

DO WASPS

MAKE HONEY

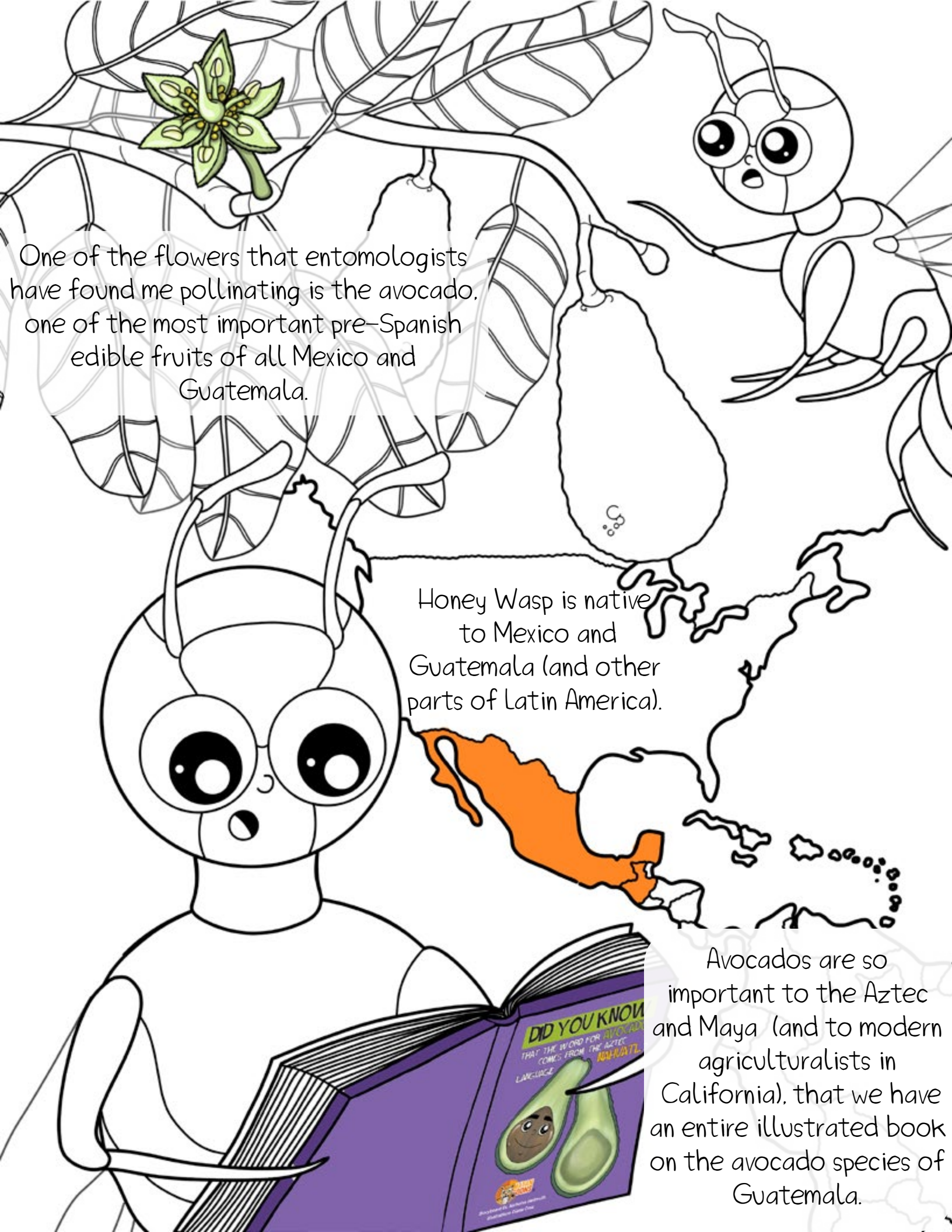
OR DO

ONLY
BEEES

MAKE HONEY?



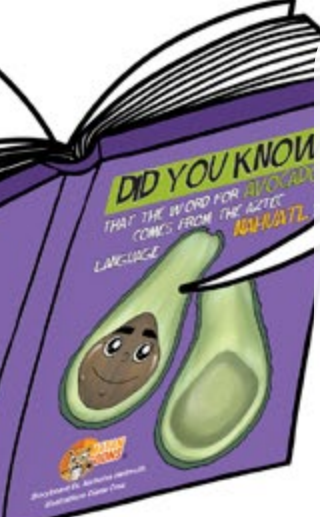
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One of the flowers that entomologists have found me pollinating is the avocado, one of the most important pre-Spanish edible fruits of all Mexico and Guatemala.

Honey Wasp is native to Mexico and Guatemala (and other parts of Latin America).

Avocados are so important to the Aztec and Maya (and to modern agriculturalists in California), that we have an entire illustrated book on the avocado species of Guatemala.



Whereas most insect nests
have just one queen, my
nest may have more than
one!

This would make a great TV
series

"QUEEN AGAINST QUEEN"





I make a nest out of material which biologists call "paper".

So insect-ologists (entomologists) call me a member of the many paper wasps.

The structure of these nests is...

A W E S O M E

I am also called a social wasp, since I live in a colony.

In other words, I do not live just by myself (as do some other wasps).