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"Have you taken everything, Ajja?" Sujju asks. "Your cap? Your bag?"

Ajja is ready for his evening walk.



Ajja is about to step **out of** the house. He looks up at the clouds. Why is he hurrying back **into** the house?



Ajja checks on the shelf **above** the window. He looks in the box **below**.

What is Ajja searching for? No one knows! But everyone stays out of his way.

Ajja hates being late.



The bag seems more **full** than usual. Ajja **empties** it in a hurry.

But whatever-it-is is not to be found.



Ajja is getting more and more late. He shakes his head. He grinds his teeth. He grunts and tut-tuts.

He hunts **under** the sofa. He scrabbles on the bookshelf **over** Chikkamma's head.

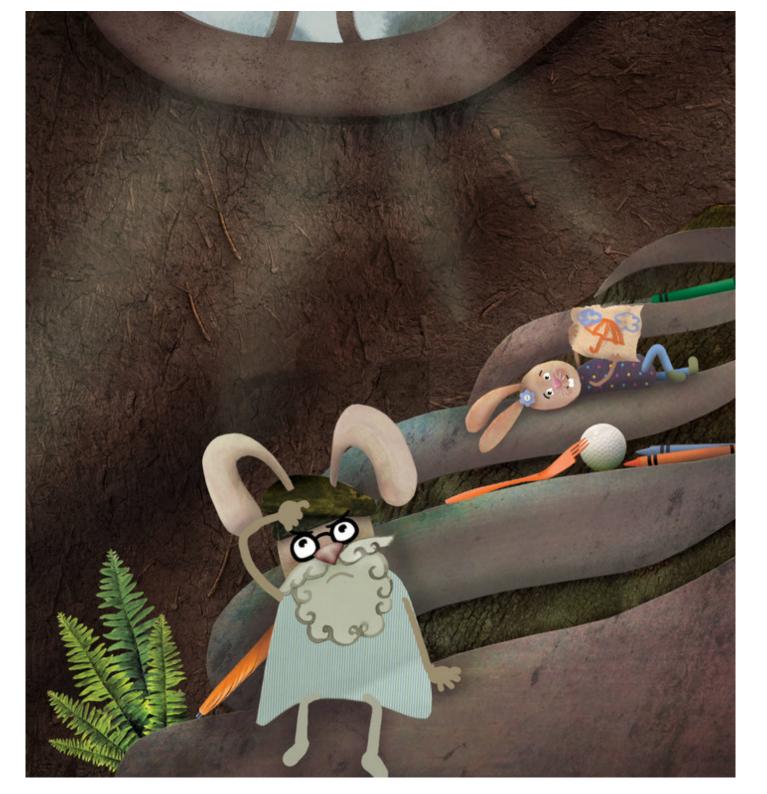


AIYO! Ajja's toes are in **front** of Dinku akka's nose.



HABBA!

Ajja disappears **behind** the door.



He stops at the **bottom** of the stairs. He searches on **top** of the fridge.

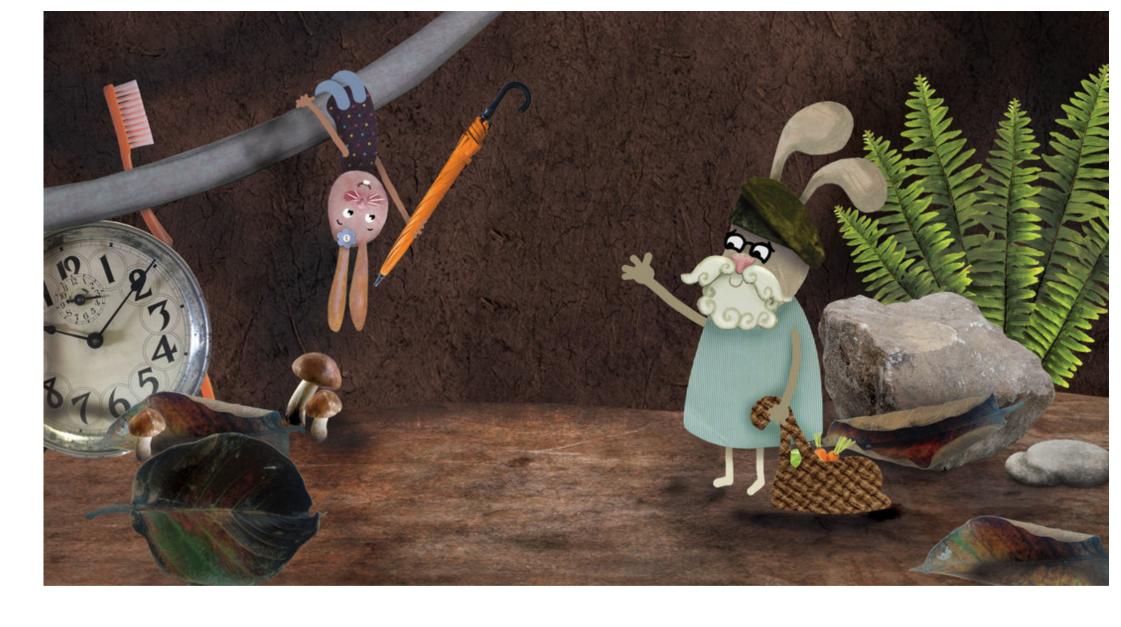
What could Ajja be looking for?



He even looks **near** the dustbin!

What is Ajja trying to find?

**far** away from him.



Sujju asks, "Ajja, what are you searching for?"



And sends Ajja off on his walk.

"His umbrella was with him all along," everyone smiles in relief.



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# Absent-minded Ajja (English)

Ajja is getting ready for his evening walk. But he does not always remember everything he needs. Luckily, Sujju is there to help him out. A book that explores the concept of opposites.

This is a Level 2 book for children who recognize familiar words and can read new words with help.



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