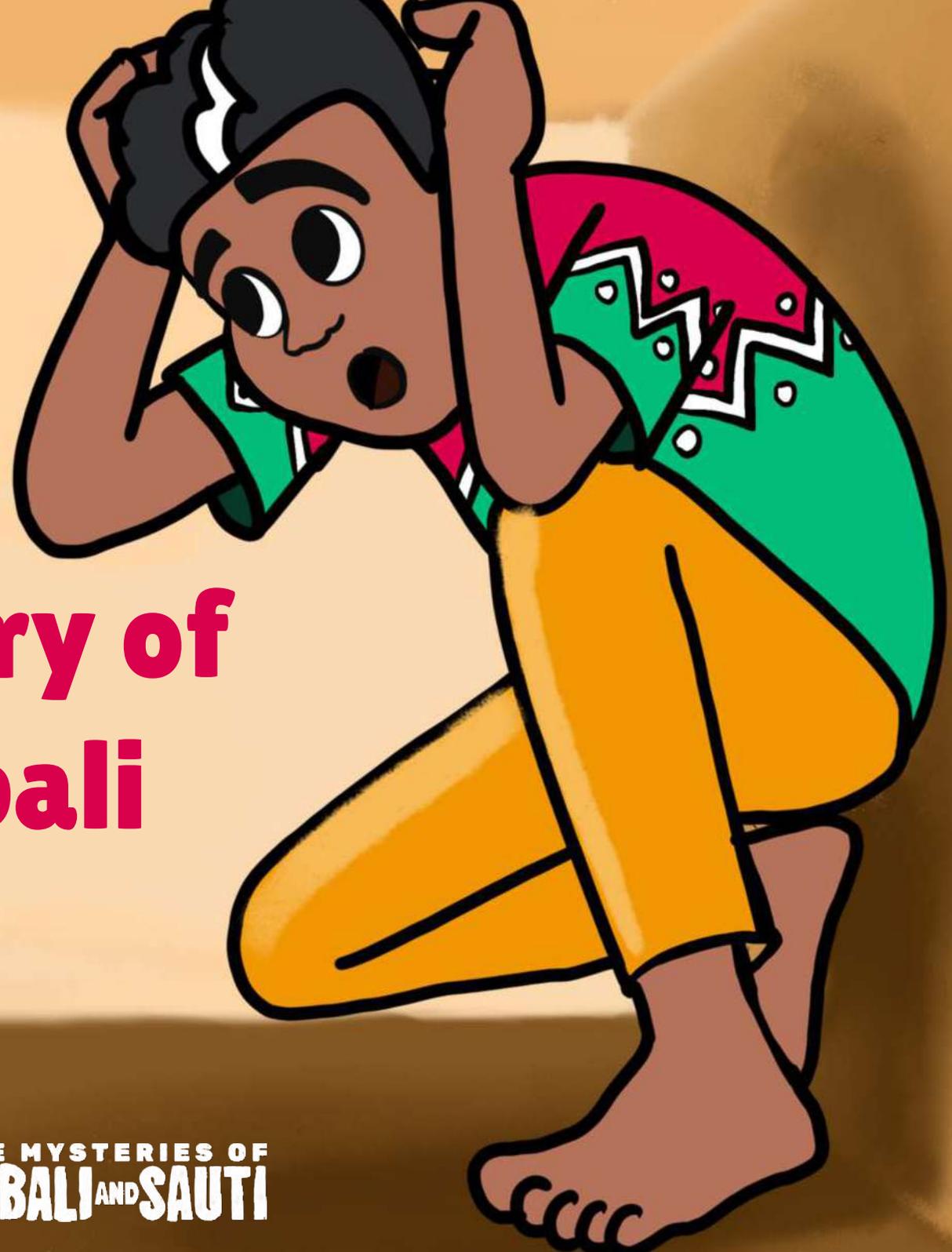


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It was an average day in Tisa.

The sun was warm over the Tisaplum leaves, there was a beautiful blue sky,
and all the beings in Tisa were going about their normal day...

...except for Jabali.



Today, Jabali didn't want to do anything.
He didn't want to solve a mystery.
He didn't want to eat mahamri.
He didn't even want to play with Sauti.

Instead, he was staring
at a picture of his Abbah.
He missed his father so much.



He went to Abbah's cupboard. He picked out Abbah's old long coat and put it on.
He stood facing the mirror, standing on the tips of his toes.
"Why aren't I taller like Abbah?"





When he put his hands
in the coat pockets,
he found a small bottle
of golden liquid.

He held it tight in his hands and accidentally cracked it.
The liquid covered his hands.

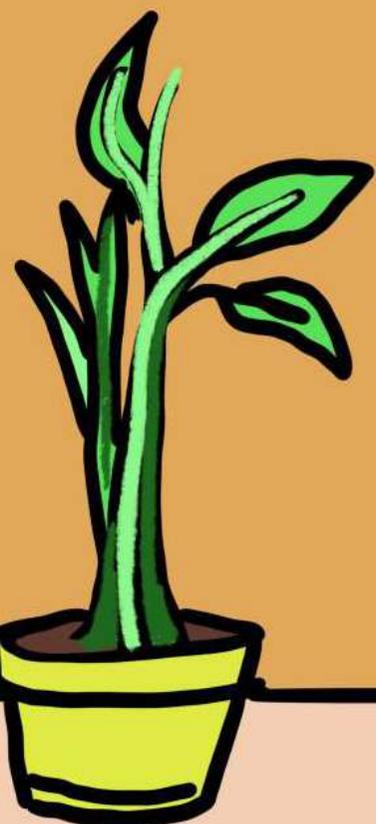
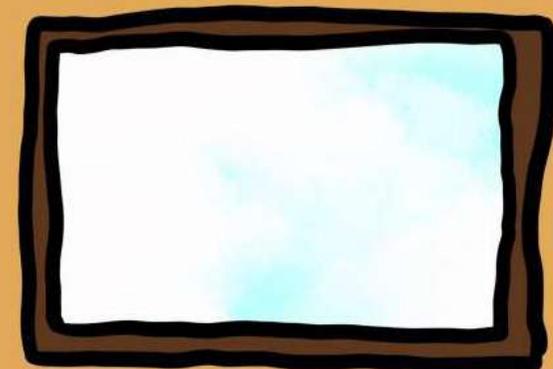


Suddenly, Jabali started growing,

and growing,



and growing,





and GROWING.

"Sauti, help!" Jabali cried, his voice echoing through the house.



Sauti ran to Jabali and found him bent over, squeezed, his hands above his head.

“What happened, Jabali?” she asked.

“I wanted to be taller and I don’t know what happened next!” he said, sadly.

“Oh no! I guess we have a new mystery: the Mystery of Giant Jabali!” Sauti said.





“Let’s look at the clues,” Sauti said.
“What made you taller?”

“I wished to be taller and I found a bottle
in my father’s coat!” Jabali explained.

Sauti moved around between Jabali’s long legs
and found the cracked bottle close to his feet.

She inspected the bottle and saw three things:

One, the bottle was cracked.

Two, it had a small label on it written, *Wishes*.

Three, it had in even smaller writing,

Use ONLY 3 drops on skin!

Sauti asked Jabali, "Did any liquid touch your skin?"

More than three drops?"

"Yes it did..." he replied, "...and way more than three drops."



“Well, now we know what caused this. I wonder...”

Sauti ran off to her workspace and immediately started tinkering.

**Parts and doodads and madoido were everywhere
and then she put three drops of liquid on the instrument.**

“I got it!” she shouted.





**She handed Jabali a short drum.
She told him, "Everytime you play this, you'll grow shorter,
but, be careful, Jabali, and not too loud because-"**



Jabali, as fearless and impatient as ever, didn't wait to listen for the rest.

Boom! Boom! Boom!
He played the drum.
Boom! Boom! Boom!
The shorter he'd become!

**Suddenly, Jabali started SHRINKING,
and shrinking,
and shrinking,
and shrinking.**

Sauti gasped, “Oh no, Jabali!”

“I don’t know what happened!” said Jabali.





“I was warning you. Be careful not to play it too loud because it makes you shrink quickly! Now you’re as small as a mouse!” Sauti exclaimed.

“I just wanted to be taller,” Jabali shrieked.

“And I just wanted to help,” Sauti added.

Bibi walked into the room and found a small Jabali and a nervous Sauti. "What happened?" Bibi asked.

**"Bibi, I wanted to be taller,
but the liquid made me too big," Jabali said.**

**"And I wanted to help him grow smaller,"
Sauti said, "But the drums made him too small."**



“Why did you want to be taller?” Bibi asked.

“I want to be like Abbah!” Jabali replied.

Bibi looked kindly at Jabali.

“I know you miss your father. I do, too.

And you may not be as tall as him.

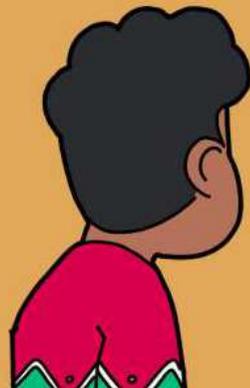
One day you might grow taller -

and you probably will -

and you might not!

Everyone’s body is different and that’s okay.

You know what is important?”



Jabali, still as small as a mouse, looked up at wise Bibi.

**“Your father is kind and brave and helps people.
Just like you.**

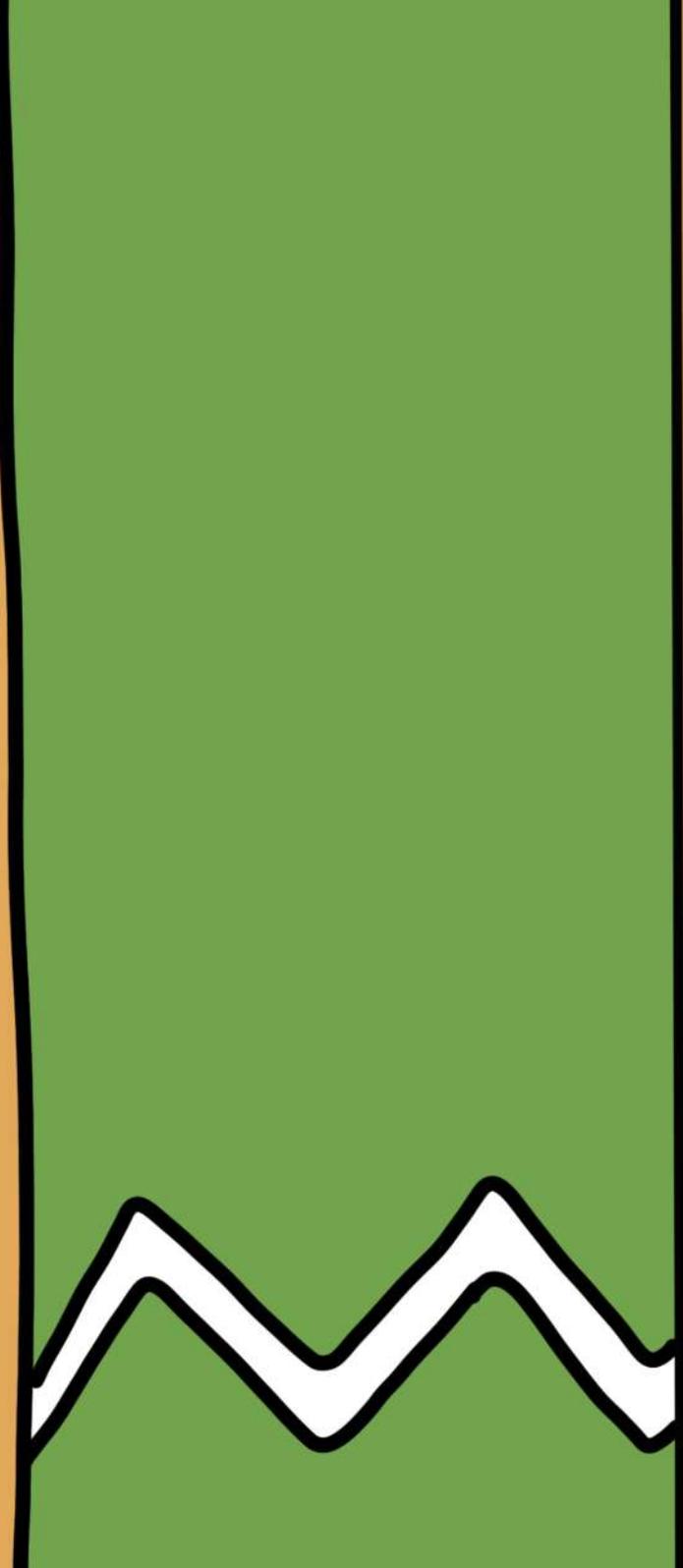
**You are exactly like him, in your heart, where it counts.
And you are wonderful just by being you!” Bibi said.**

Jabali realized the answer!

“Wait, the gold liquid is for wishes, right?” he asked.

“It says so right here on the label,” Sauti replied.

**“I wished I was taller and that’s why I grew big.
Then, with the drum, I wished I was shorter.
What I should wish... is to be myself!” Jabali said.**



The moment he said that he started growing, and growing, and growing,
until he was back,
back to his normal size.

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.

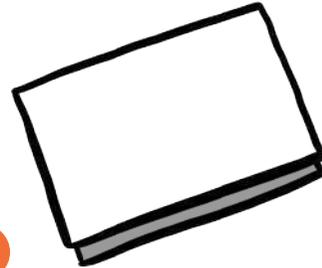


Hello,
I'm Juma. What's your name?

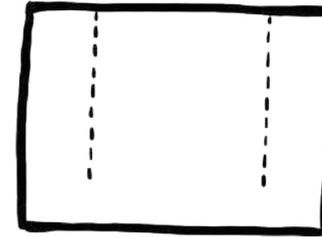
Do you want to do something fun?

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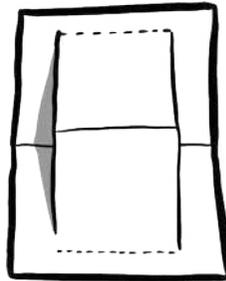
Materials: Paper, Scissors, Colours, Glue or Tape



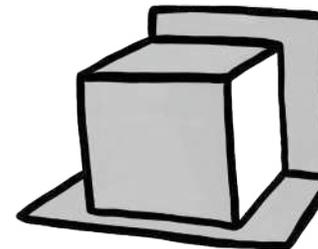
1 Fold a piece of paper in half



2 Cut two slits of the same length



3 Open the sheet of paper and pull the cut part inside to make a pop up



4 Decorate your house with a door, windows, roof, etc.

Final Results





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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

