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The King of Bees

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Fascinated with the bees buzzing about Aunt Lilla's hive boxes, Henry raptly follows her around as she checks the frames and honey, speaking softly from under her giant netted hat. Stunning landscapes of South Carolina's Lowcountry marshlands and expressive portraiture illustrate the story as Henry, impatient for his turn to help out with the bees' care and maintenance, imagines himself an integral part of the hive—perhaps even a king to assist the queen and her workers.

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