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she slept, but her soul was not at rest. beside her, a drone. on guard, armed with a gun, like a thorn to a rose.

a sting of wasps invaded her hive. and though they clipped her wings, her dreams propelled her escape.

maybe in her dreams she met her future self a sovereign woman conjured from the spells sticking to her Post-its.

maybe in her dreams she worked a night shift where her honey healed the sick masses. maybe in her dreams she cradled her unborn child.

we have built memorials in her name but first we made her renounce her crown.



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