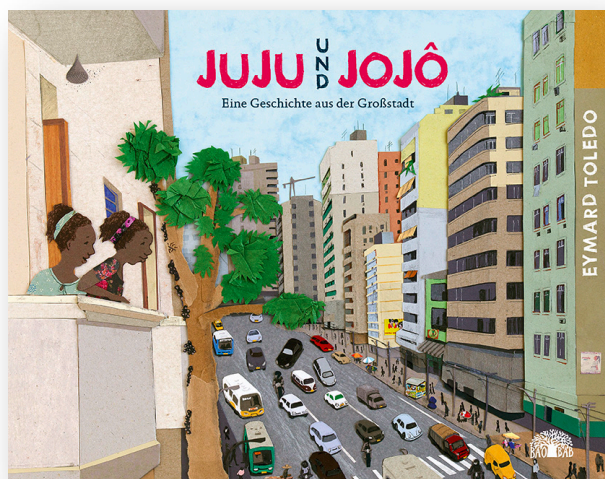


## EYMARD TOLEDO: JUJU AND JOJÔ



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### SYNOPSIS

The twins Juju and Jojô live in a very, very big city, and if they want to see the sky, they have to tilt their heads back very, very far. In the olden days, their neighbour tells them, her house was the highest in the neighbourhood. The girls can't imagine that, for today her house is the smallest one in their street ...

But there's also a tree growing in front of their house. It's a Jaboticaba tree – also called a Brazilian grape tree. Their father planted it when they were still small. It's already grown as high as their balcony by now. It not only gives them its sweet fruit, even butterflies live in it, all sorts of different types of ants crawl up it and crickets chirp away in its branches. At first Jojô doesn't understand Juju's fascination for these insects ...

Eymard Toledo's highly detailed collage illustrate the texture of the big city: the crush in the bus, the bustling activity in the streets, the rows of houses. And right in the middle of it all stands the Jaboticaba tree, which braves its inhospitable environment and provides a universe of insects – who no one takes much notice of – with a living space. Juju observes it closely, however, and in this small world she discovers the big picture. When there's another power cut and the lift gets stuck and the lights go out, then Jojô shares her joy at seeing a firefly.

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