Once upon a time there were three little dassie sisters—Mimbi, Pimbi, and Timbi. Just like the little pigs who built new homes, the sisters cross a desert in southern Africa to build their houses.

“Welcome!” says a smiling Agama Man. He is happy to see them, for he is the only one there, he tells them, except for an eagle. The dassies shiver, but they stay.

The very next day the eagle dives down to flap and clap and blow in Mimbi’s grass house and carry her up to his nest. Back he goes for Pimbi. Then for Timbi. But Timbi outsmarts that pesky eagle as Agama Man attempts the daring rescue of Mimbi and Pimbi. Bold African patterns and prints fill Jan’s stunning borders where that handsome dressed Agama Man looks on. But it is the dassies, in their bright, colorful dresses and hats, that steal the show in this irresistible tale.