



From Pillars to Palaces

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Dheera loves to look
at structures.

Tall pillars. Big towers.
Wooden buildings.
Clay buildings.
New buildings.
Old buildings.

She wants to see them all.
She wants to know what
they are made of.

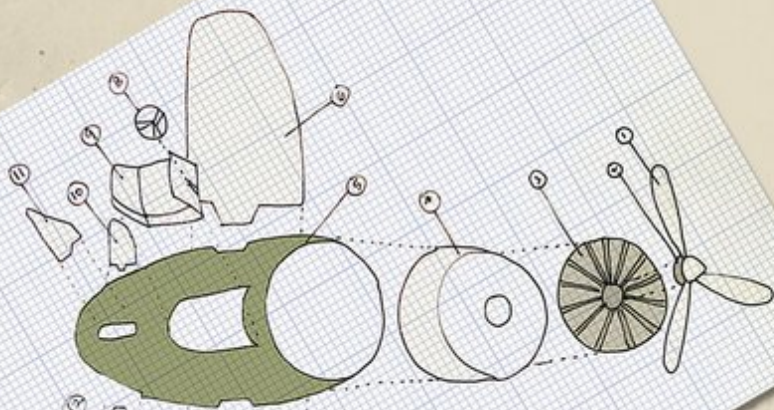


So Ma and Baba make her a little aeroplane.

All she has to do is think of a structure
she wants to see, whisper its name and
TWAAAANNGGG!

And Dheera's aeroplane takes her there.

First Dheera wants to go to...



A line drawing of a classical architectural detail. It shows a section of a wall with a cyma recta molding. Below the molding is a fluted column capital, which is partially visible. The drawing is a sketch, showing the basic forms and proportions of the architectural elements.





Now Dheera wants to go to...

Golden Fort in Rajasthan

Dheera is in the middle of a vast desert.
A yellow sandstone fort stands on top of a hill.
There are so many homes inside the fort.
She blinks. It glitters like gold.



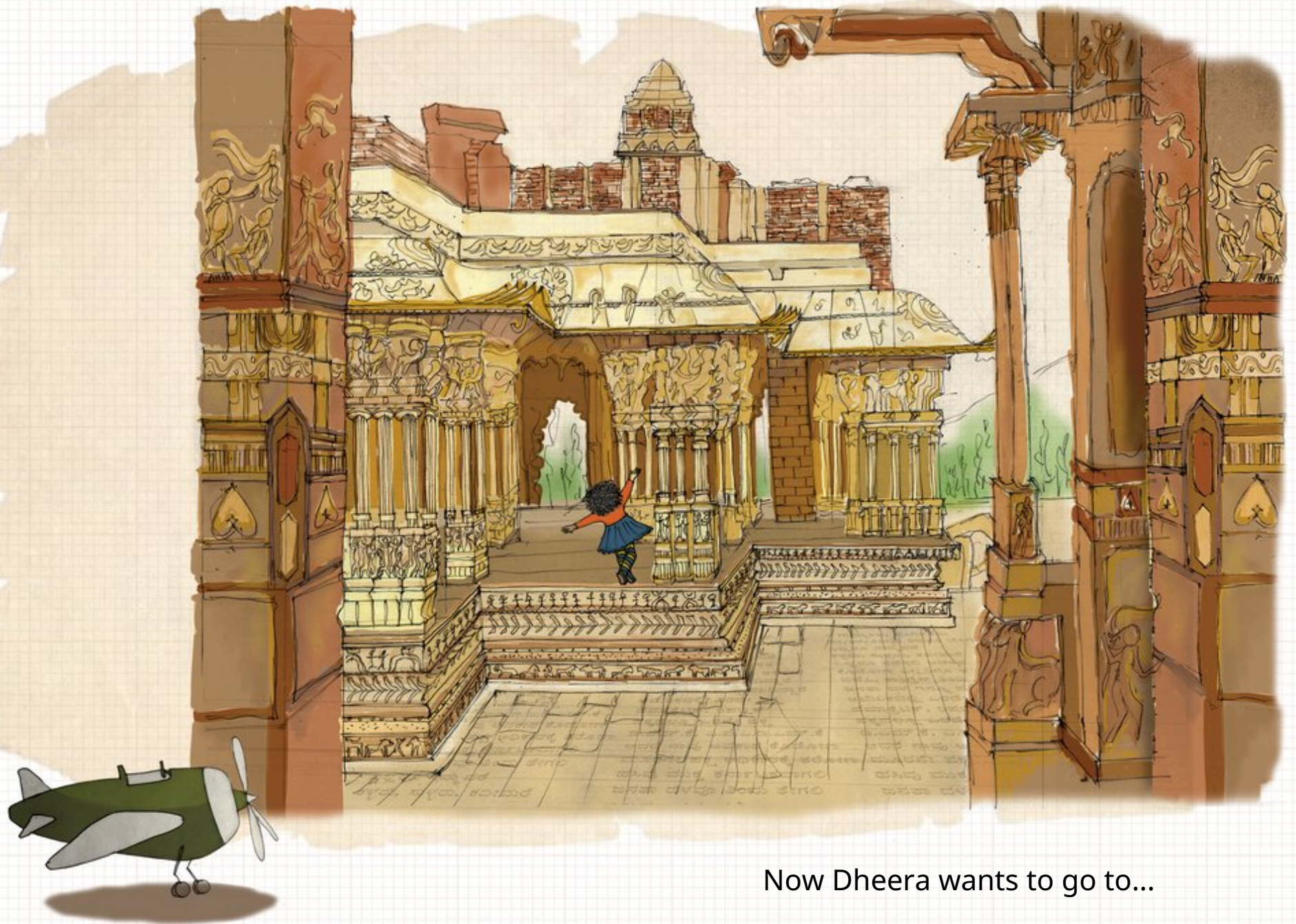


Now Dheera wants to go to...

Vittala Temple in Karnataka



Dheera runs towards a large hall.
It is full of stone pillars.
There are 56 big pillars and seven small ones
around each of them.
She taps the pillars. They sing
Sa Re Ga Ma Pa...

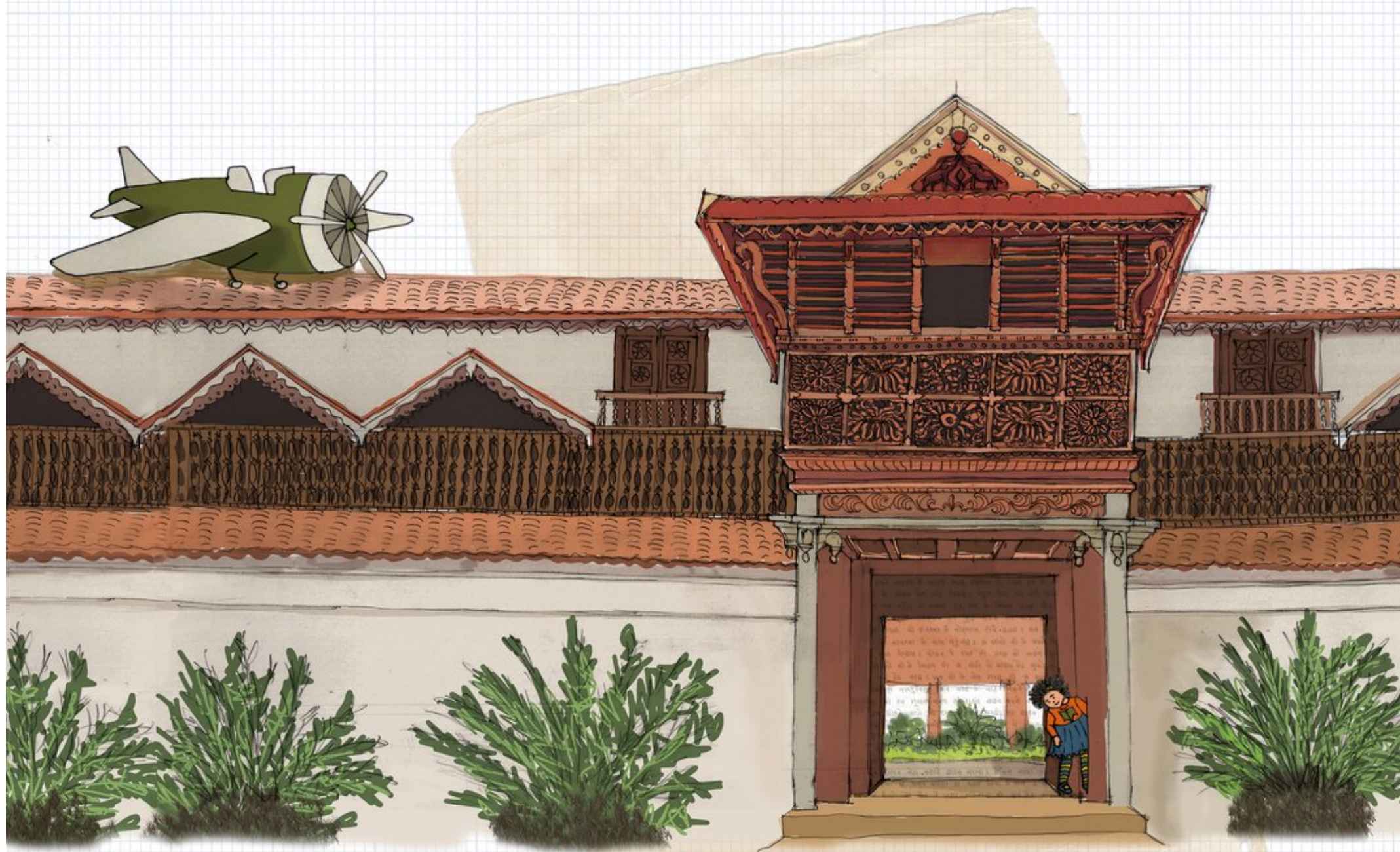


Now Dheera wants to go to...

Padmanabhapuram Palace in Tamil Nadu

Dheera is in a wooden palace.
Doors, balconies, windows, everything is
made of wood. Even the King's bed is
made of 64 pieces of wood.
She feels like a queen here.



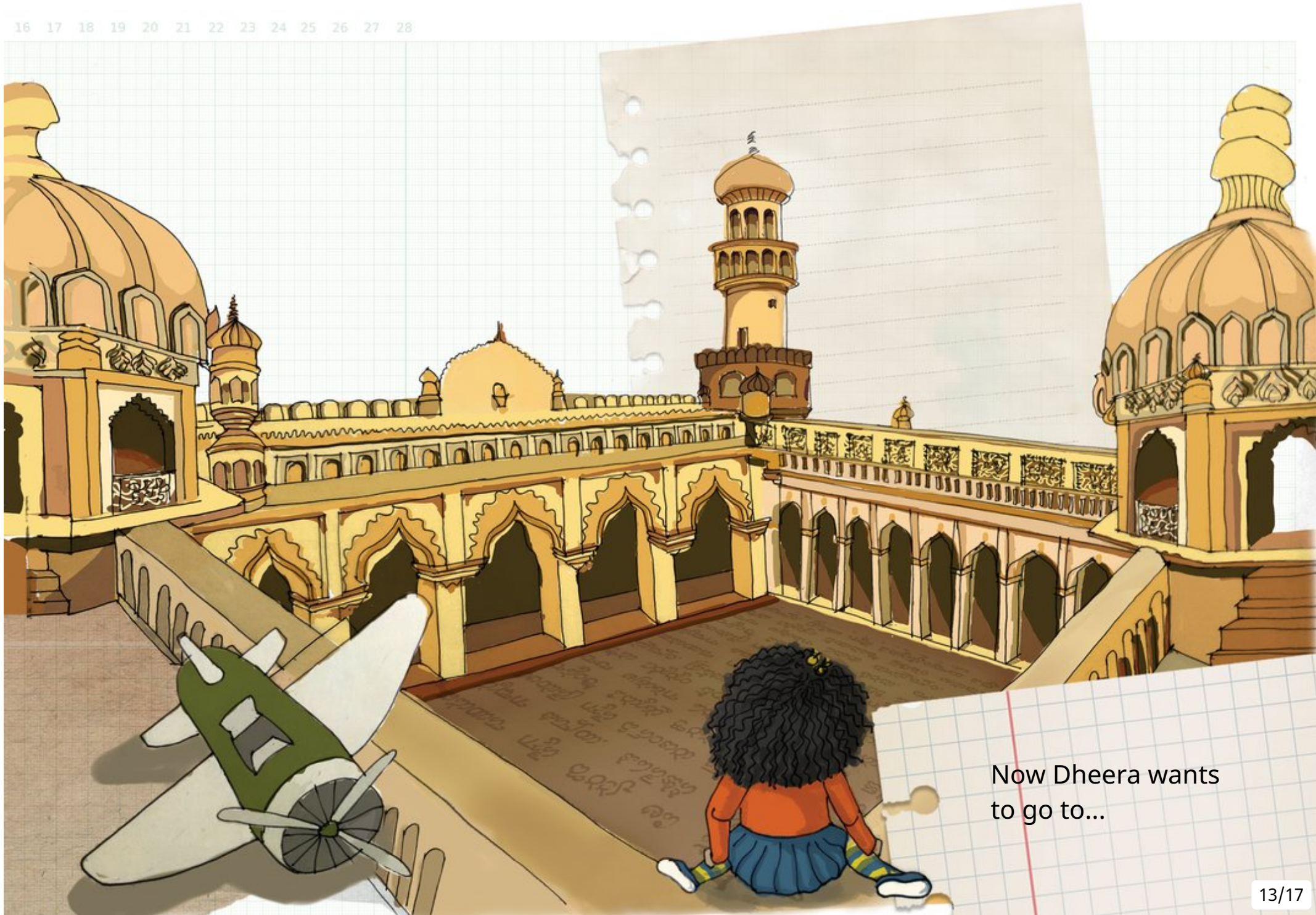


Now Dheera wants to go to...

Charminar in Telangana



Dheera climbs a long twisting staircase.
She reaches the roof of a tall granite building.
There are four towers around her.
She wants to play in the courtyard below.



Now Dheera wants
to go to...

Bishnupur Temples in West Bengal



Dheera is in a temple that looks like a cone.
So many shades of brick everywhere.
There are terracotta* lotuses on some walls.

**baked clay*



She leans against an arch
near the shrine.

She is tired. She whispers,
"Let's go home."



ACTIVITY

Dheera visits structures made of different kinds of materials.
Can you match the material to the structure?



MATERIAL

Wood



Resonant Stone



Sandstone



Terracotta



Iron



Granite



STRUCTURE

Iron Pillar in Mehrauli, Delhi

Padmanabhapuram Palace, Tamil Nadu

Bishnupur Temples, West Bengal

Vittala Temple, Karnataka

Charminar, Telangana

Golden Fort, Rajasthan

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(English)

Dheera loves buildings. When Ma and Baba build her a little plane, she flies out to explore what buildings are made of.

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



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