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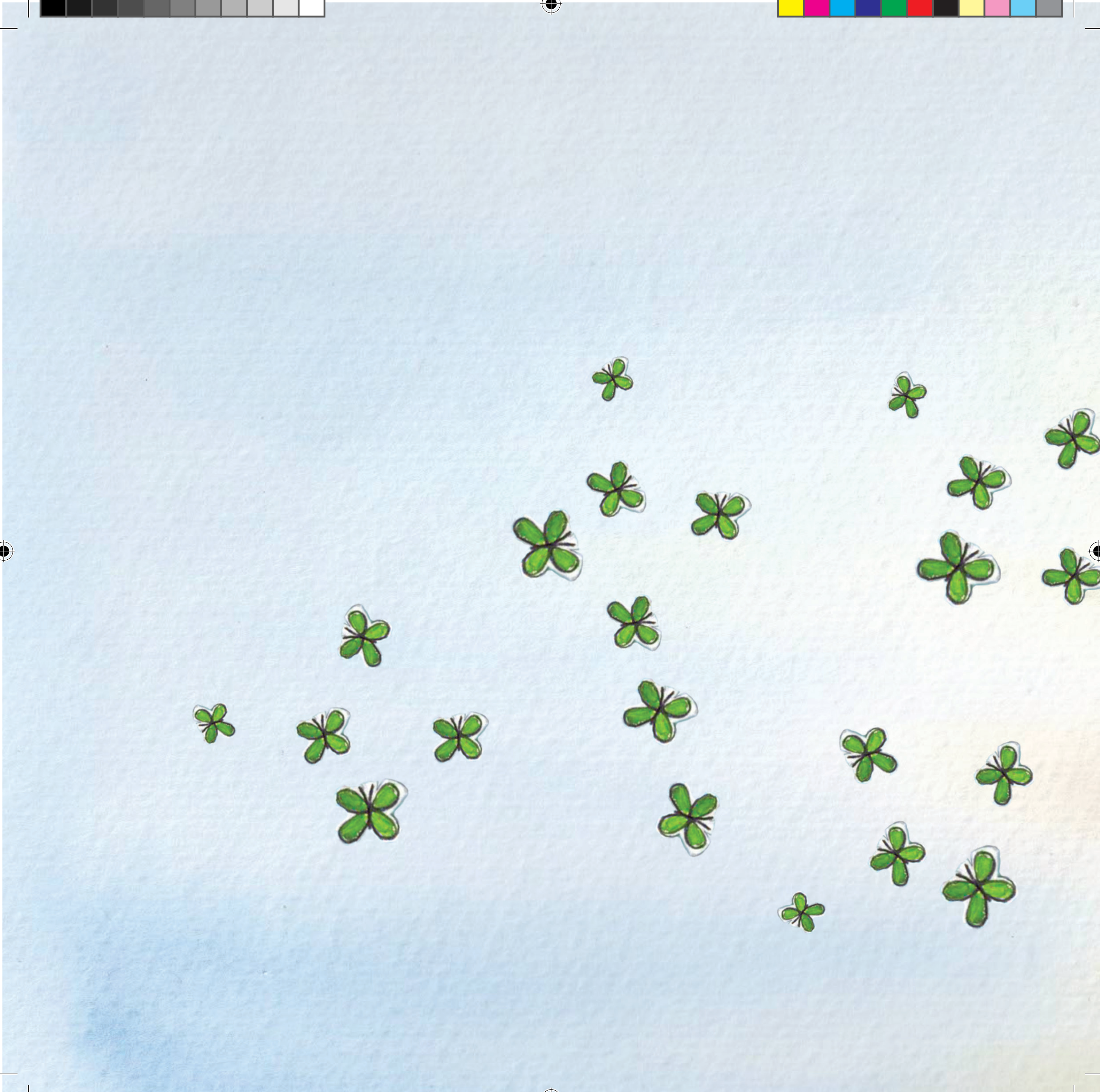

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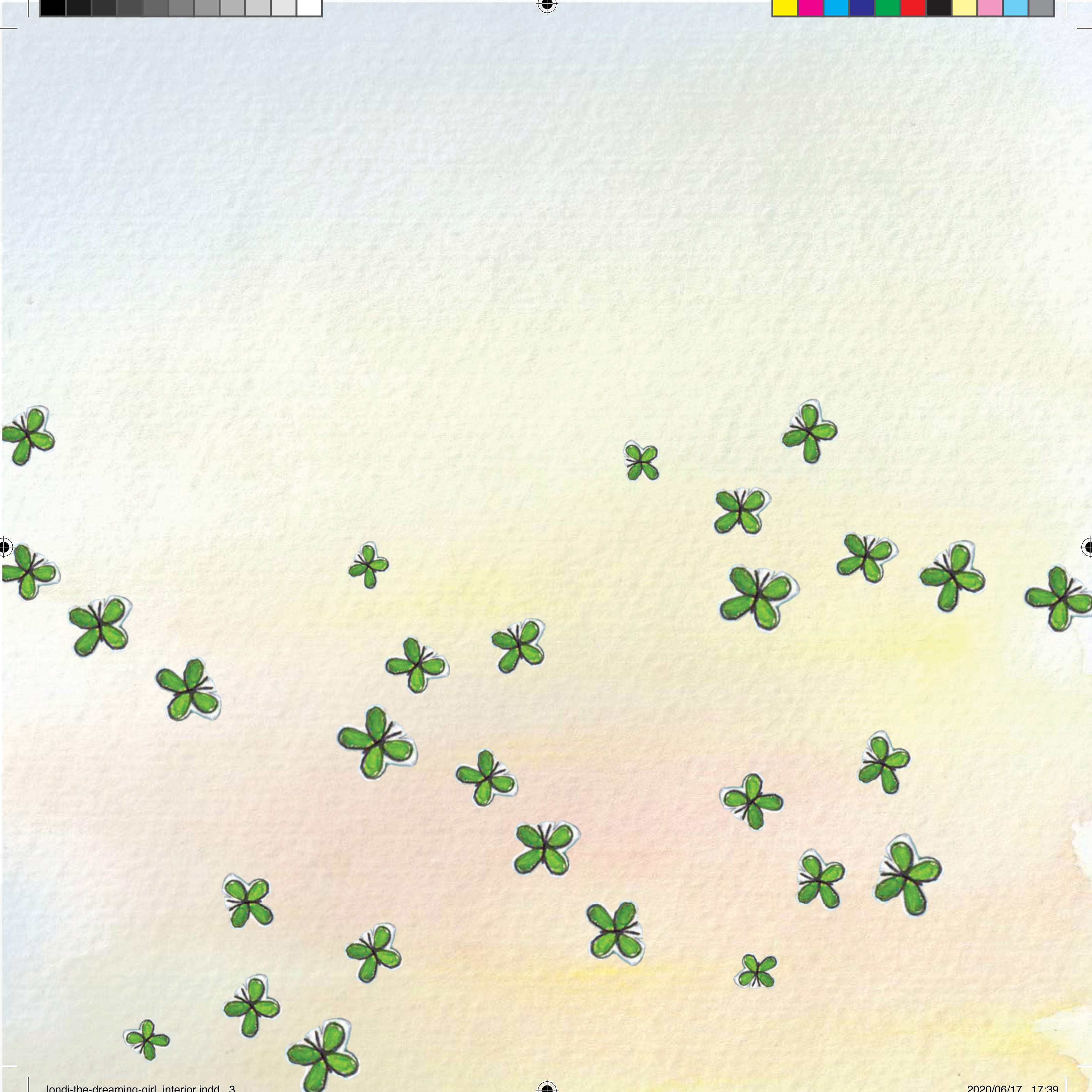

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ULondi wayeyintombazane ephuphayo. Phezulu esibhakabhakeni, wayengawaboni amafu.

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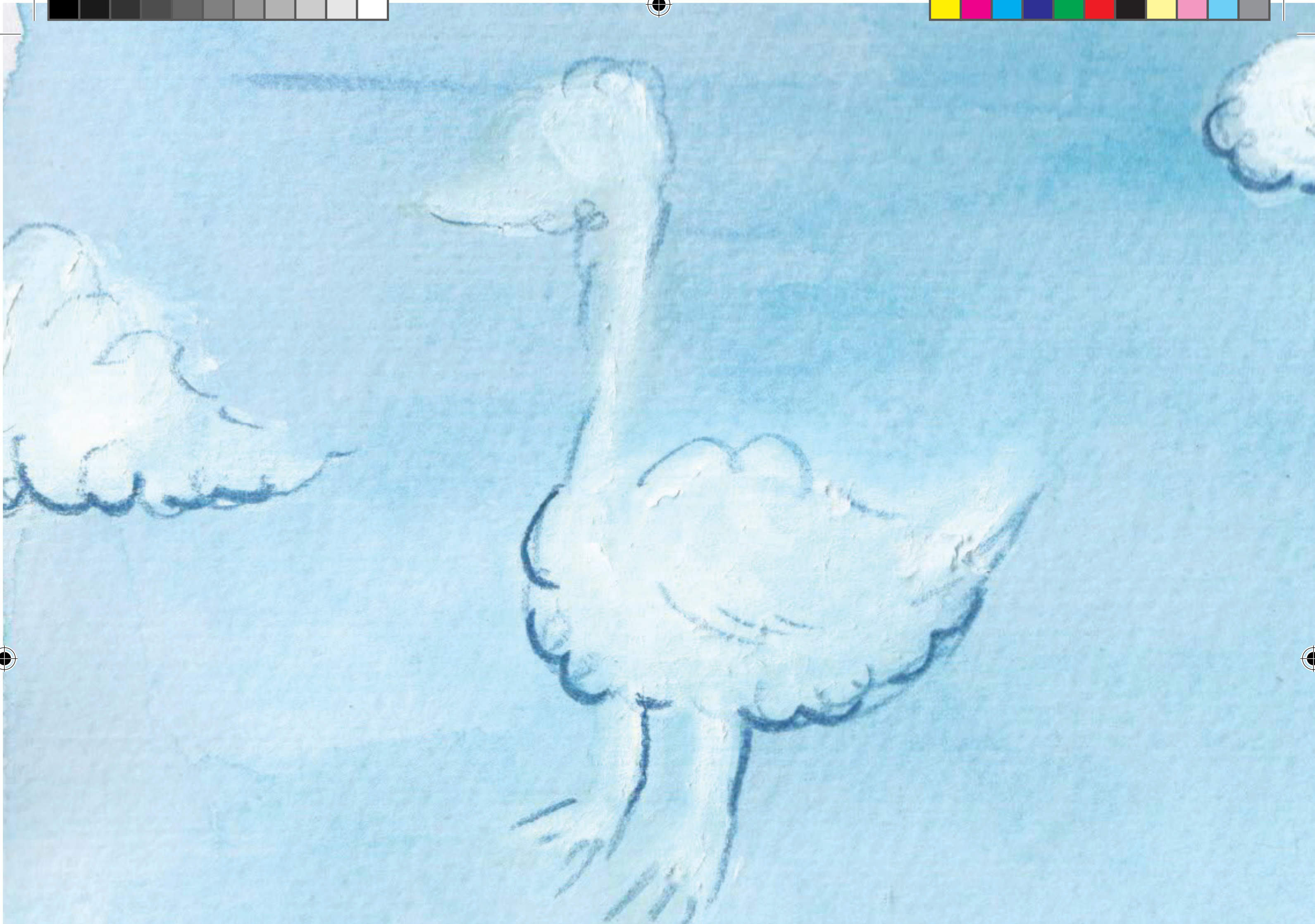

Kunalokho uLondi wayezibonela ihansi elindizayo, ufishi ogxumayo kanye nesiklabhu esinoboya esigijima siqonde ekhaya.

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Ngolunye usuku emini, uGogo waphumela phandle, ebukeka ekhathele.

“Londi, awuyeke ukuphupha!” kusho yena.
“Sekuyisikhathi sokuyokha amanzi.”

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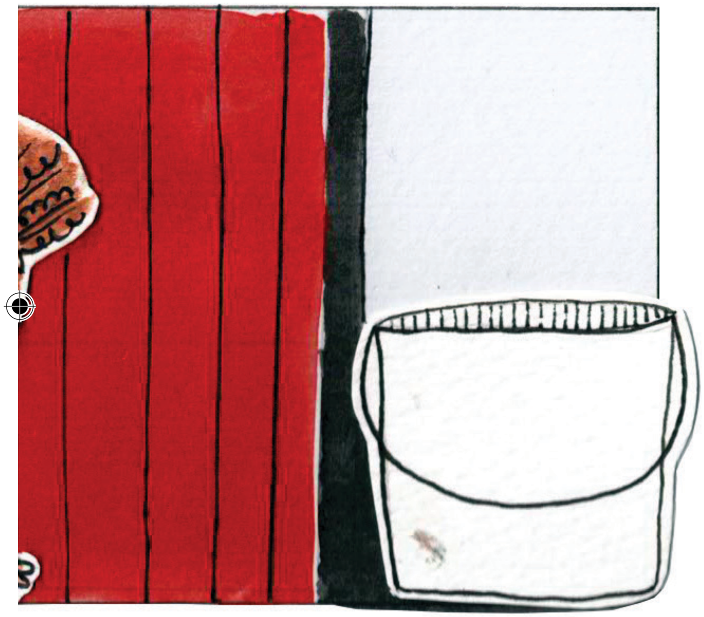
ULondi usukumile wamamatheka ebuka izinyawo zakhe.

“Asambeni zinyawo! Niyayazi indlela eya laphaya!”

ULondi usuke lapho walibangisa kumpompi.
Ehamba eqa amatshe.



Ugudle umuzi kaMama Neli.
Eshosholoza ezansi ngendlela.

Kunomugqa omude empompini. “Hhayi cha!” kusho uLondi ezinyaweni zakhe.

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“Kumele silinde.
Asime emgqeni.
Siyeke ukuphupha!”

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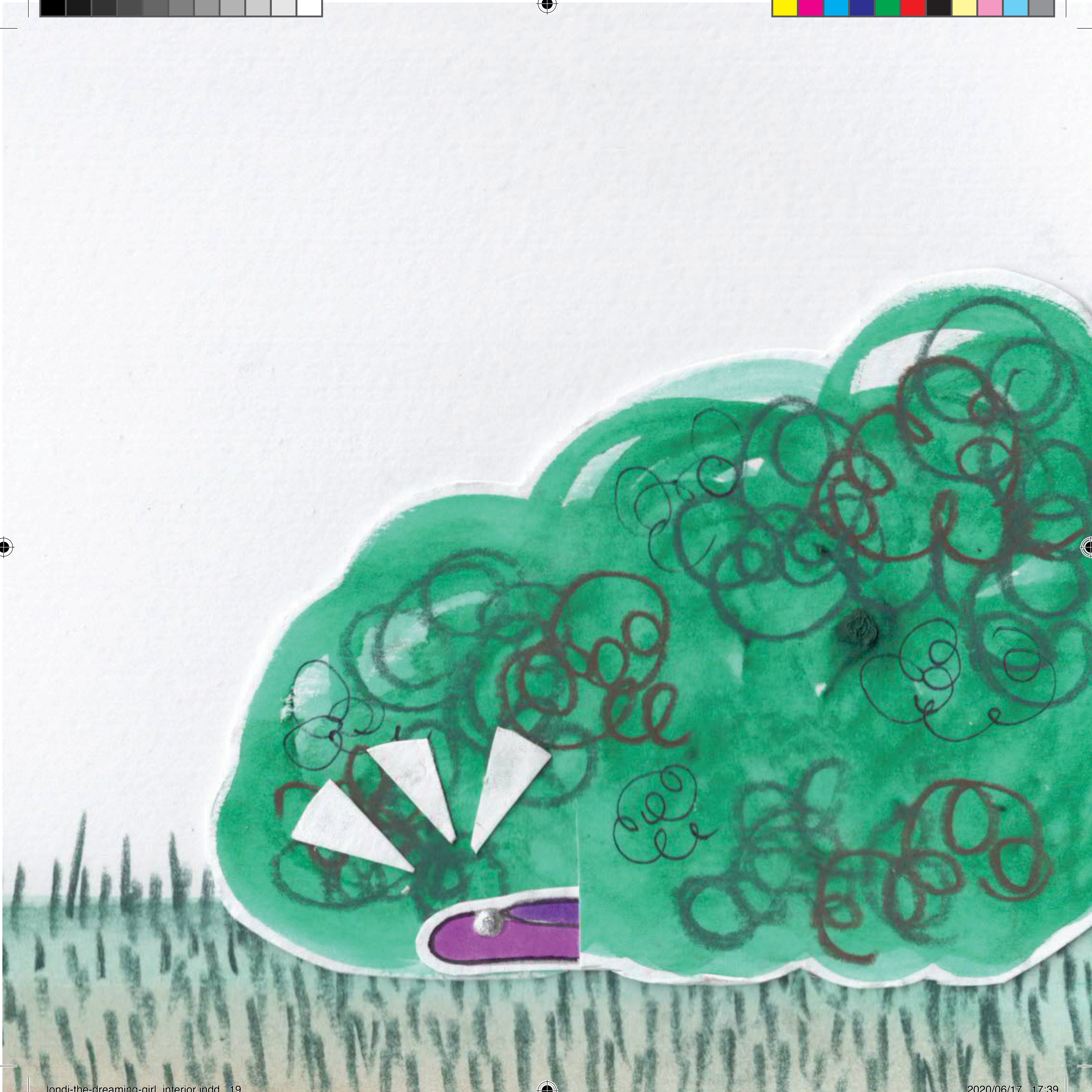
Ohho! Kucabanga uLondi. Kodwa yini leya ecwebezela lapha?

Isicathulo sikabani manje lesiya?



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Ngabe esentombazane enjengami?

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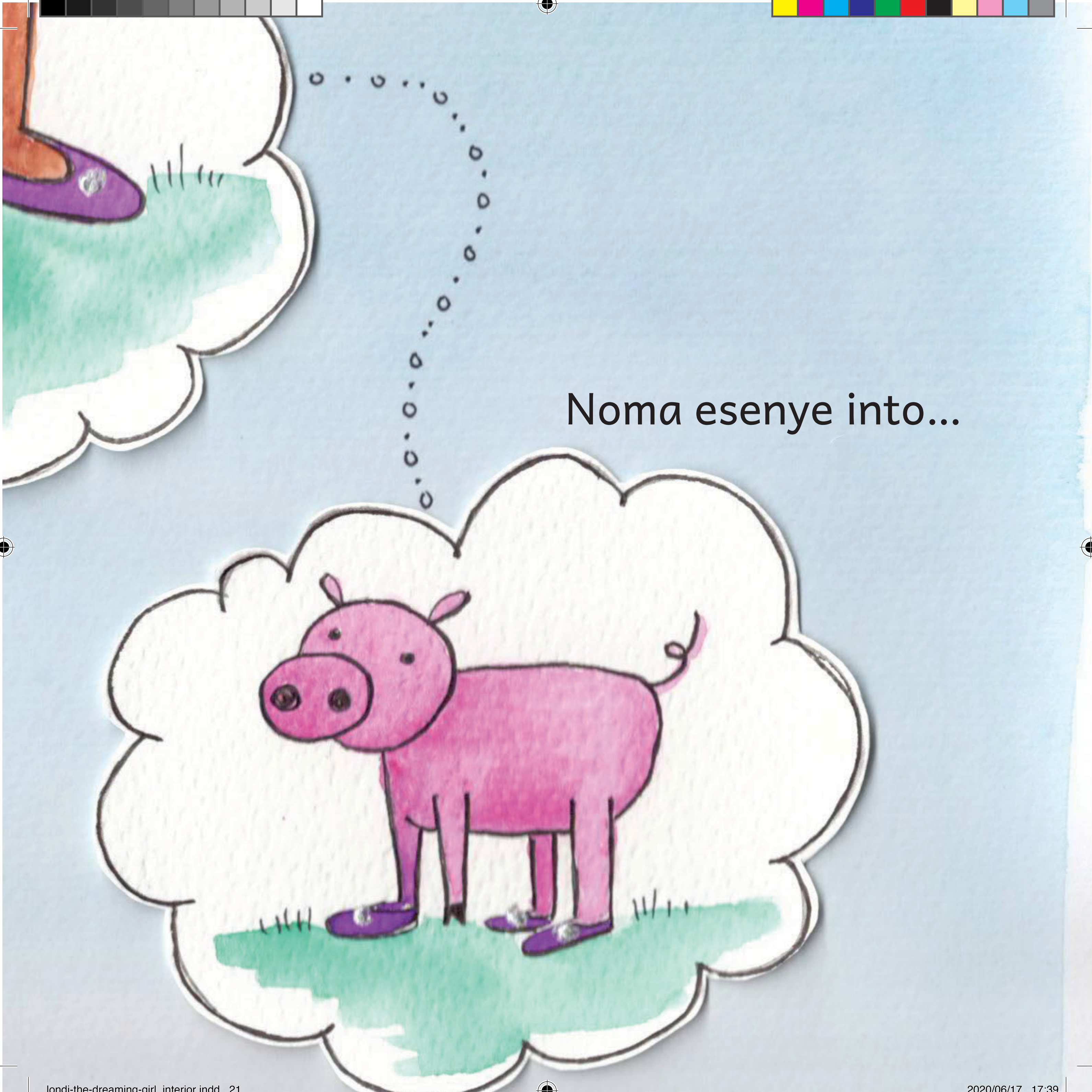

Noma esenye into...

Yini futhi le engaphansi laphaya?
Tswi! Tswi!

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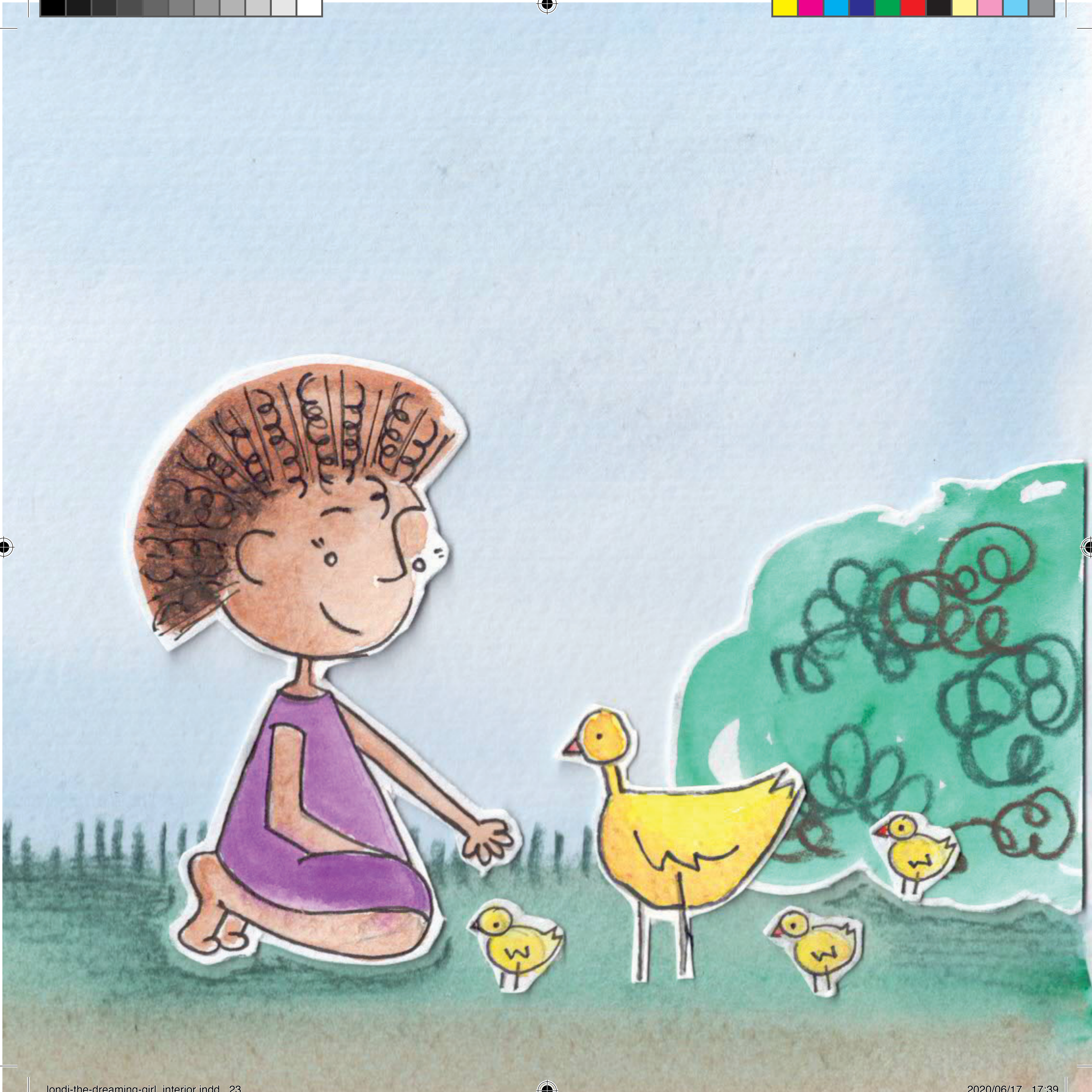

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Esani futhi lesi sithunzi esikhulu kangaka? Ohhe, uGogo!

"Londi, ibhakede lakho selicishe lagingqika lahamba!"

"Ngiyaxolisa, Gogo. Ngiphuphe kwaze kweqa, futhi."

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Baligcwalisa bobabili ibhakede. ULondi ebuka ilanga liyosithela ngale kwegquma.

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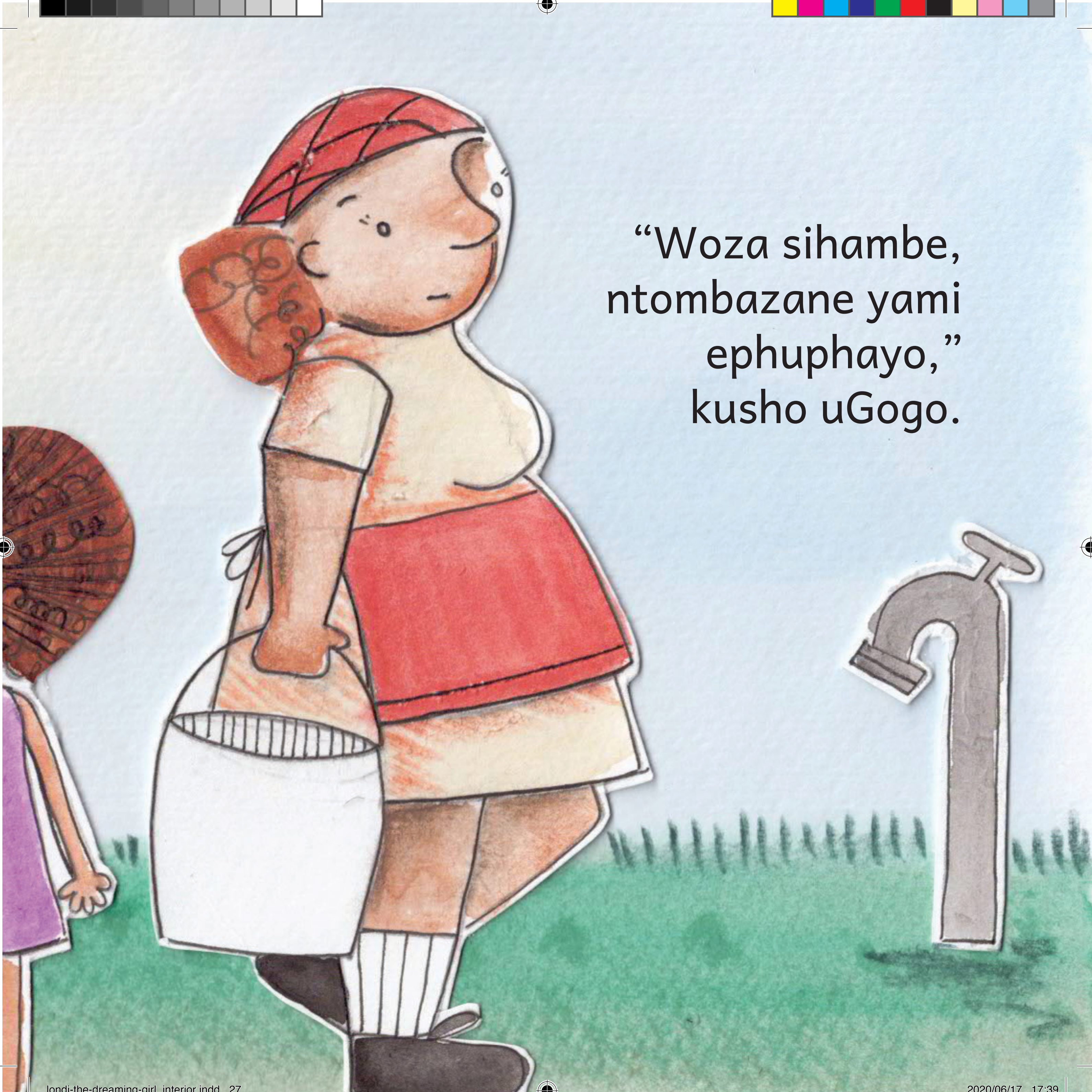

“Woza sihambe,
ntombazane yami
ephuphayo,”
kusho uGogo.

“Buka, Gogo! Kunengulube ephinki esibhakabhakeni!”

“Hawu Londi... yifu leliya,” kububula uGogo edonsa umoya.

ULondi wabamba isandla sikaGogo bahamba bethokozile bebheke ekhaya.

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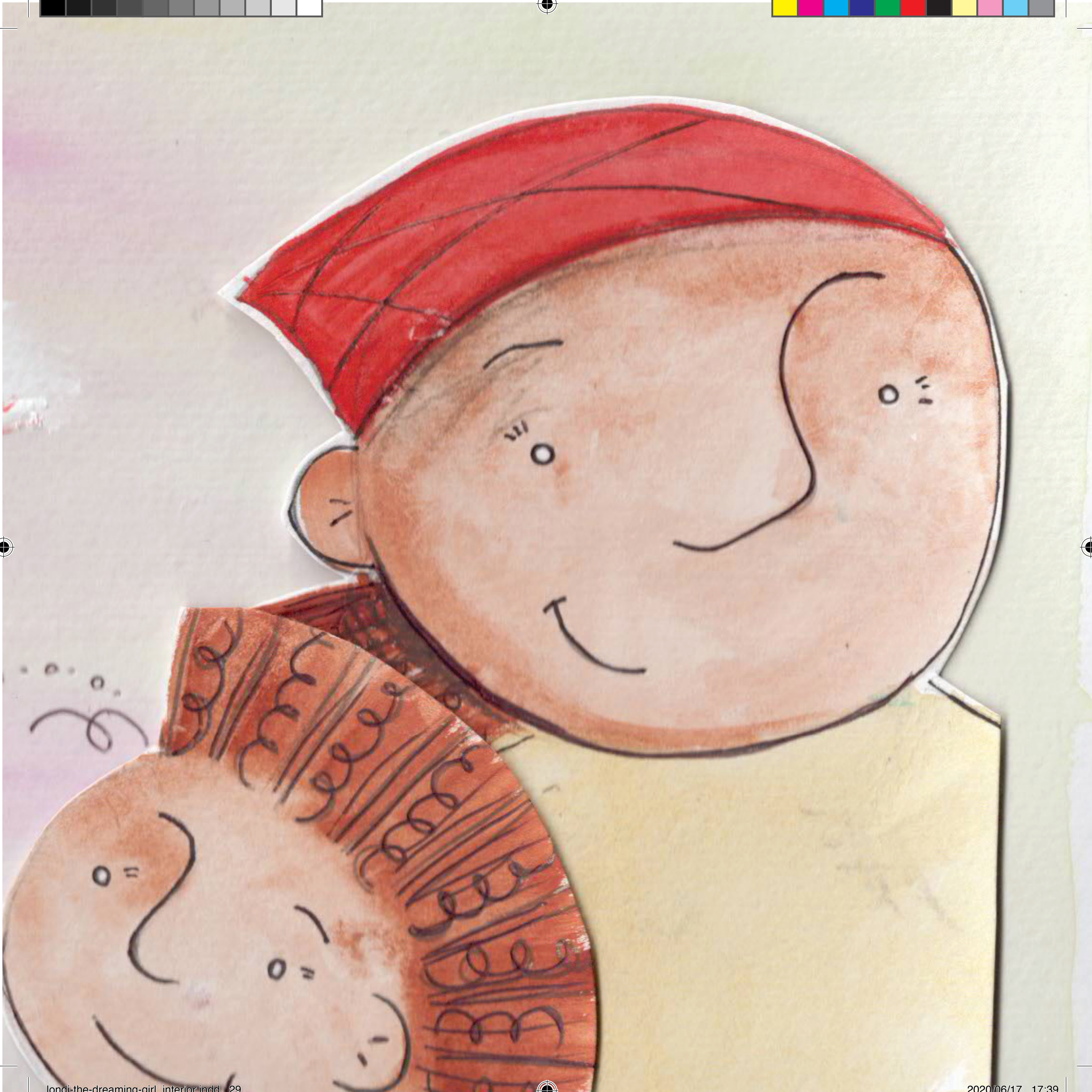

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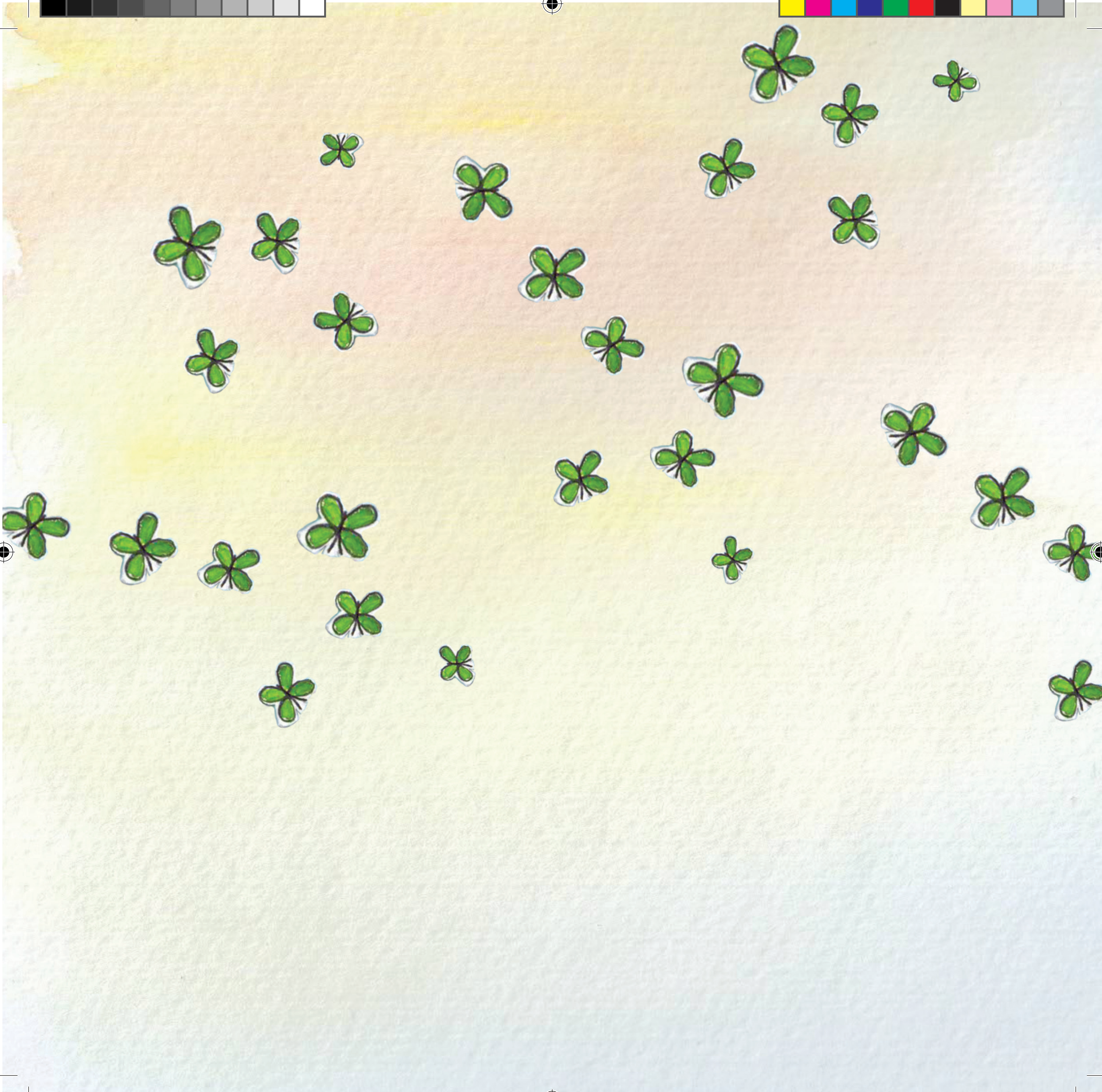

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