



Handa's Hen

Every morning Handa feeds her grandmother's hen, Mond. But one morning Mond is nowhere to be seen, so Handa and her friend Akeyo search everywhere for her. Their hen hunt takes them round the hen house, under the grain store, behind clay pots, through the trees, in the long grass and down to the water hole. At each place they find different animals, birds and insects, including fluttery butterflies, stripey mice, jumpy crickets and wading spoonbills, but no sign of Mond. They are about to begin their journey back to Handa's grandmother's, feeling sad, when they hear a cheeping sound underneath a bush. There they find Mond with 10 little chicks. Handa, Akeyo, Mond and the chicks scurry and skip back to Grandmother's, where they all have breakfast.

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