

# The Mystery of the Funny Feeling





**THE MYSTERIES OF  
JABALI AND SAUTI**

A vibrant, stylized illustration of a rural landscape. In the foreground, a wooden boat with a red and white striped canopy is on a river. A wooden dock extends into the water. In the middle ground, a red train with white accents travels across a bridge. The background features rolling green hills under a bright, hazy sky. The overall style is soft and painterly.

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## It was an average day in Tisa...

...when Jabali, Sauti, and Bibi heard a knock on the door.

“Hodi, hodi!” Raya said.

“Karibu,” replied Bibi. “I am happy you have come to visit us, Raya.”

“How are you?” Sauti asked.

“I don’t know,” Raya replied.

“What do you mean, you don’t know?” Jabali asked.

“I have a funny feeling in my stomach and I don’t know what it is,” Raya said.

“Can you help me solve the Mystery of my Funny Feeling?”





**Jabali, Sauti, and Bibi were excited to help Raya.**

**Do you want to help Raya?**



**"Do you feel happy?" they asked.  
"Did something happen to make you feel happy?"**



**"I feel happy when my favourite song plays  
on Tisa FM," said Sauti.**

**"I feel happy when we solve a mystery," said Jabali.**





**"I feel happy when Jabali and Sauti come home from school," said Bibi.**

**What makes you feel happy?**

**Can you show us your happy face?**

**"I don't know if I am feeling happy," said Raya.**



**“Do you feel angry?” they asked.  
“Did something happen to make you feel angry?”**



**“I feel angry if I am disturbed when I am working,”  
said Sauti.**



**“I feel angry when my pen disappears,”  
said Jabali.**





**"I feel angry when the clouds are turned into squares,"  
said Bibi.**

**What makes you feel angry?  
Can you show us your angry face?**

**"I don't know if I am feeling angry," said Raya.**

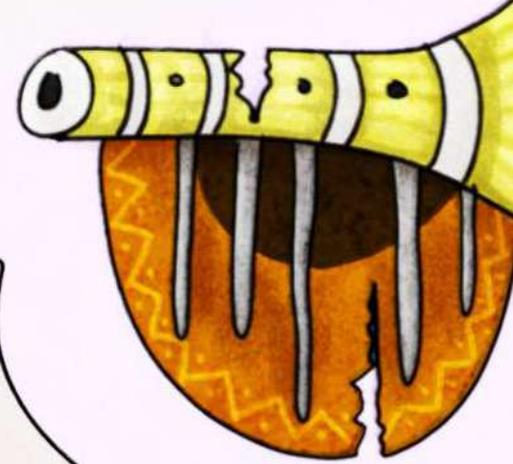


**"Do you feel sad?" they asked.  
"Did something happen to make you feel sad?"**



**"I feel sad when I miss Abbah,"  
said Jabali.**

**"I feel sad when my florukalimba breaks,"  
said Sauti.**



**"I feel sad when Jabali and Sauti feel sad,"  
said Bibi.**



What makes you feel sad?  
Can you show us your sad face?



"I don't know if I am feeling sad," said Raya.

**“Do you feel excited?” they asked.  
“Did something happen to make you feel excited?”**

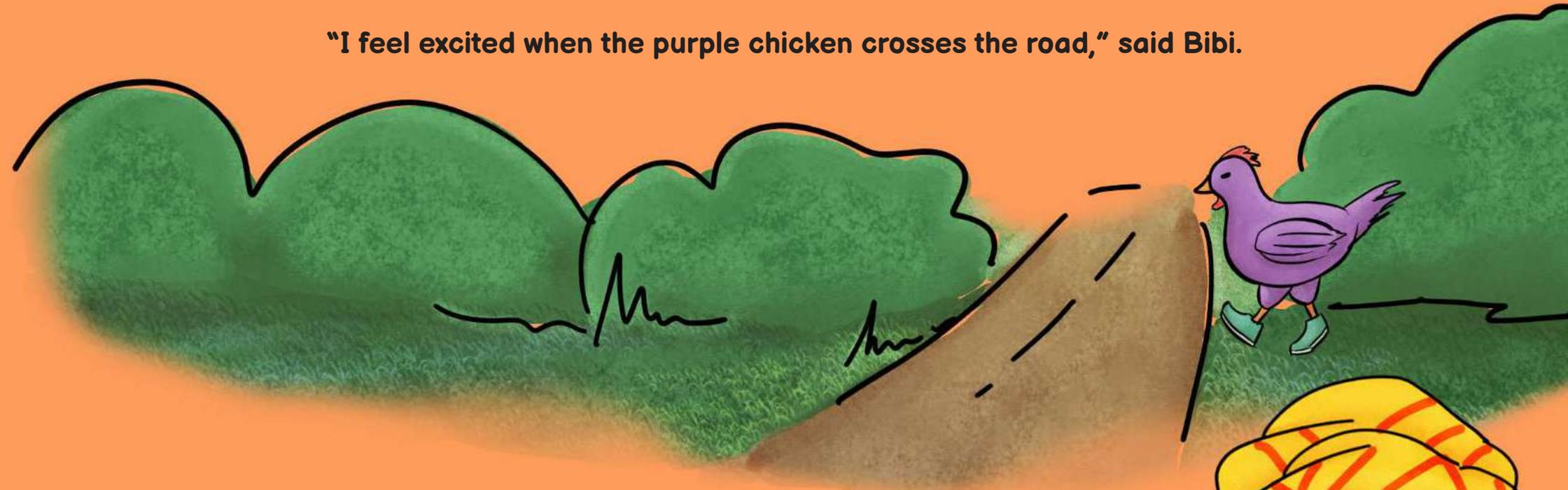
**“I feel excited when school opens and  
I get to see my school friends again,” said Sauti.**



**“I feel excited when I get to play  
water kati with Opita,” said Jabali.**



**"I feel excited when the purple chicken crosses the road," said Bibi.**



**What makes you feel excited?  
Can you show us your excited face?**



**"I think I am feeling a little excited," said Raya.  
"But I don't know if that's it."**

**“Do you feel scared?” they asked.  
“Did something happen to make you feel scared?”**

**“I feel scared when I climb the Tisaplum tree,”  
said Sauti.**



"I never feel scared," said Jabali.

"That's what sometimes makes me feel scared," said Bibi.

What about you, what makes you feel scared?  
Can you show us your scared face?

"Actually, I think I'm feeling a little scared," said Raya  
"But I don't know if that's it."



**“Aha!” said Sauti. “It sounds like you are feeling excited AND scared.”**

**“Is it possible to feel two feelings at the same time?” Raya asked.**

**“Oh, yes, it is,” Bibi replied.**

**“Mystery solved! I’m feeling excited and a little scared,”  
Raya declared.**

**Sauti asked, “What happened to make you feel this way?”**

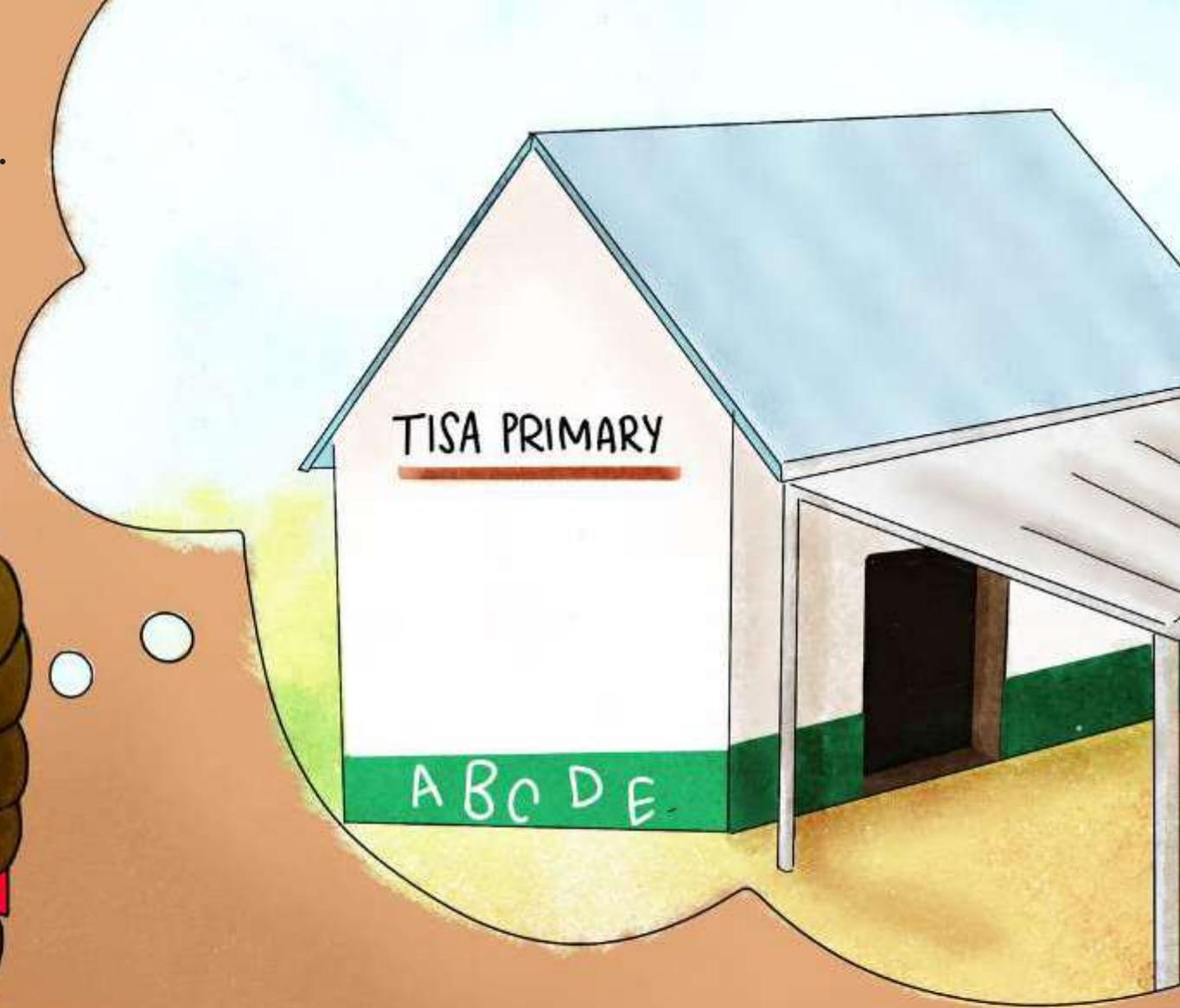
**“I don’t know,” Raya said.**

**Jabali said, “I find it helps me  
to think about all the things happening in my  
life and try to connect the dots.  
What could be giving you these feelings?”**



Raya thought, and thought, and thought.

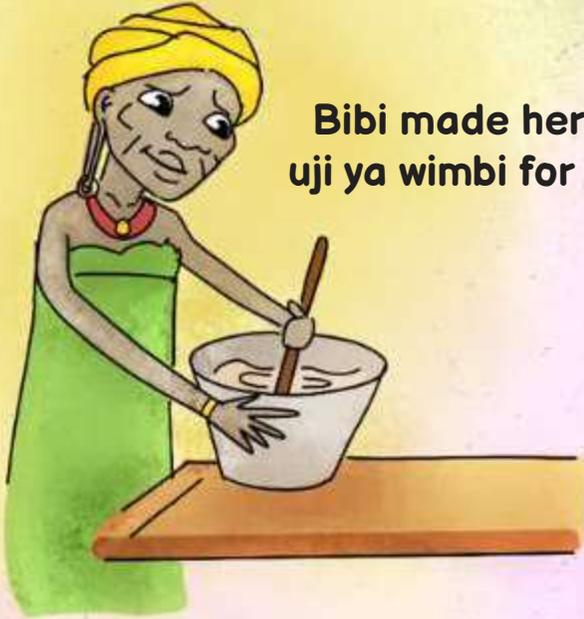
“Well, it is my first day of primary school tomorrow, and I’m excited to make new friends, but also a little scared because it is a big school.”



“Aha! Raya, I can see why you are feeling both excited and a little scared at the same time,” Bibi said. “When I’m starting something new, I find it helps to prepare myself. Would you like us to help you prepare for the new school?”

Raya nodded, and nodded, and nodded.

So everyone in Tisa got together to help Raya prepare for school the next day.

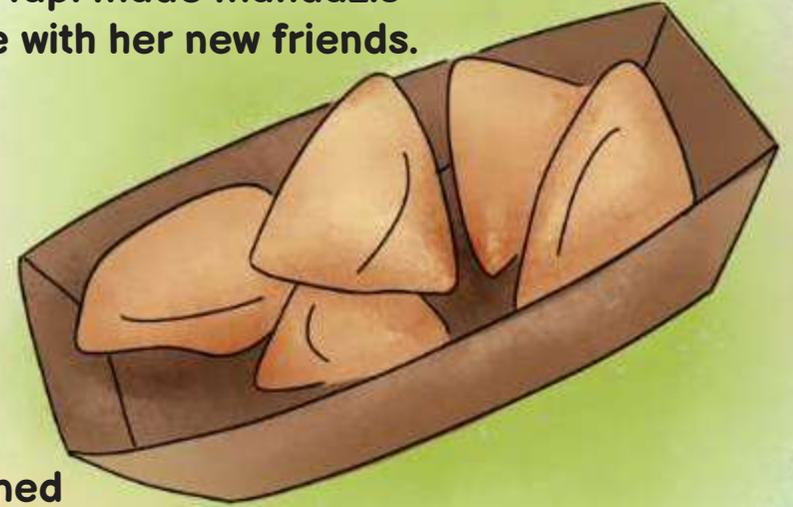


Bibi made her favourite uji ya wimbi for breakfast.

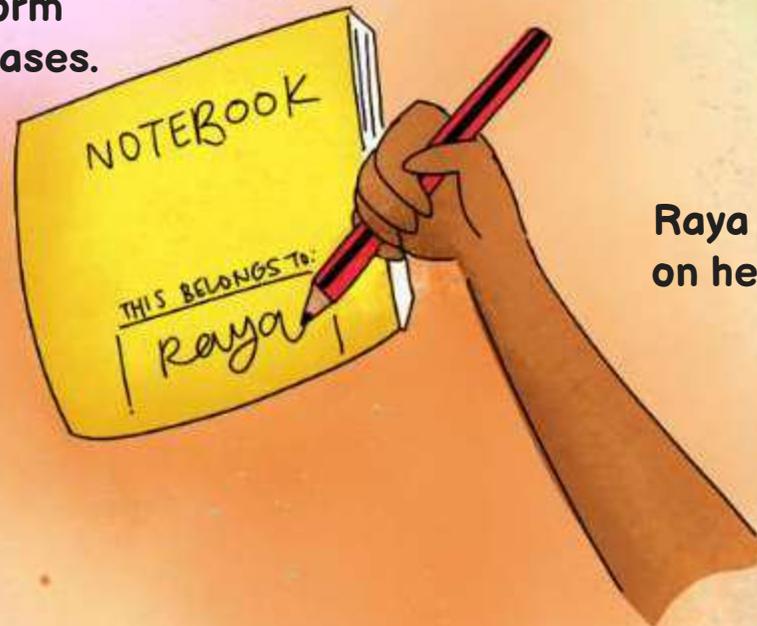


Jabali sharpened her pencils.

Mama Tapi made mandazis to share with her new friends.



Wind laid out her uniform so it didn't have any creases.



Raya wrote her name on her exercise book.



**Dr. Kaliang lent her  
his lab coat for  
the science experiments.**



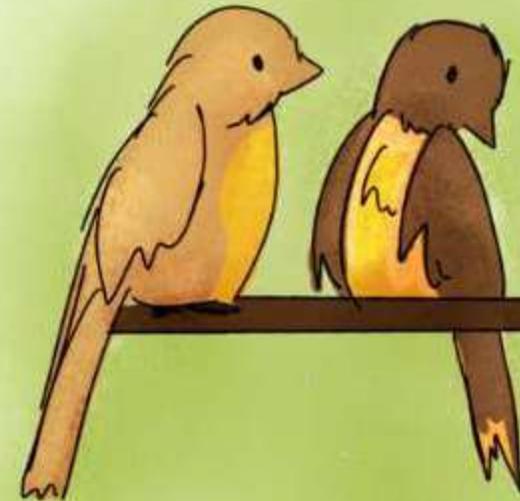
**Juma packed her bag  
with some special games.**



**Aivi, the Dancing Cow, taught her  
the PrimOdi Dance to impress her new friends.**



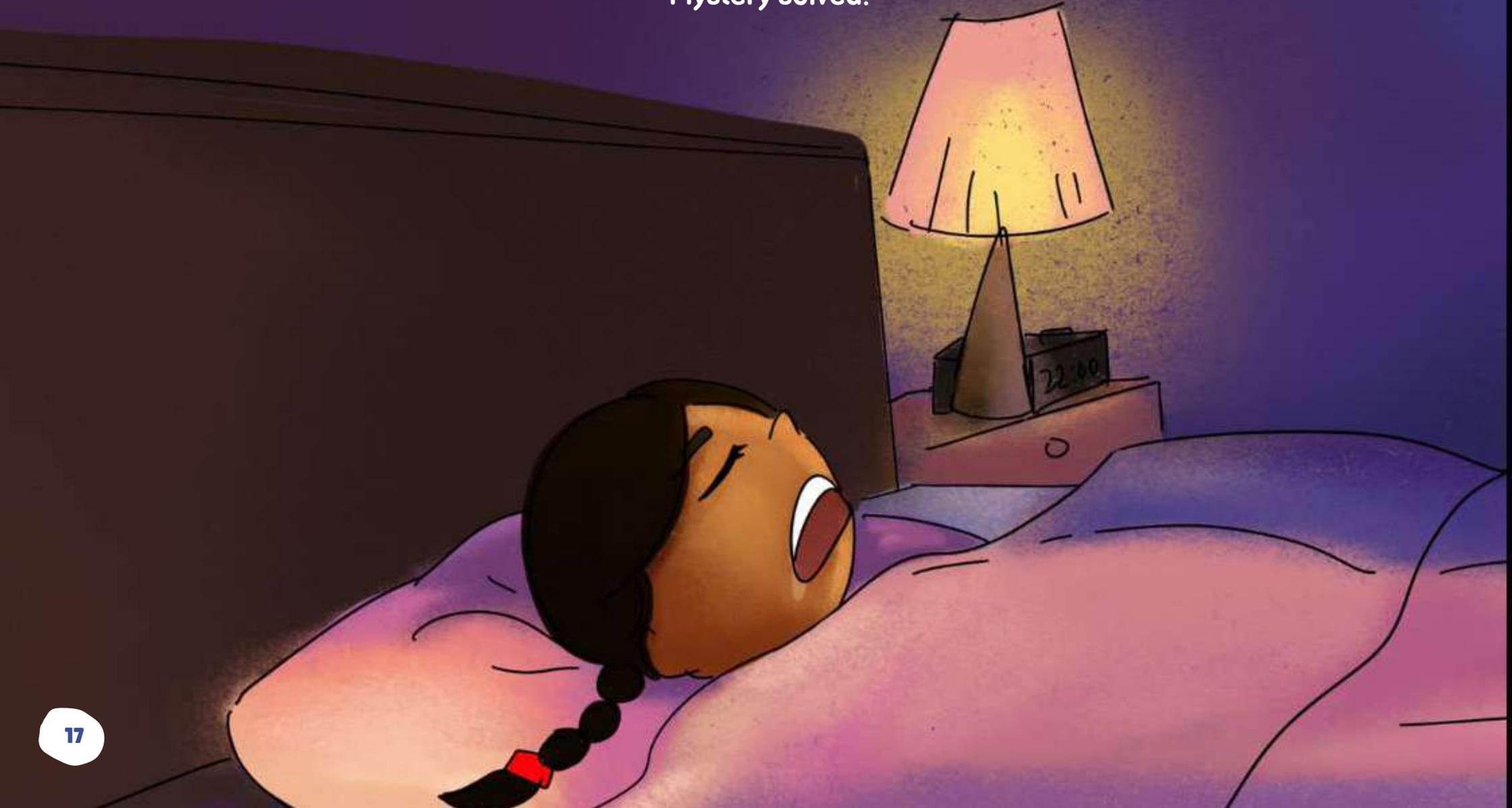
**Sauti made her a listening shell  
to enjoy the slug songs on her walk to school.**



**The weaverbirds promised  
to wake Raya up early in the morning.**

That night, when she went to sleep, Raya still had the funny feeling in her stomach. But this time, she knew what the feelings were and that made her feel a little better. Plus, with everyone's help, she was ready for her first day of school!

Mystery solved!





mystery  
solved



Hey,

Welcome to the Play area.

Did you enjoy solving the mystery in this story?

This is Juma. He is our friend and Tisa's Game Master.

He's going to show you an amazing game or activity that you can play with your friends or by yourself.



Hello,  
I'm Juma. What's your name?

Do you want to do something fun?

### LET'S DO SOMETHING

Materials: Leso or Kanga



Take a moment to relax from your busy day by doing these superhero poses



Try the superhero poses and hold your position for 10 seconds and breath slowly



Think about what you are feeling during the superhero poses and say it out loud



Do these superhero poses with your friends and family or by yourself!

### Final Results





# THE MYSTERIES OF JABALI AND SAUTI

## SEASON 1

### Which mystery will you read next?

1. The Mystery of Jabali's Pen
2. The Mystery of the Disappearing Yummies
3. The Quest for Mrs. Quack's Eggs
4. The Mystery of the Cracked Feet
5. The Mystery of the Shape Shifting Pet
6. The Mystery of the Disappearing Girl
7. The Mystery of the Fallen Nest
8. The Mystery of the Howling Wind
9. The Mystery of the Duckling in the Bucket
10. The Mystery of the Abandoned Smushoos
11. The Mystery of Missing Sleep
12. The Mystery of the Funny Feeling
13. The Mystery of Giant Jabali
14. The Mystery of the Lion's Roar
15. The Mystery of Morning Tide
16. The Mystery of the Wish-Watch

