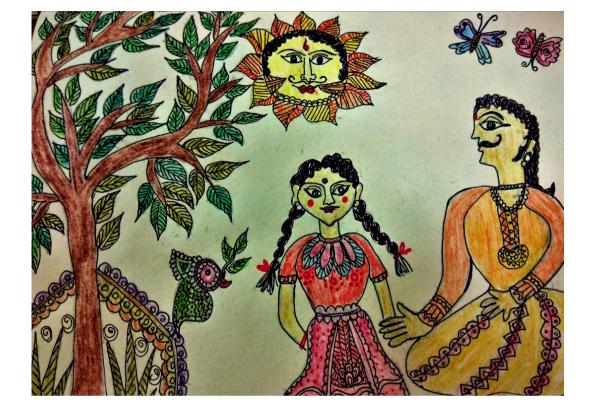




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Level 2



" I do not want to go to school!" said Malti. She would have loved to go to a bakery though! "Off you must go! Everybody goes to

"Off you must go! Everybody goes to school." said daddy.

"Who all?" questioned the girl. The little minds are so inquisitive! They are learning new things and the best way is to ask!



"You see that boy at the tea stall?
Well, he goes to school. And that
little girl, over there at the bus stop?
She too goes to school." Daddy tried
his luck at convincing Malti.
"Who? the one who is crying? She
does not want to go and that is why
she cries." answered Malti.



[&]quot; But we all must go to school. We learn so many things there." told the dad.

[&]quot;Who teaches?" asked the little girl.

[&]quot;The teacher. You see, the teacher also once went to school. she learnt and now she teaches her students." answered dad.

[&]quot;Who are her students?" asked the girl.

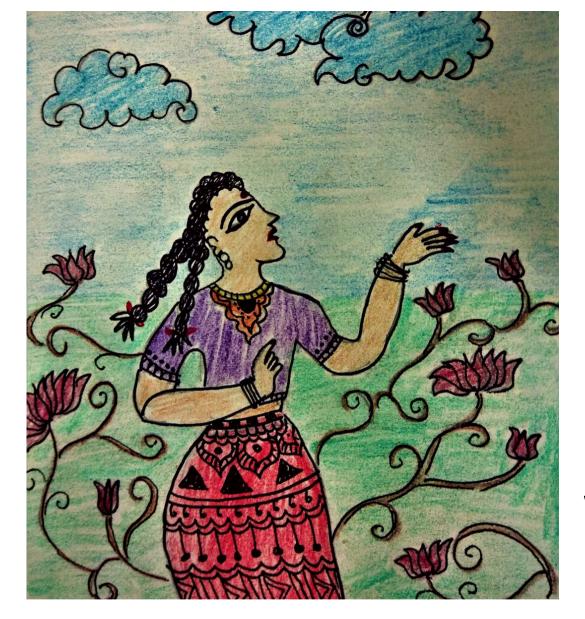
[&]quot;You are. And all your friends at school. She will teach you rhymes, games, writing and so many more activities." dad tried to convince.



"But I learn all of this at home too,
Daddy!"
"Who is teaching you?" dad laughed.
"Mummy! and I do not call her

teacher. Plus I can do whatever I want to, eat whatever I want to and mummy will not get mad, even once!" replied Malti.

"Huh! But you need to learn discipline. Learn to make friends. Follow a routine. That is how things are." replied dad.



"Aren't you suppose to change that?
Am I not supposed to be happy?
Didn't you say I could be anything I
want to be? Well I do not like to go to
school! Don't you love me Daddy?"
asked the girl.



"Yes, yes! But Schools are important to get the knowledge. Know the world. To gain skills. To learn and to discover new things! After that, I promise, you could be whatever you want ." said the dad.

"Promise?" She said.

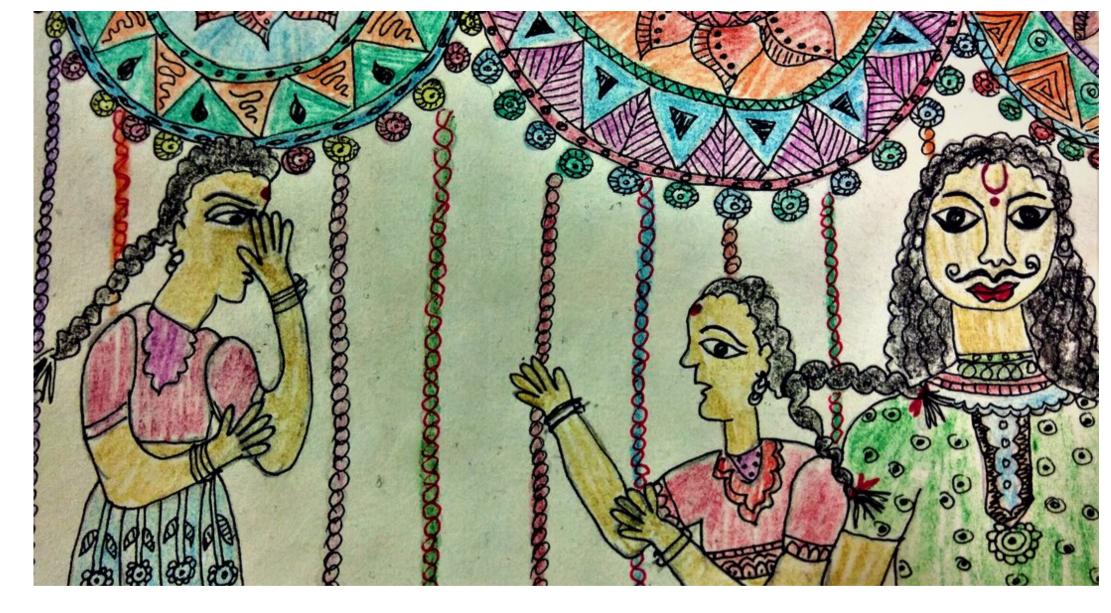
"Yes. Always and forever." said daddy to her teary eyed daughter.



And then she went to the school. And Oh Boy! Did she love it there?

There were friends whom she loved and adored. There were teachers who knew the most! They were better than than her daddy and mummy.

School became her favorite place. She wanted no day to be a Sunday! There were no excuses of stomach aches or sudden headaches to avoid school.



One day when daddy was going to drop her at the bus stop, she saw the same girl who was crying on her first day to school.

"Why is she crying? Why does she not want to go to school? School is the best place. You make friends and learn so many things! One day she will understand." Malti said.

"Just like how you understood!" smiled the dad.



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