second.

At the same time people who lived nearby, discovered sweet bees' secret. Bad men started to raid beehives and they stole all honey from bees' houses. Small helpless bees couldn't defend themselves. They lost honey which was the food for

the coming winter. Bees' children were crying because they were starving. The cry stirred the heart of small and sensitive bee called Tina. She decided to go to the Queen and fight on behalf of all the bees. She suggested to prepare the beehives' defence. But the Queen knew at the very beginning, that Tina's idea was doomed to failure. The Queen had knowledge, that the bees didn't have any weapons to win. Tina was devastated with Quenn's reply. „Is there anything we can do? Do we have to give up?“ - she asked. „There is one solution“ - said the Queen. „Far from here, at the end of the world The Queen of Nature lives. You should go there and ask her for help. But Tina, you are too tiny and weak to do so.“ - said the Queen. „You won't manage it. No one has never gone there so far. Don't go! I want you to stay alive! “ - said the Queen. „I have to go! Otherwise we will die!“ - answered the brave bee.

Next morning Tina set off the journey. She wandered many kilometers every day, she avoided many dangers. She rested only for a short moment because she knew she had to meet with the Queen of Nature before winter. After many unbreakable months of journey, Tina reached the destination and begged the Queen of Nature for help. The Queen of Nature

gave Tina a magic wand. The bee touched by this wand gets a sting. „But remember! Tell your small sisters that they can use the sting only once! After using the weapon, the bee dies“. - said the Queen. „Choose the bravest bees, call them soldiers. They will defence the beehives when another bees work.“

From that moment each working bee has a weapon which can be used only one time in their live. The weapon helps the bee to keep honey in the beehives safely.

„Thanks for the story about Tina. I'm not afraid of bee any more. Now I know, she doesn't want to hurt me. She just wants to stay alive.“ - said Michael. „Look! She is still there. She can't go out of the sandpit. Give her a stick and help her“ - said father. The boy gave her the stick. The bee climbed into it and flew away. „Fly Tina to the bees and tell them I'm not afraid of bees any more and I will never hurt them.“ - said Michael.

That is how the small boy understood, the bees are not peoples' enemies and we don't have to be scared of the them.