

# The Mystery of the Disappearing Girl



THE MYSTERIES OF  
**JABALI AND SAUTI**

An illustration of three children playing with an abacus in a rural landscape. A boy in a green and red shirt is kneeling and adjusting the abacus. A girl in a purple shirt is standing and watching. A girl in a yellow shirt is kneeling and watching. The background shows rolling green hills, a winding road, a bridge, and a river. The title "THE MYSTERIES OF JABALI AND SAUTI" is written in bold, black, stylized letters at the bottom.

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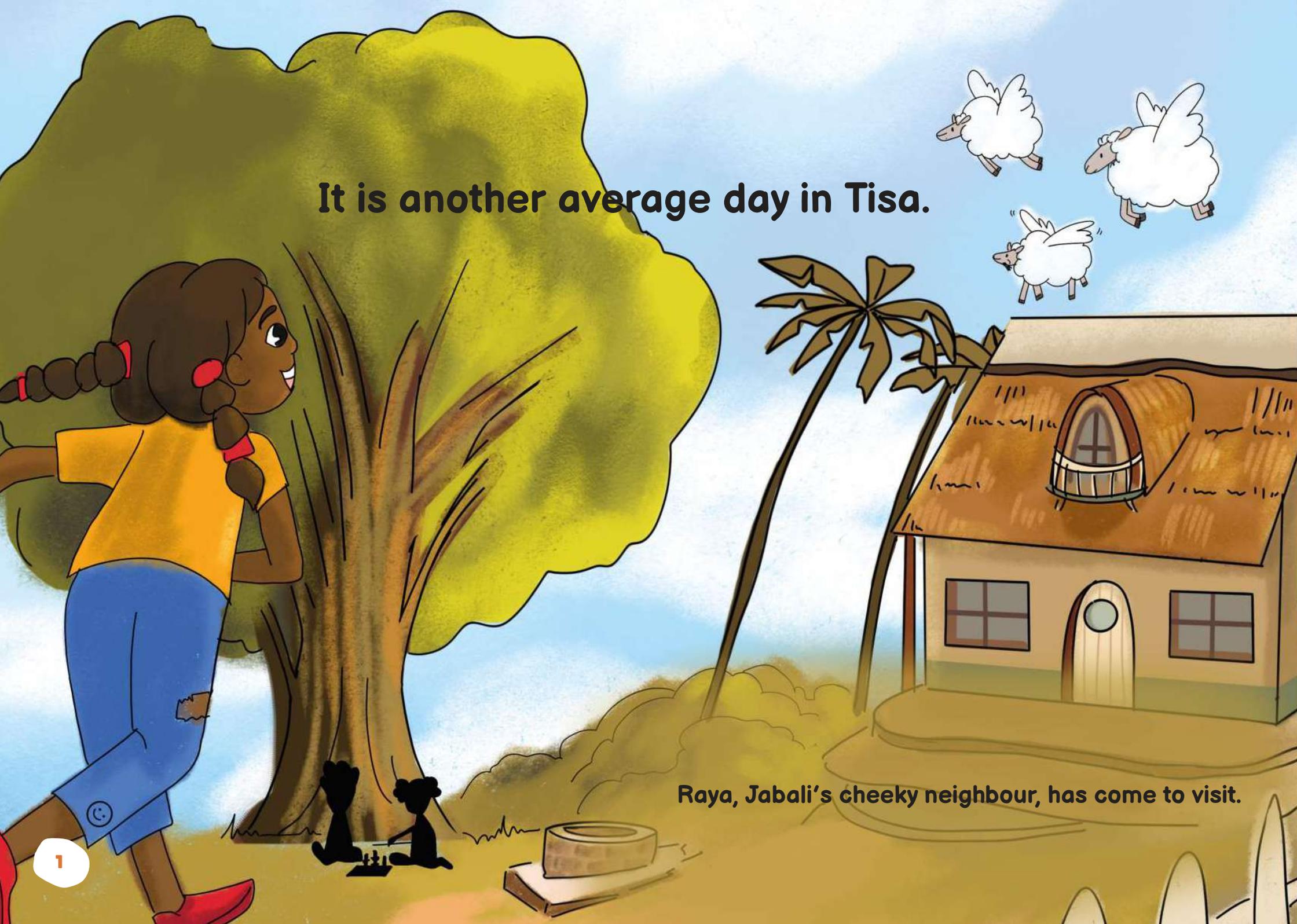
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**It is another average day in Tisa.**

**Raya, Jabali's cheeky neighbour, has come to visit.**



**Jabali loves having Raya over but he is very worried!  
Raya loves to play with his detective gear.**

**"Please don't play with my gear, Raya,"  
Jabali pleads.**

**"Okay," Raya agrees.**



**Jabali, Sauti, and Raya are solving a puzzle when Raya has to pee.**

**Jabali and Sauti are having so much fun,  
they don't notice time passing by, until Sauti lets out a sigh,  
"I think I need a break!" She rushes to the kitchen.**

**Jabali thinks to himself, *Raya has taken too long to come back.***

“Raya? Raya?! Are you okay?” Jabali calls out.  
Silence.

In Jabali’s bedroom, all his detective gear  
had been scattered on the floor.

But Raya is nowhere in sight.  
“Raya?”  
Silence.

Jabali looks around  
and spots Raya’s shoes.

Can you spot Raya’s shoes?  
What colour are they?



“Raya, I see you. Please come out. I promise I’m not angry,” Jabali says.  
Cheeky Raya slowly comes out from under the bed.  
Jabali gasps!

There is a big hole where Raya’s stomach should be.



“Raya?! What happened?!” Jabali asks in shock.

“I don’t know! I was just playing and then this!” Raya replies, pointing to her stomach.

Jabali turns to the floor. In the middle of the mess,  
he spots a bottle of something bright green and watery.

It is labelled ‘INVISIBLE INK’.

He picks it up.

“Raya, did you touch this bottle?” Jabali asks.



Raya excitedly grabs the bottle, eager to show Jabali what happened.

“Yes! I took the bottle because it looked so pretty.  
I opened it to take a whiff and find out if it smelled just as good and...”



“Raya! Don’t!” Jabali warns her.

She jumps up in shock and drops the bottle. As it falls, the ink spills on her face, hands, and feet. She now has invisible blotches all over.

“Raya! This is invisible ink! It’s supposed to make things disappear,” Jabali says.

“Oh-oh!” Raya exclaims, “But if I disappear, how will my mummy hug me?”







**“Hmmm! Maybe we should try to wipe it off,” Jabali suggests.**

**He takes a piece of cloth and passes it across Raya’s face.  
The ink spreads and only makes it worse.**

**“Oh-oh!” Jabali observes.**

**“The ink on the clothes is also spreading towards the rest of your body.”**

**They exchange a nervous glance.**

**“What’s with all the noise?”  
Sauti asks as she walks in, while drinking some water.**

**Sauti pours the water in shock.**

**Most of the water lands on Raya’s face.**



The parts of Raya's face that are covered in water start to reappear.



Jabali lights up!

"That's it!" he celebrates.  
"The best way to get rid of any kind of ink  
is to wash it off!"

**“Jabali, I’m sorry I still played with your detective gear even after you warned me. I won’t do it again,”** Raya says.

**“That’s okay Raya.”** Jabali replies.  
**“The ink does have a really pretty color. I understand why you were curious. But, remember, if you don’t know what something is, please ask before you touch it.”**

**“Okay, Jabali,”** says Raya.

**“I’m also sorry. I’ll be more careful about labeling my detective gear.”**  
Jabali adds with a wink.

**“Now can we go back to playing?”**  
Sauti jumps in.

**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.

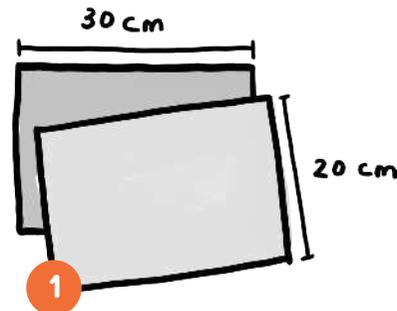


Hello,  
I'm Juma. What's your name?

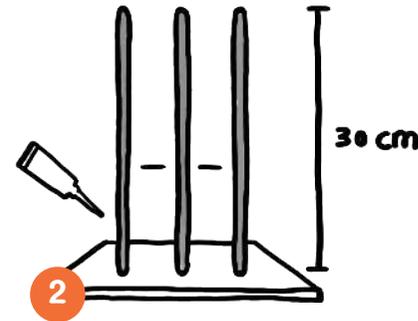
Do you want to do something fun?

## LET'S MAKE SOMETHING

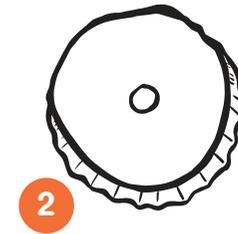
**Materials:** Hard box, Glue or Cassava Paste, Paint, Bottle Tops or Maize Cobs (At least 20), Bottle Tops, Small Sticks or Wires



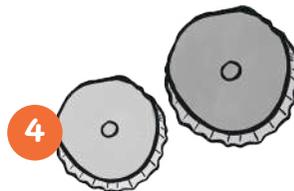
Cut the hard box into 2 pieces of 30 cm x 20 cm. Stick them together. Paint them in a colour of your choice



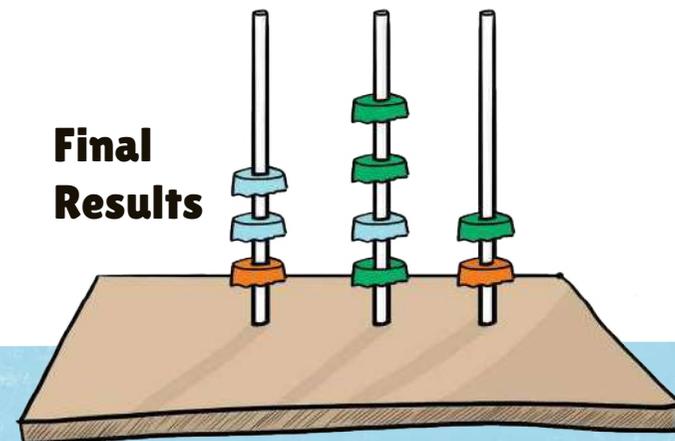
Cut 3 to 5 sticks or wires 30cm long. Tightly fix each one on the hard box with glue or paste. The sticks/wires should be in a line and evenly spaced apart on the box. If using sticks, ensure they are smooth.



Make holes in the bottle tops/maize cobs big enough to allow the sticks/wires to pass through.



If using maize cobs, paint/dye them different colours. If using bottle tops, choose different coloured bottle tops or paint them.





# 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

