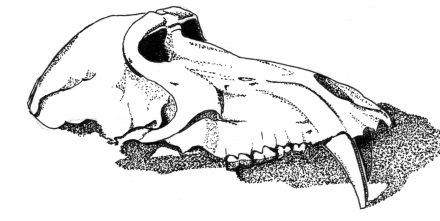


Honey bee - *Apis mellifica*

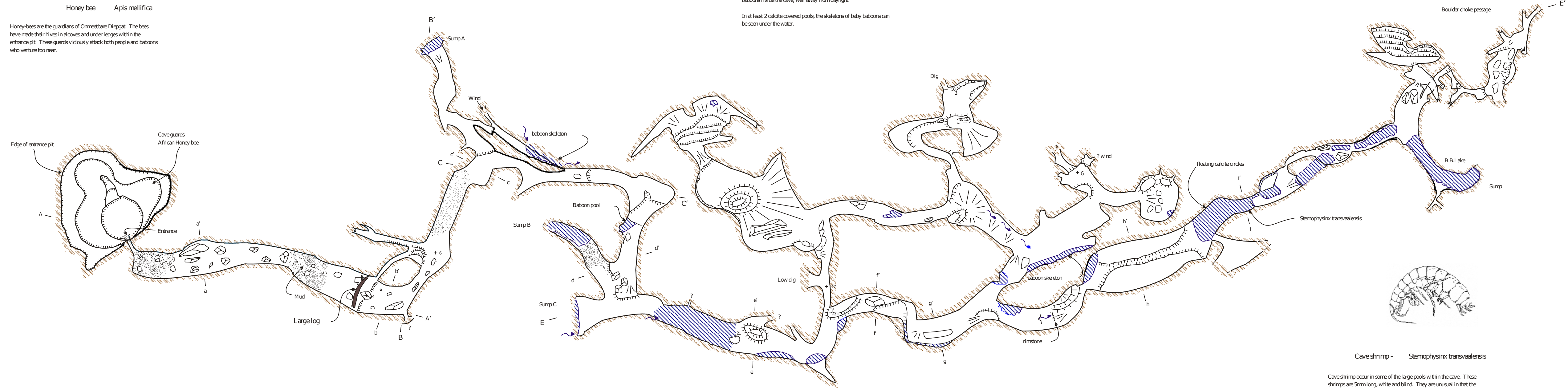
Honey bees are the guardians of Onmeetbare Diepgat. The bees have made their hives in alcoves and under ledges within the entrance pit. These guards viciously attack both people and baboons who venture too near.



Chacma Baboon - *Papio ursinus*

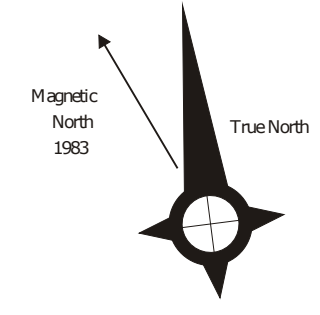
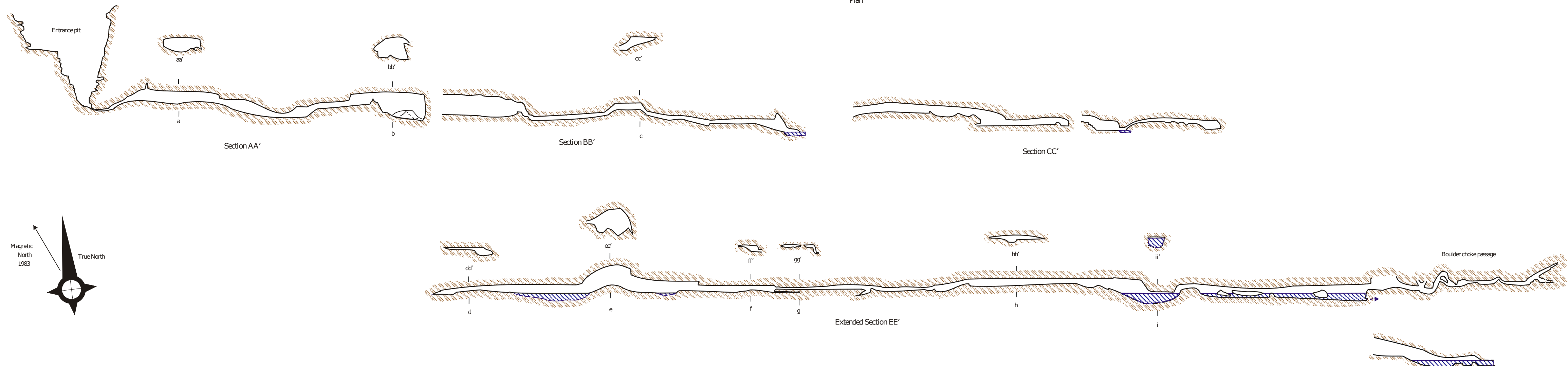
Baboons visit the entrance pit of the cave, and can often be seen in the trees around the edge of the pit. Cavers have also found baboons inside the cave, well away from daylight.

In at least 2 calcite covered pools, the skeletons of baby baboons can be seen under the water.



Cave shrimp - *Stomophisix transversalis*

Cave shrimp occur in some of the large pools within the cave. These shrimps are 5mm long, white and blind. They are unusual in that the only other locations where they have been recorded, are in Transvaal and Natal.



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BCRA Grade:	Grade 5D
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Extension:	700m

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