

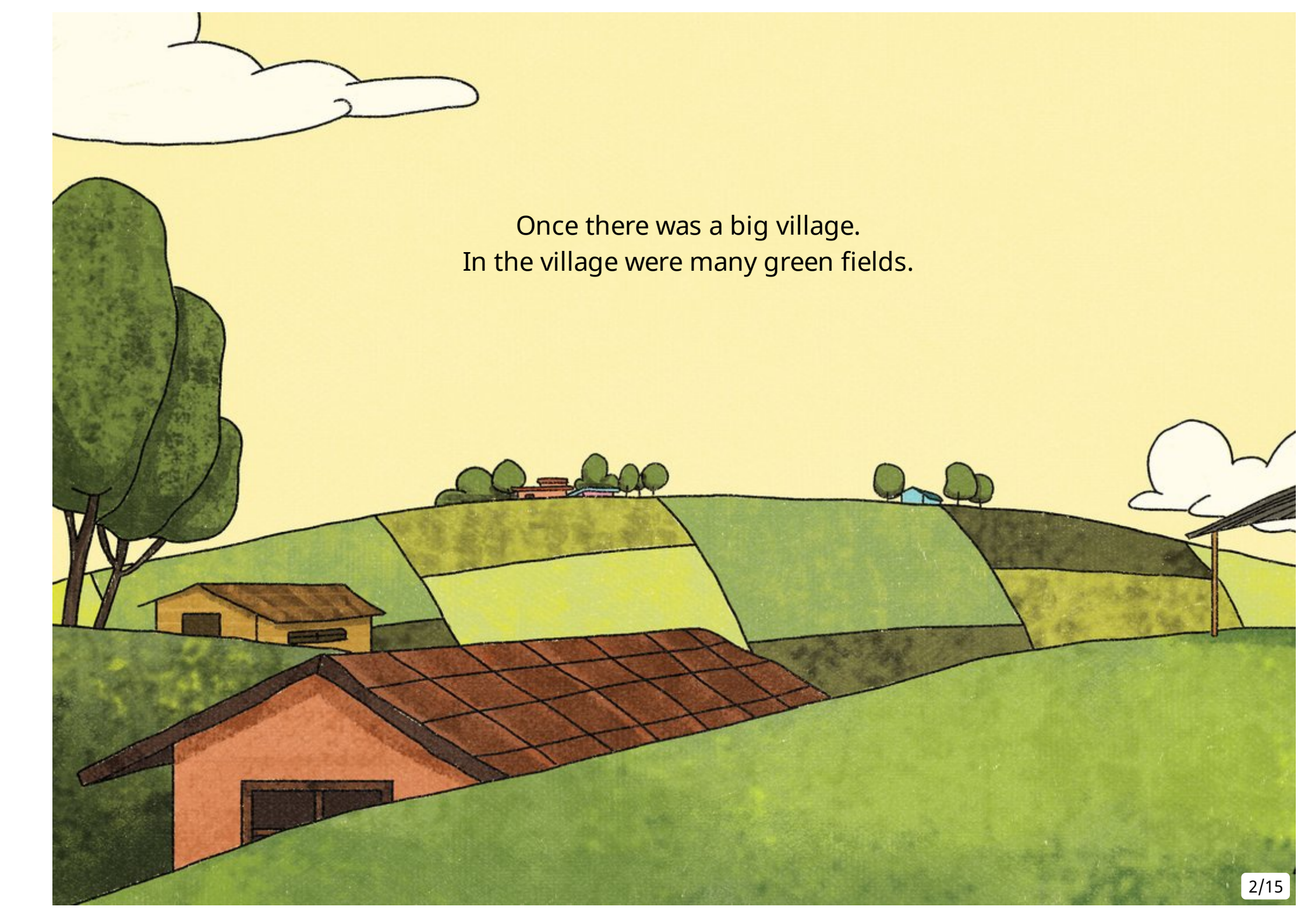


Dumroo

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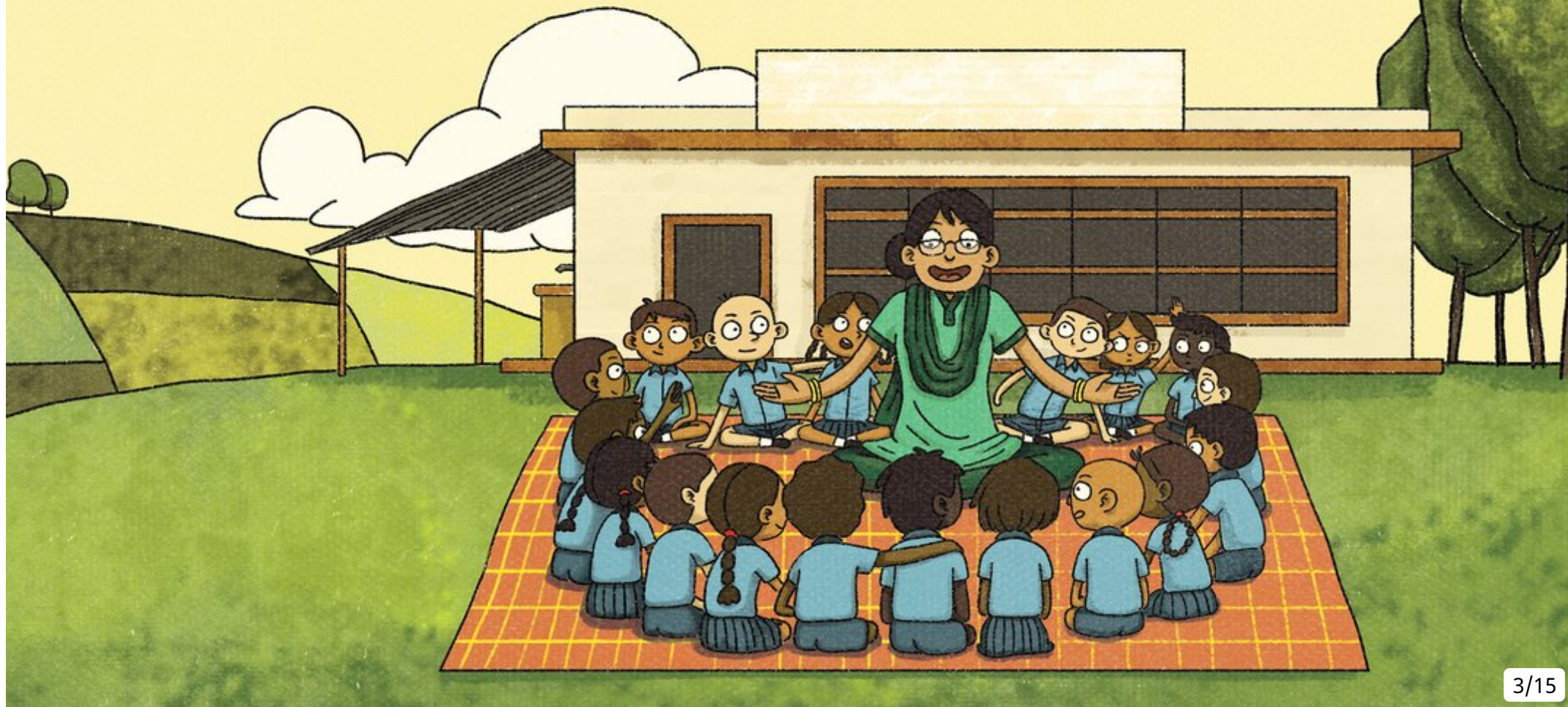
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Level 2



Once there was a big village.
In the village were many green fields.

In the middle of one green field was a small white school.
In the small white school was a playground.
In the playground were many children.
And the children were sitting together in a circle.



"Shall we play a game?" Didi asked.

"Yes!" said the children. The circle got smaller.

"Shall we play a fun game?" Didi asked.

"Yes, yes!" said the children. The circle became even smaller.

"Shall we play a very fun game?" Didi asked.



“Yes, yes, yes!” said the children. The circle became so small that the children were almost in Didi’s lap.



"I will say a letter," Didi said,
"You will tell me words that begin with the letter.
So if I say 'ka se', you will say...?" The children thought.



"Ka se... Kaka!"

"Ka se kakdi!"

"Ka se kambal!"

Their words tumbled out, one on top of another.

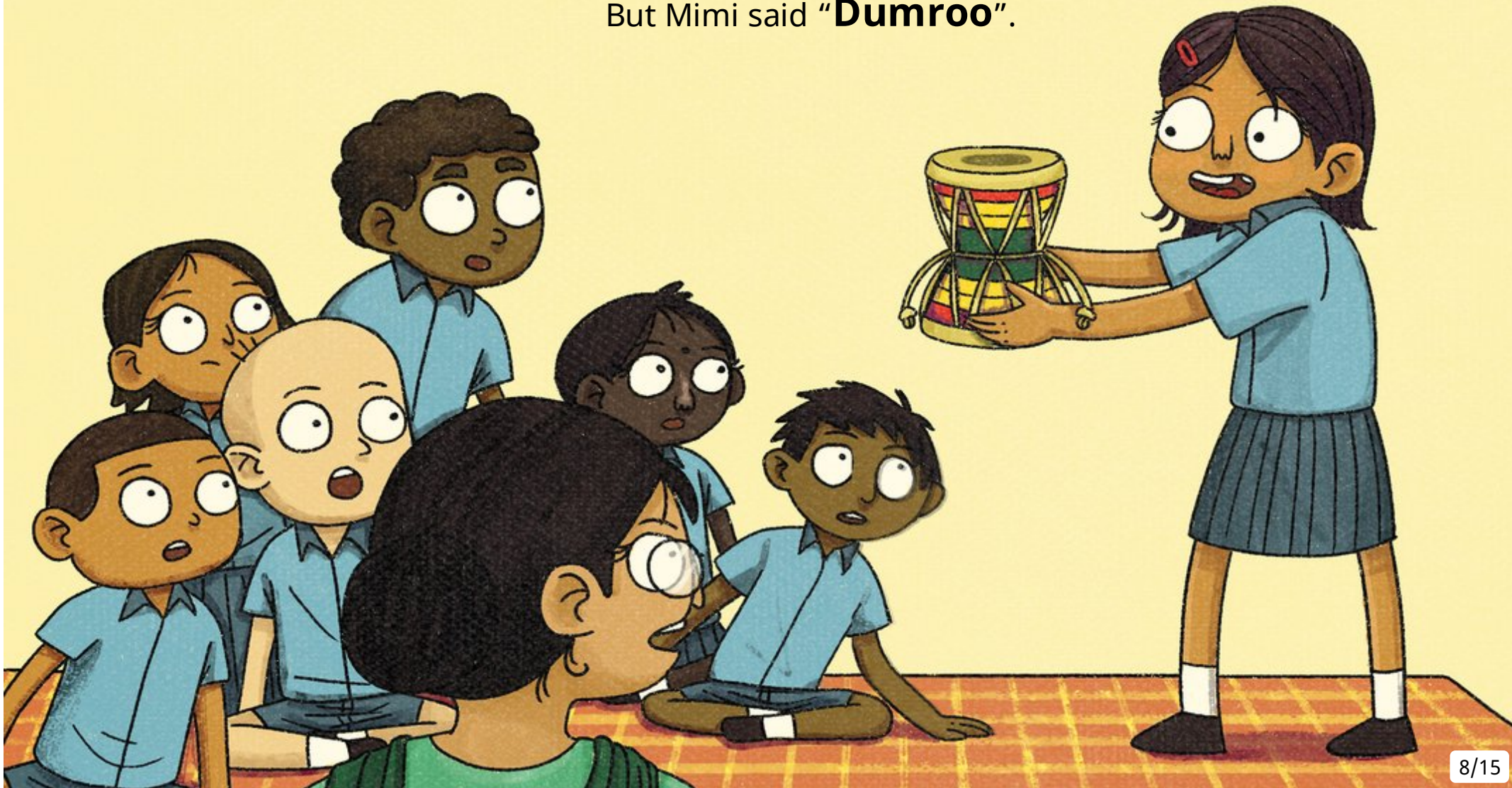
Only Mimi was quiet.
“Come on, Mimi,” Didi said.
“Come play with us. Ka se...?”
Mimi looked at Didi. And she said...



“Dumroo”.

“No, no,” said the other children.
“You have to say a word that begins with ka.”

But Mimi said **“Dumroo”**.



So they moved on to another letter. Didi said, "La."



"La se lassi!"

"La se lamba!"

"La se lal!"

"La se lathi!"

Didi looked at Mimi and said, "La se...?"

Mimi looked at Didi.
Mimi looked at everyone.
And she said "**Dumroo**".



Next, Didi said, "Pa."



"Pa se papita!"

"Pa se papa!"

"Pa se pani."

Everyone looked at Mimi and said, "Mimi, pa se...?"

Mimi looked at everyone,
and everyone held their breath.
And Mimi said “**Dumroo**”.



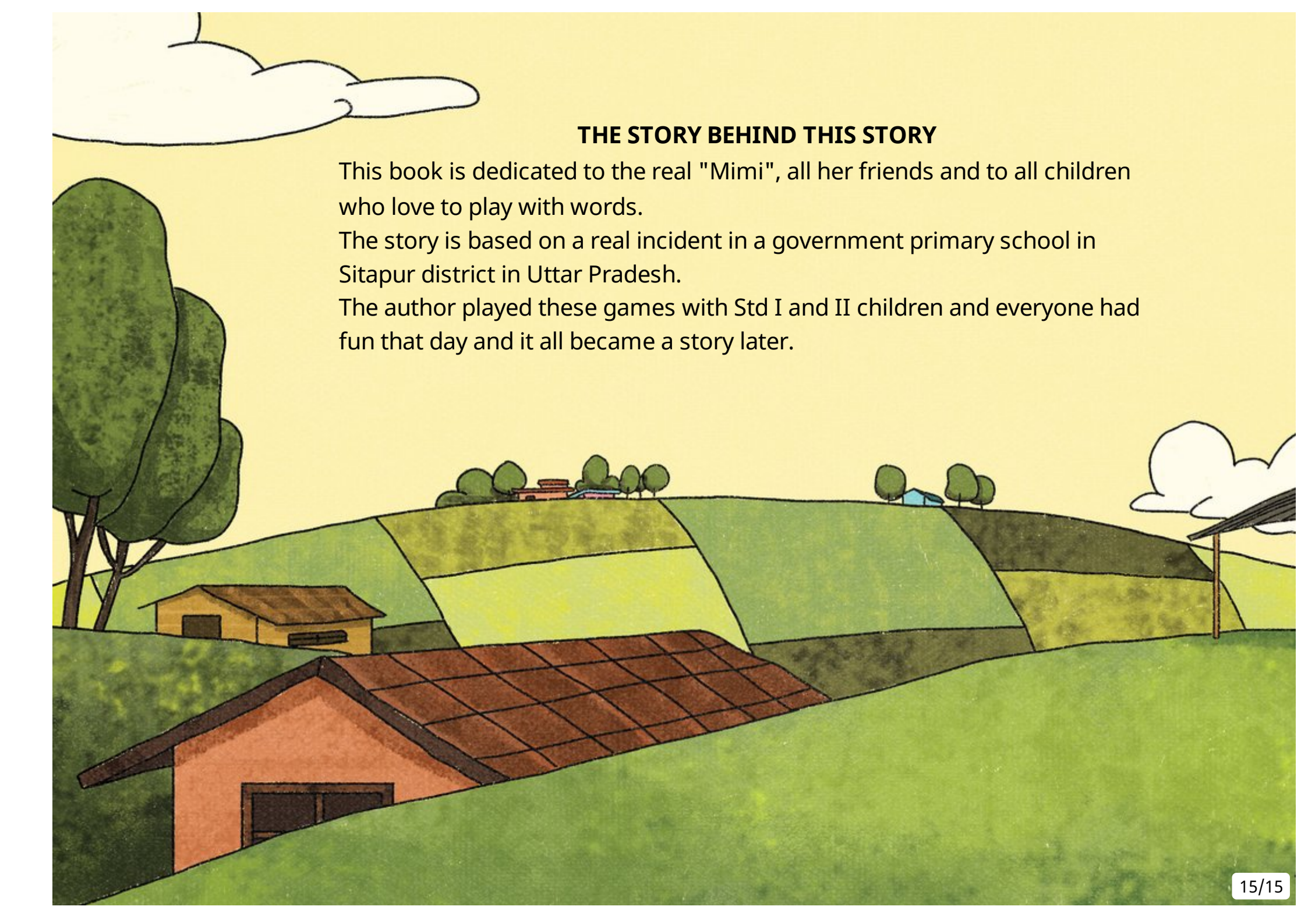
Now things were getting interesting.
Everyone knew Didi's game.
Everyone understood Mimi's game.
"Okay fine," Didi said. "Da se...?"
Everyone looked at Mimi and shouted,
"Da se dumroooooo!"

Mimi gave a big big smile, and said...





"Da se... Dafleeeeeee!"



THE STORY BEHIND THIS STORY

This book is dedicated to the real "Mimi", all her friends and to all children who love to play with words.

The story is based on a real incident in a government primary school in Sitapur district in Uttar Pradesh.

The author played these games with Std I and II children and everyone had fun that day and it all became a story later.

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Dumroo

(English)

Once there was a big village. In the village was a school, where a game was being played. Everyone joined in except Mimi. How will Didi get her to join the fun?

This is a Level 2 book for children who recognize familiar words and can read new words with help.



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