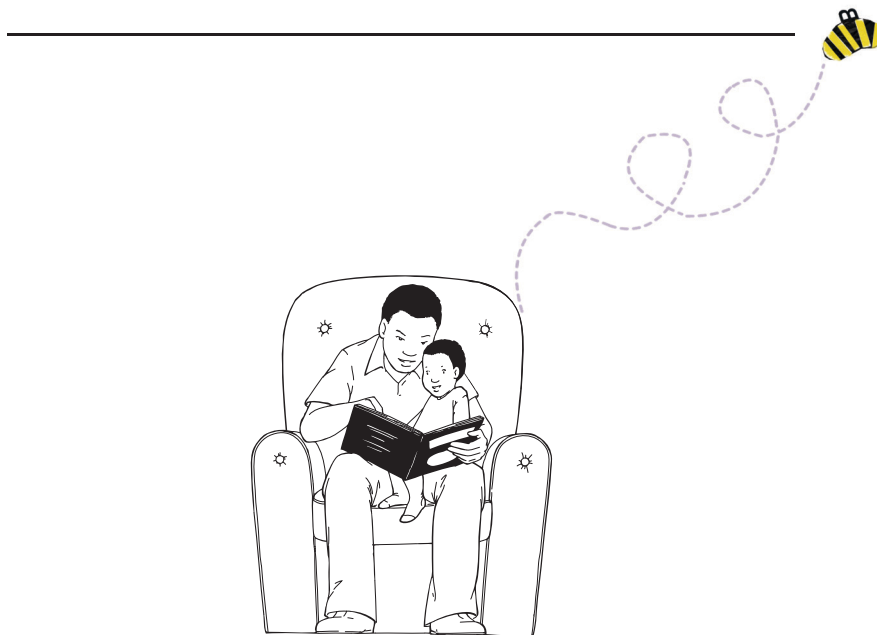
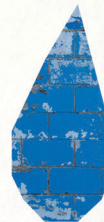


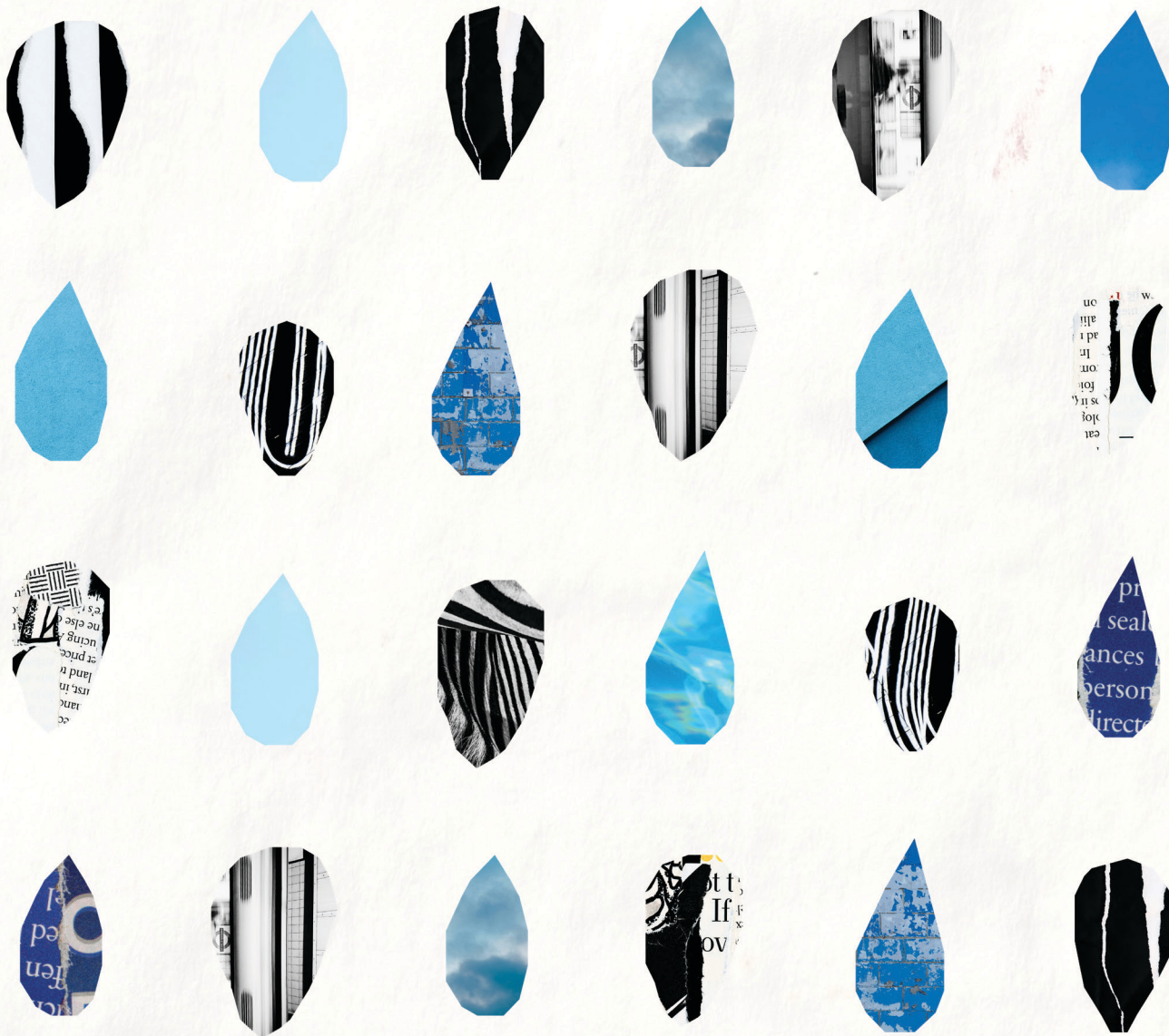


Banzi's Busy Bees

This book belongs to









bookdash.org

Every child should own a hundred books by the age of five. To that end, Book Dash gathers creative volunteers to create new African storybooks that anyone can freely print, translate and distribute. Then we work with partners to give those books to preschool children to own.

To find out more, and to download beautiful, open-licensed, print-ready books, visit bookdash.org.

Banzi's Busy Bees

Illustrated by Danielle Shay

Written by Siphosethu Siwaphiwe Zazela

Designed by Hannah McDonald

Edited by Tania Kliphuis

with the help of the Book Dash participants in Cape Town on 20 September 2025.

ISBN: 978-0-948602-69-6

Typeset in Quicksand

This work is licensed under a Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 Licence
(<http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0/>).

You are free to share (copy and redistribute the material in any medium or format) and adapt (remix, transform, and build upon the material) this work for any purpose, even commercially. The licensor cannot revoke these freedoms as long as you follow the following license terms:

You must give appropriate credit, provide a link to the license, and indicate if changes were made. You may do so in any reasonable manner, but not in any way that suggests the licensor endorses you or your use. No additional restrictions: You may not apply legal terms or technological measures that legally restrict others from doing anything the license permits.



Banzi's Busy Bees



Danielle Shay • Siphosethu Zazela • Hannah McDonald



Banzi and Gogo
love to garden.



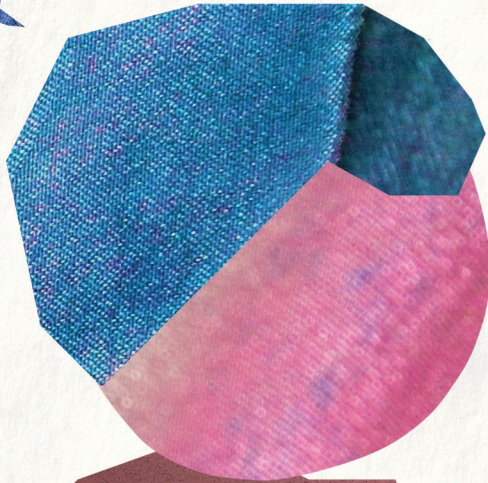
Gogo's garden has vegetables, flowers
and Banzi's favourite – bees!

“BUZZ-buzz,”
says Banzi.





“Buzz-buzz,”
says Gogo.



“Buzz-buzz,”
say the bees.





The bees sit on
sunflowers and
buzz around the
garden while
Banzi and Gogo
garden.





Time to leave!

Banzi waves goodbye to each bee.





**“Bye-bye,
busy bees,”**
Banzi says.



“Buzz-buzz,”
the bees say.





After a few days,
Gogo and Banzi go
to check on the garden.





The bees are gone.

The flowers have
also disappeared!





“Yho! Yho! Yho!” Banzi says.

“Gogo, the bees are **gone!**”





“Oh no!” says Gogo.

“Don’t worry, I have a **magic trick** to call them right back!”





“Mmm... magic!” Banzi says.

“First, we need to plant
new flowers,” says Gogo.





“Then, we
need to leave
a bucket of water
in the garden.”





Gogo and Banzi plant
sunflower seeds and leave the
bucket of water in the garden.





Before they leave,
Gogo stands in the
middle of the garden,
raises up her right hand
and says:

**“Busy, busy bees. Busy, busy
bees. Come back to Banzi!”**





“Busy, busy bees. Busy, busy bees. Come back to me!”

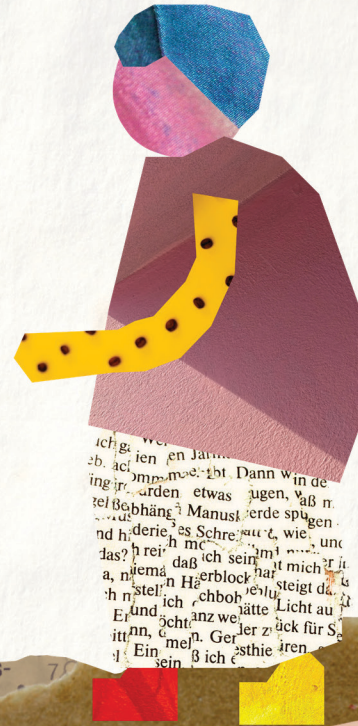
Banzi whispers after Gogo.







Banzi and Gogo check
the garden every day
for a week.

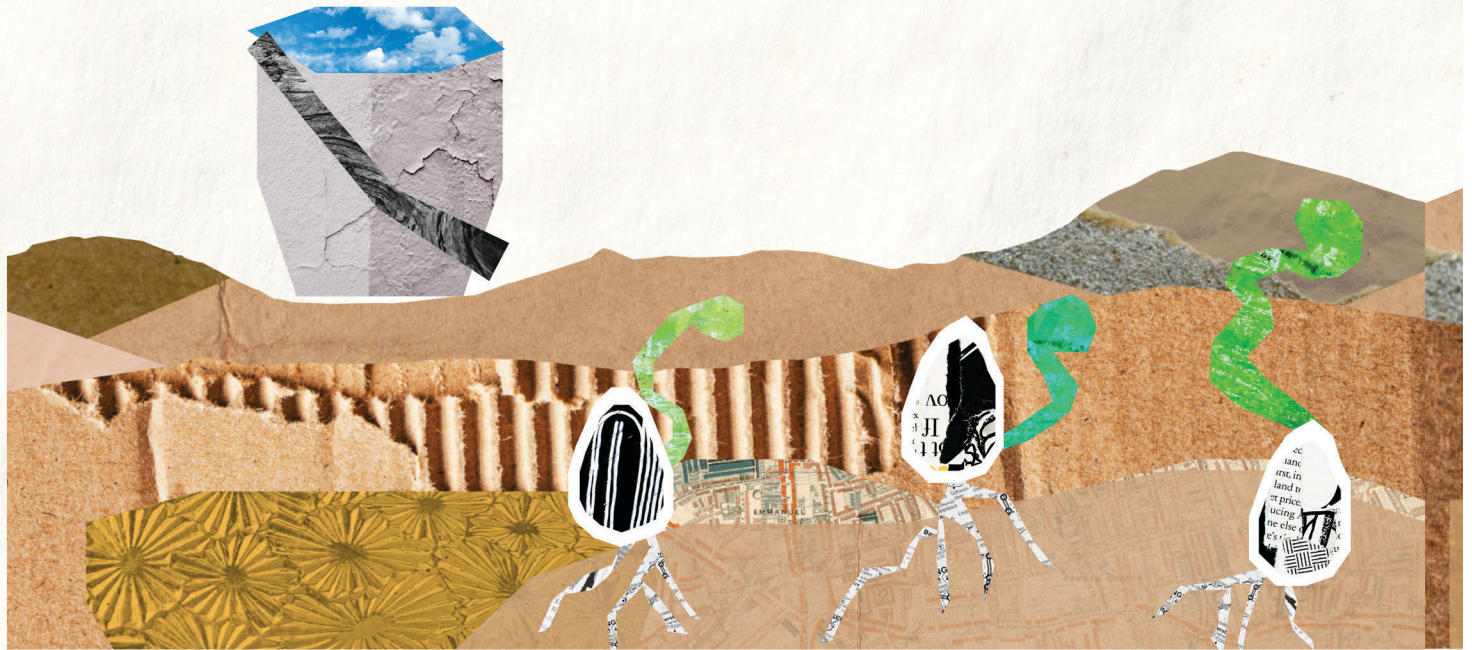






Nothing yet.







Nothing yet.





The bees are back!





Banzi and Gogo laugh as the
bees dance from flower to flower.







