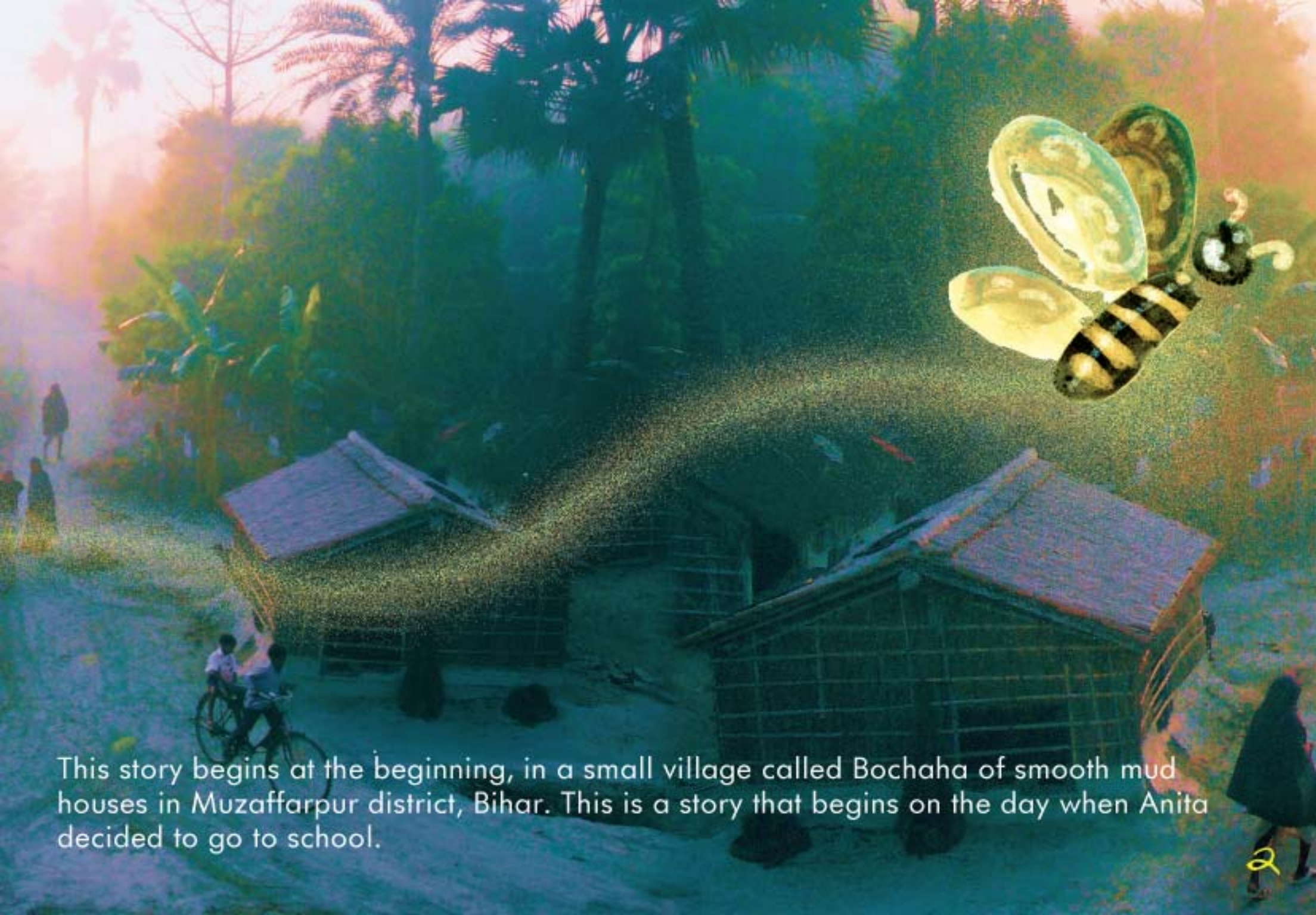


Anita Beekeepers



Once upon a time there were two trees – they were Anita's trees. But if you say this to Anita she will tell you that nothing can ever really be owned. Except for your dreams. Anita says you must begin to dream to be able to make your dreams come true.





This story begins at the beginning, in a small village called Bochaha of smooth mud houses in Muzaffarpur district, Bihar. This is a story that begins on the day when Anita decided to go to school.



One day, Anita followed a line of men who were attending a Government course to learn how to look after bees. Anita was the only girl, but still she attended the class. Again, she snuck inside; after all, Anita had done it once before, and she knew it could be done again.



In three days, Anita learned what she needed to know to begin beekeeping and she decided it was time to break her piggy banks. Anita smashed her piggy banks on the hard stone floor and with the money she had saved, she bought two queen bees and two boxes that bees needed for making beehives. Anita was ready for business.



So now, for now, this is the end of Anita's story: Anita won the community's and her parents' respect, and all the children in the village love her too.



Anita shows us everyday that by going to school, girls can become who they dream they can be – they can even become beekeepers. With an education, Anita says, girls are free to fly like honey bees and make their lives as sweet as honey.