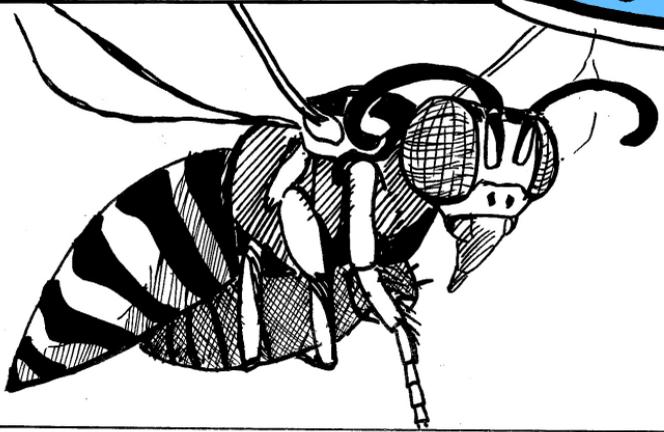


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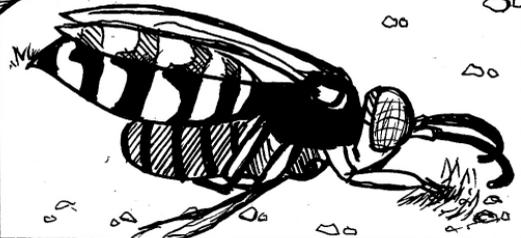
YOU PROBABLY THINK THAT MOST WASPS LIVE IN BIG SOCIAL HIVES WITH A LOT OF OTHER INDIVIDUALS, BUT MANY WASPS ARE ACTUALLY SOLITARY!



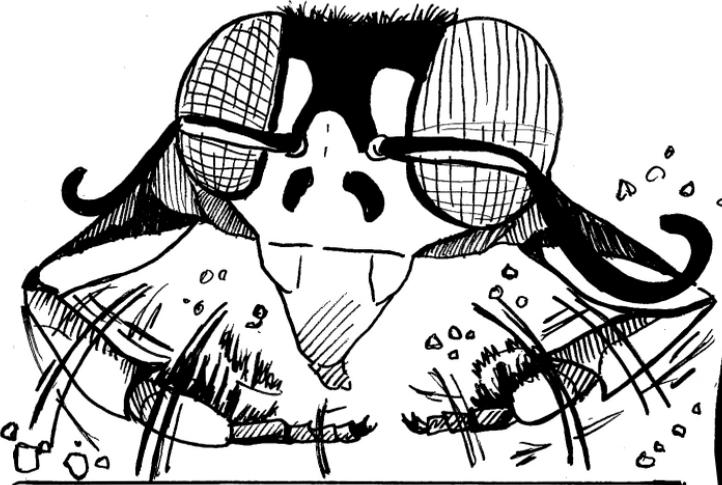
THIS IS BEMBIX americana



THESE WASPS LIVE ALONE AND HUNT A VARIETY OF FLIES. ONCE THEY CAPTURE A FLY, THEY CARRY IT BACK TO THEIR NEST.



THEY PREFER DRY, SANDY ENVIRONMENTS. UNLIKE SOCIAL WASPS, THEY KEEP THEIR NESTS HIDDEN.

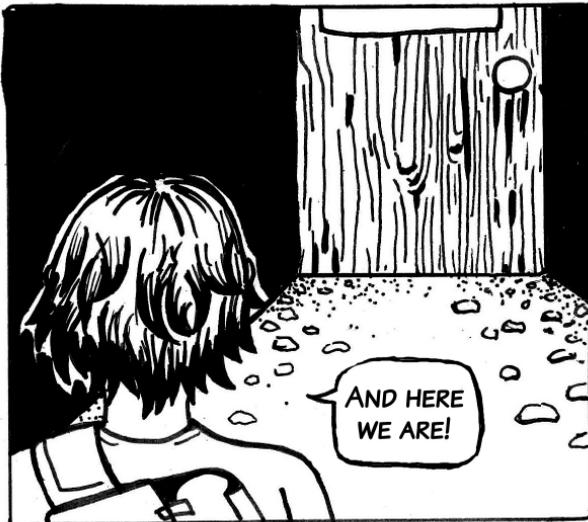


EVERY TIME THE WASP RETURNS WITH PREY, SHE HAS TO LOCATE THE NEST ENTRANCE AND DIG OUT THE SAND COVERING IT. SHE DOES THIS WITH THE AID OF SPECIAL SPINES ON HER FORELIMBS THAT SCOOP AND MOVE SAND.

QUICK! LET'S FOLLOW HER IN!

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TO CONFUSE ANY PREDATORS THAT MIGHT FOLLOW HER, THE WASP CREATES "FALSE" CHAMBERS TO THROW THEM OFF THE TRAIL. BECAUSE SHE DOESN'T HAVE HIVEMATES TO HELP HER DEFEND THE NEST, SHE HAS TO RELY ON HER OWN INGENUITY!



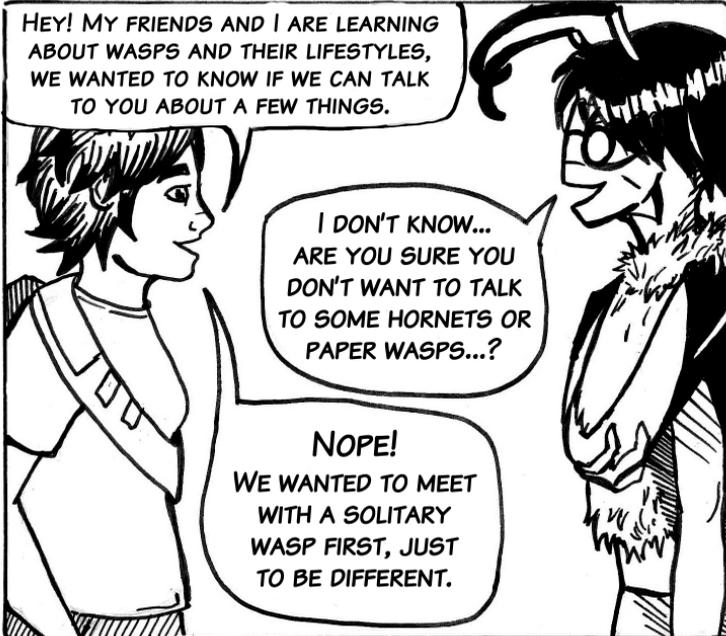
AND HERE WE ARE!



KNOCK  
KNOCK



UH, HI?



HEY! MY FRIENDS AND I ARE LEARNING ABOUT WASPS AND THEIR LIFESTYLES, WE WANTED TO KNOW IF WE CAN TALK TO YOU ABOUT A FEW THINGS.

I DON'T KNOW... ARE YOU SURE YOU DON'T WANT TO TALK TO SOME HORNETS OR PAPER WASPS...?

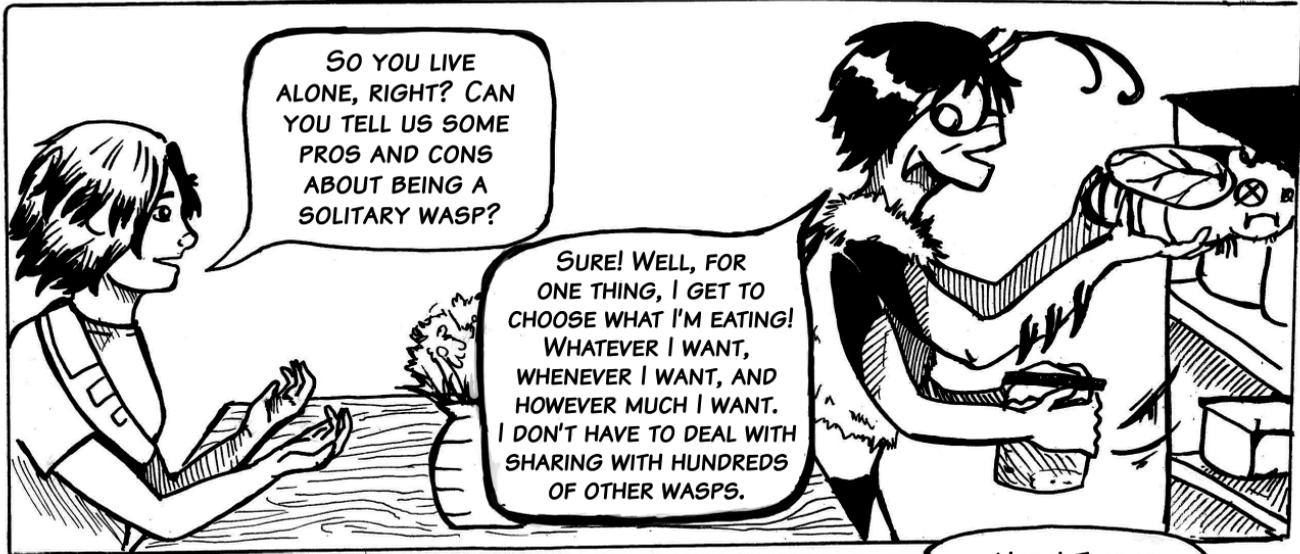
NOPE!  
WE WANTED TO MEET WITH A SOLITARY WASP FIRST, JUST TO BE DIFFERENT.



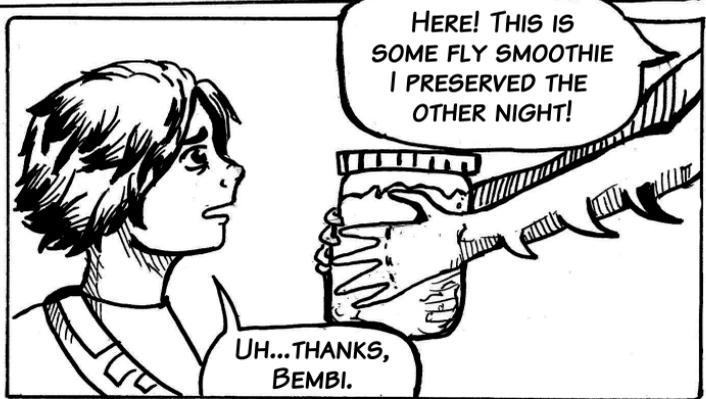
OH! COOL!  
YEAH, JUST STEP INSIDE.



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I MEAN, SOME WASPS LIKE THE BIG GROUP THING AND IT HAS ITS PERKS - YOU ALWAYS HAVE SOMEONE TO WATCH YOUR BACK AND YOU ALWAYS KNOW WHAT YOUR JOB IS.



ALL RIGHT, NOW TO START OUR INTERVIEW. SO WHAT IS ALL THIS FOOD FOR?



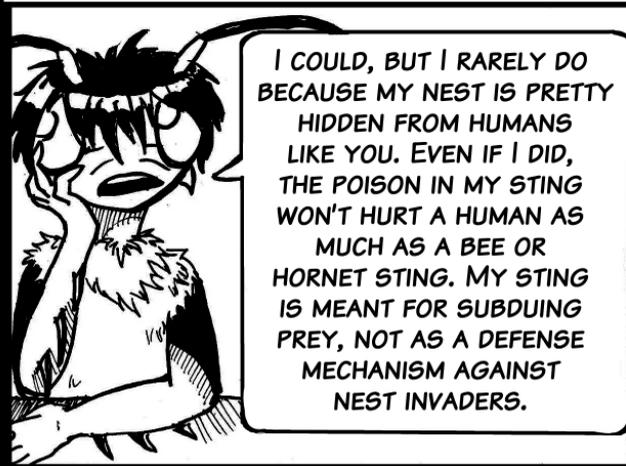
WHAT KIND OF FOOD DOES YOUR LARVA PREFER?



HOW DO YOU CAPTURE PREY?



DO YOU STING PEOPLE?



DID YOU KNOW THAT SOME OF THE FLIES YOU EAT ARE CONSIDERED PESTS TO HUMANS?



WE DO! AND THANKS FOR GIVING US SO MUCH INFO ABOUT SOLITARY WASPS. WE'RE GOING TO A HIVE NEXT. CAN YOU POINT US IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION?



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