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That beekeeper heart honeycomb image. A thread.



Firstly, I'm a folklorist to trade. Interested in traditions, customs, tales, songs. How things are passed on. In June 2020, an artist published a Tweet saying her parents are beekeepers, who sent her this image from a fellow French bee keeper /2

The beekeeper had left the frame out of his hive, allowing the bees to freeform. Fine. On the thread, people umm-ed & aah-ed about the bees & their skill, how amazing nature is. It was liked over 60,000 & retweeted nearly 10,000 times. But! I had seen this image before. /3

So my folklorist Spidey senses were activated. What's going on here? To be fair, The

person didn't *actually* say it was a *friend* of her parents. They could have simply sent her a copy of the image, knowing she was interested in natural history (she is a plant illustrator) /4

Perhaps they simply said, "Hey look at this amazing honeycomb, apparently it's from a French beekeeper". The tweet read "fellow French beekeeper" which could simply mean French person, who is also, like her parents, a beekeeper. /5

Fine. By this time I had done a Google Image Search on the picture. Lots of hits.

"Beekeeper forgot to put the frame..." "Beekeeper forgets to put frame..." Hmm. They're from all over the world, and there seems to have been a swell around Feb 2020. /6

Then someone posts a link in the Twitter thread to a @nationaltrust story from August 2015. It was picked up again in Feb 2020 by @mymodernmet and circulated online for a few weeks.

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The NT Facebook caption asks people if they have ever seen anything so beautiful. It also says their bees at Bodiam Castle have been busy making honey for their shop. One *could*, therefore, interpret this honeycomb as having been done by their bees. /8



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