

DISCOVERING N°1 APOLO



Unique Species

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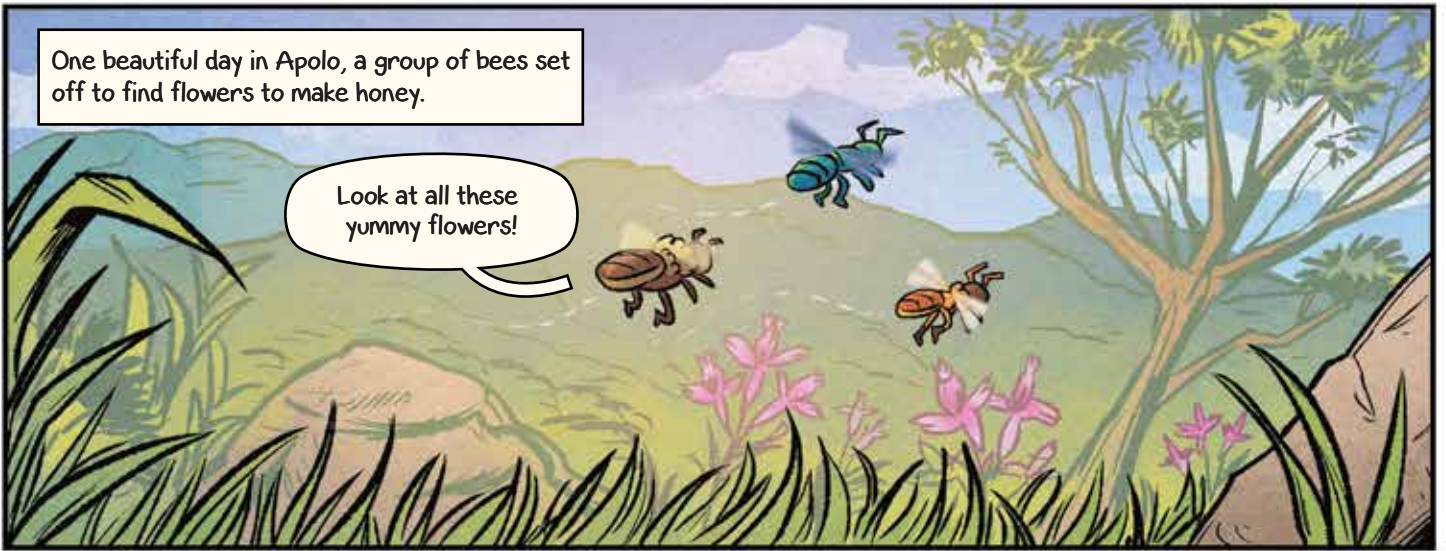
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Bolivia

One beautiful day in Apolo, a group of bees set off to find flowers to make honey.

Look at all these yummy flowers!



What's that? It's so...big!

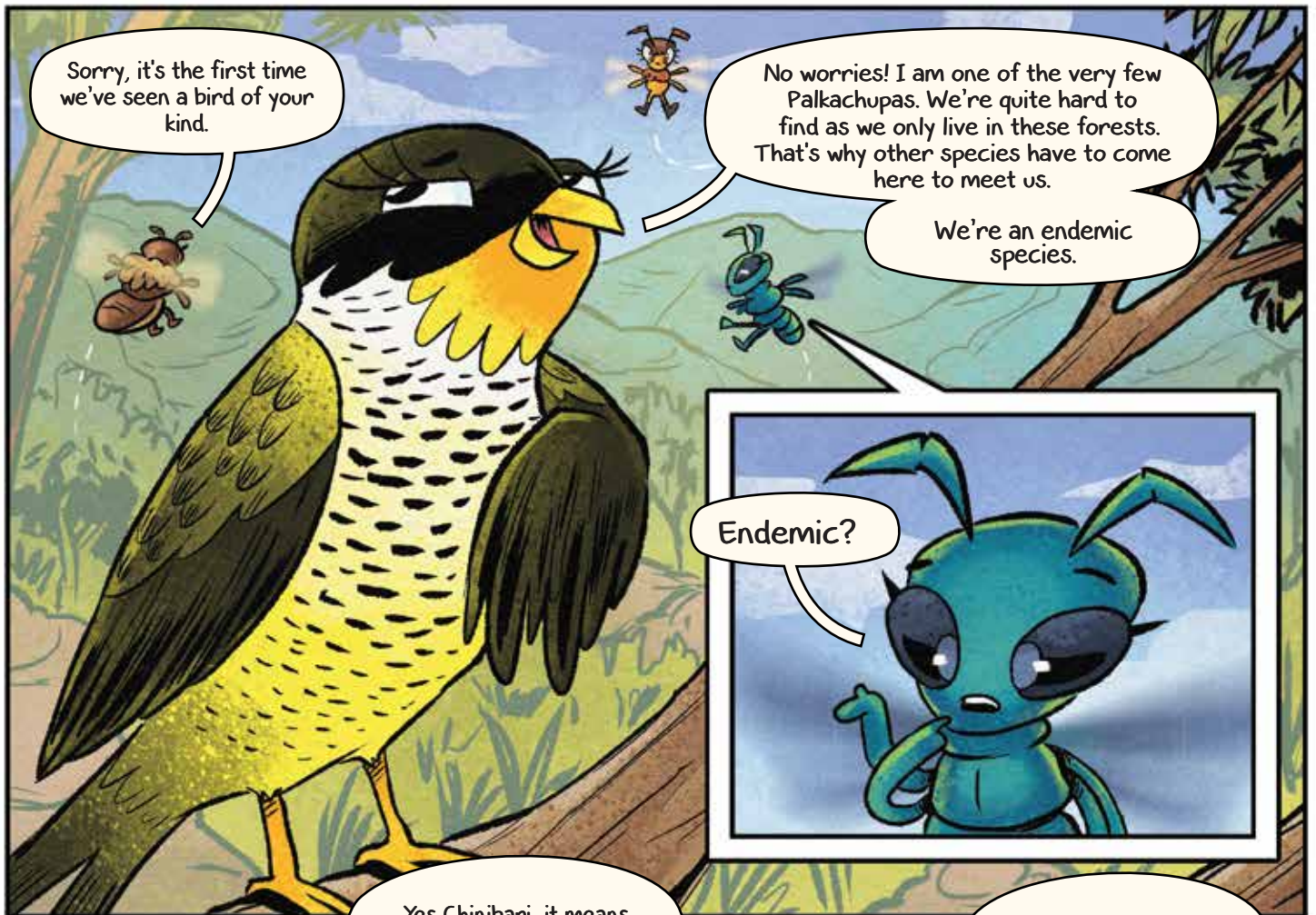


Hello bees! Are you admiring my beauty? Please don't be scared, I only eat bugs when I don't have any another option. I prefer fruits!



Be careful!





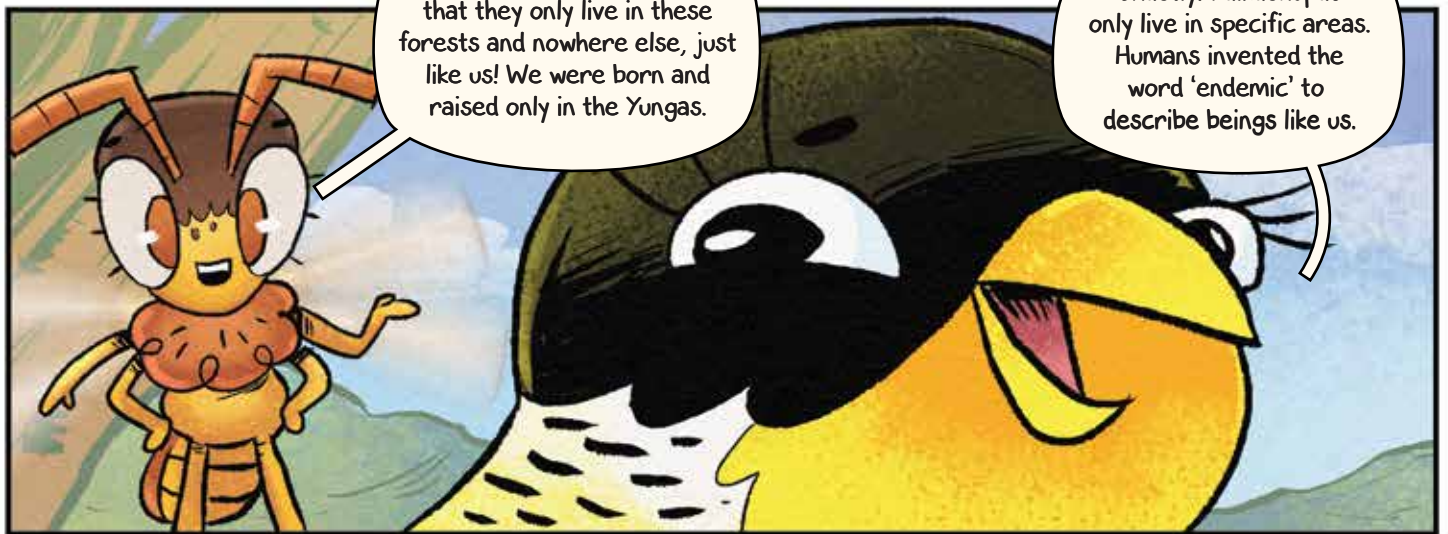
Sorry, it's the first time we've seen a bird of your kind.

No worries! I am one of the very few Palkachupas. We're quite hard to find as we only live in these forests. That's why other species have to come here to meet us.

We're an endemic species.



Endemic?



Yes Chinibari, it means that they only live in these forests and nowhere else, just like us! We were born and raised only in the Yungas.

Exactly! Palkachupas only live in specific areas. Humans invented the word 'endemic' to describe beings like us.



Oh! So I'm also endemic? I live where the orchids and these groves are.

That's right! You also are endemic to the Yungas.



Yes, but we Palkachupas are endemic to Apolo, meaning we are nowhere else in Bolivia or the world. This is my place, that's why I'm unique!

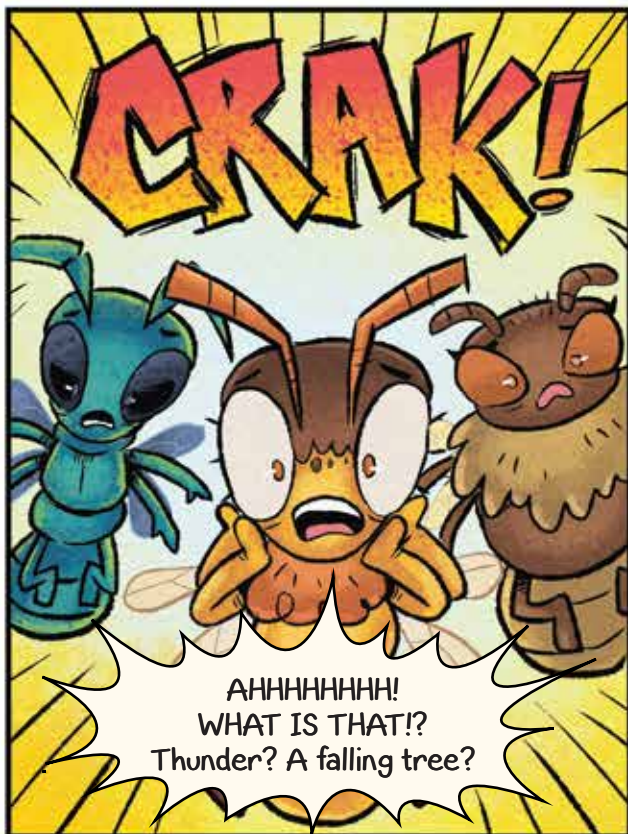
Wow! It was nice to meet you! We're off to find more flowers.

It was a pleasure, please visit anytime!



The bees kept flying until they came across a humid area with big leafy trees and even more flowers.

What a beautiful area!



AHHHHHHH!
WHAT IS THAT!?
Thunder? A falling tree?

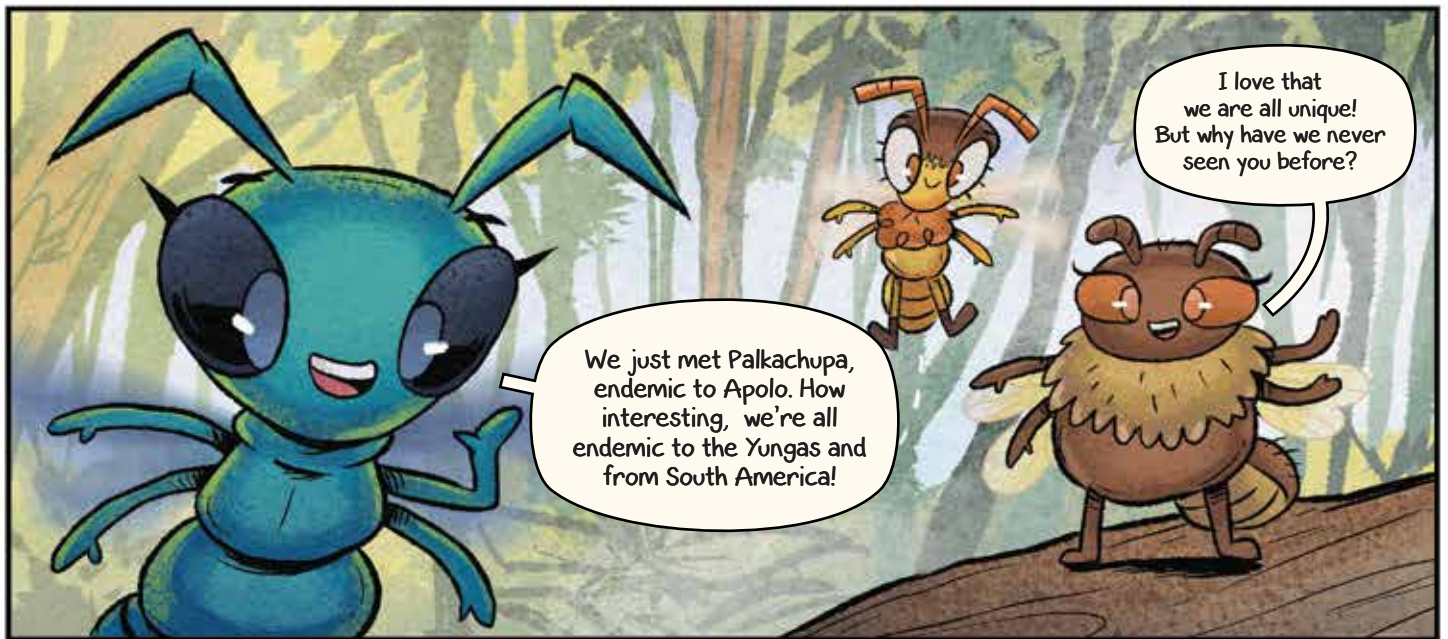


No, it's just some sleeping animal. Should we get closer?

Let's go!

I'm scared!







HMM... I'm not sure, it can be dangerous out there...



Don't worry, we'll fly to our hives and bring you a little honey to taste.



I'll wait for you right here!

And I'll show you where all the best flowers are!

We'll be back soon!



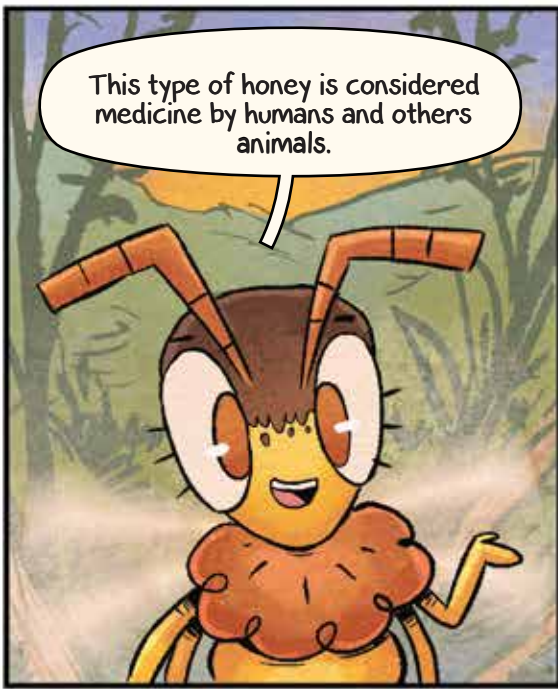
Later that day....

We're back!

Hope you like this honey, it's one of a kind!

hehehe...

Welcome back!





We'll see you again soon, Jukumari Bear!

See you soon little bees! Next time I'll show you even more flowers and you can bring me even more honey.



END

PALKACHUPA

(*Phibalura boliviana*)

In this story, I am the only species endemic to Apolo. It is said that you can find me in these forests. The color of my feathers is what makes me special.



SEÑORITA

(*Tetragonisca* sp.,
Tribu Meliponini)

I am one of the smaller kinds of bees, and I make a delicious honey that humans use as medicine. I love flowers that grow on bushes and trees, so I prefer to be near forested areas.



CHINIBARI

(*Exaeretes* sp., Tribu Euglossini)

They call me the "lonley" bee because I don't live in a colony. I am a native bee and I love getting my pollen from orchids. You could say we've "adopted" one another, as I help pollinate the orchids, and in return I get a sweet, nutritious treat!



MOJOCO

(*Melipona* sp., Tribu Meliponini)

I am one of the larger native bees, even though I am a bit smaller than European or Africanized bees. I make a delicious and nutritious honey that is also considered medicinal.



JUKUMARI BEAR

(*Tremarctos ornatus*)

Of all the animals in this story, I am the largest. I am curious, but also very shy. They also call me the "spectacled bear" because the markings on my eyes look like glasses, and are unique to each individual bear.

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