The Mystery of the Duckling in the Bucket





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It's an average day in Tisa. Jabali and Sauti are going to Juma's house.

As they approach, they see Baba Juma outside washing clothes. He has two large buckets.

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One bucket is at the tap being filled with water. The other bucket is filled with clothes from the house.

"Juma, please bring me the bucket under the tap," Baba Juma says. "Hello Jabali, hello Sauti!" Juma and Jabali drop their bags. As they approach the bucket, they hear splashing sounds coming from it.

"What could that be?" asks Juma curiously.

When they look inside, they see a duckling, paddling around slowly in the bucket.

"What's a duckling doing in the bucket?" laughs Jabali. "Baba Juma, are you building a swimming pool for ducklings?"



Baba Juma walks over to see what is in the bucket. He scratches his head. "That wasn't there when I started washing."

"But where did it come from?" asks Jabali.

"Maybe it's one of the ones from the farm shed?" suggests Sauti, who has walked up behind them with their bags. So they start walking to the farm shed. Jabali peers at the ground.

"If this duckling was from the farm shed, there would have been duckling tracks coming from here," he tells Sauti.

Sauti nods, intent on getting to the farm shed.

When they get there, they count all the ducklings: 1, 2, 3, 4... 15, 16, 17! "That's all the ducklings we have. It isn't one of ours," Juma says. Jabali, Sauti, and Juma walk back to the duckling, who is still swimming very slowly in the now-full bucket.

Jabali peers at the duckling. "Where did you come from?" he asks it seriously.

The duckling quacks angrily at him, as if to say it doesn't know either.

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"I don't think this is one of the ducklings who can talk, Jabali. it can't tell you where it's from," Sauti says.



"Hmmmm. I wonder who left those branches there?" Jabali ponders, examining the duckling.

He reaches out to try and touch it – but the duckling starts quacking frantically, angrily almost snipping at its fingers with its beak!

"Ow!" Jabali grabs his hand away hastily. "Ok, I won't touch you. Sheesh. Sauti, do you think we can call its friends?" Jabali asks.

Sauti nods. "I carried my flute today, let's try and take it to the river and see if any other ducklings show up." Jabali and Juma carefully empty some of the water from the bucket so that they can carry it to the river.

The duckling watches them very suspiciously! Juma asks his father if they can take the duckling back to the river, using his bucket.

"Yes, Juma, but come straight back with my bucket!"



The children put their bags back on and walk to the river, carrying the angry duckling very carefully in the bucket.

When they get to the river, Sauti pulls out her flute and plays a tune to call other ducklings. The children look up into the sky. No ducklings appear.

"Did someone leave the duckling all by itself?" Juma wonders.

"That's terrible!" cries Sauti. "We should at least put it back in the river in case they come back, right?"

Jabali and Juma agree.

They start to tip the bucket over slowly, but the duckling tumbles out and rolls on its side, and that's when they notice that the duckling's leg is bent at a very awkward angle.

"Oh no!" Juma exclaims.

"its leg is broken! Jabali, that's why it was so angry at you when you tried to touch it!" adds Sauti. "But how didit get into the bucket?" "Of course!" Jabali realises. "it must have banged into the tree over the shed and fallen into the bucket. That's why we saw those branches."



"What do we do now, then?" asks Juma. "It's almost dinner time."

Sauti starts playing her flute again.

"Why are you playing again, Sauti?" asks Jabali.

"Jabali, we have to take care of it at home, but we need to carry it there. So it needs to calm down. Duh!" Sauti says.

Jabali nods and picks up a stick to make a splint for the now-peaceful duckling.

Sauti keeps playing her flute as Jabali wraps the duckling's little leg with a bandage he pulls from his pocket.

The three children head home to make a nest for their feathered friend.

Mystery solved!

PLAY AREA



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.



Materials: Cup, Water



Sit in a line behind one another



The first person will have a cup filled to the top with water



PASS THE WATER

The first person has to pass the cup to the person behind them raising their arms up over their head, without turning around and trying not to spill the water



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

Do you want to do something fun?



When the cup gets to the back of the line, how much water is left in the cup?



SUPERHERO POSES

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

Final Results



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







THE MYSTERIES OF JABALIANDSAUTI 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