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UNono kwabe kuyintombazana
ehlakaniphile, futhi esebenza kanzima,
Wabe ehlala no-Anti wakhe.

U-Anti wakhe wabe engamphethe kahle
uNono. Wabe emenzisa yonke imisebenzi
yasekhaya uNono.

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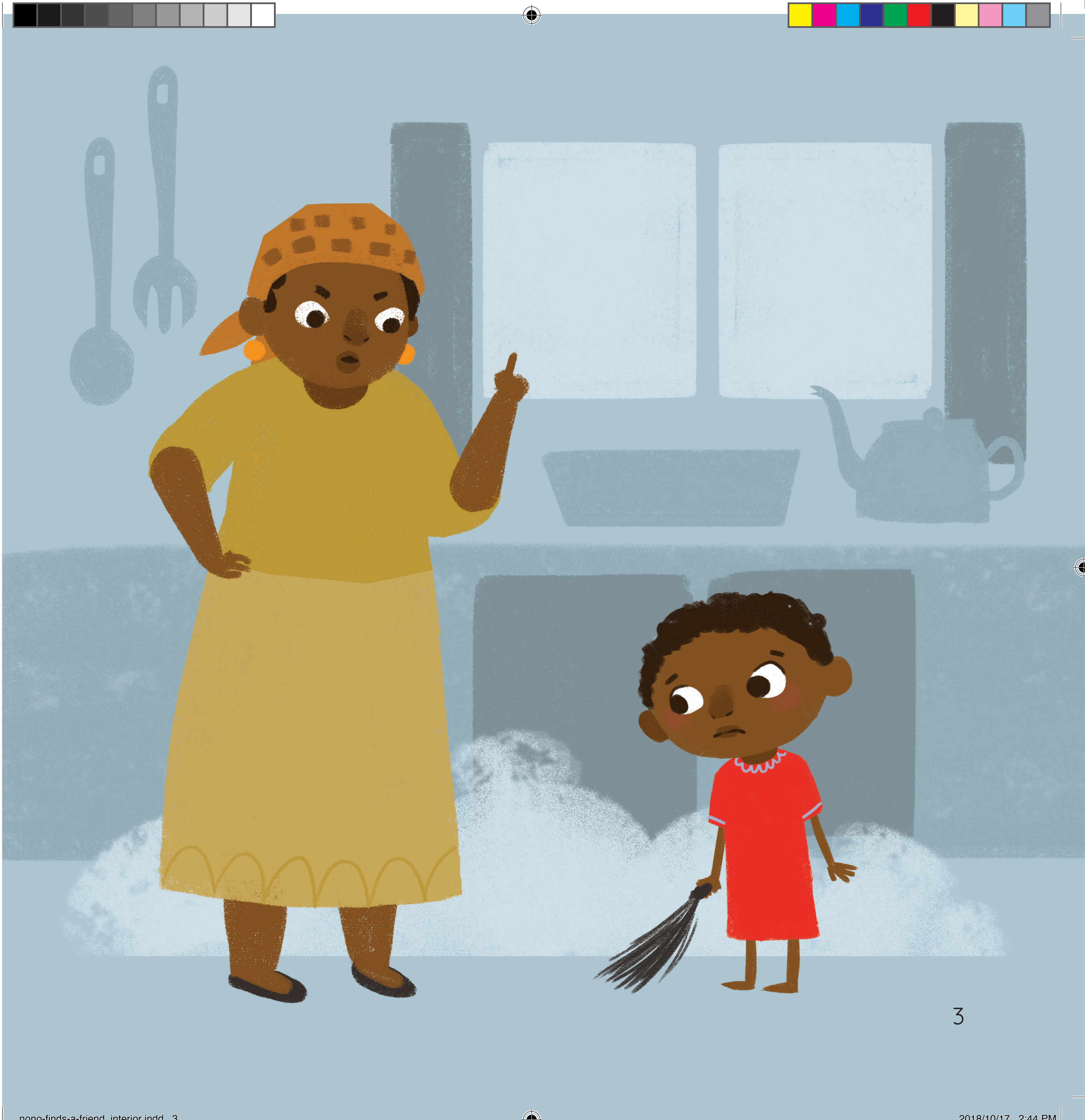

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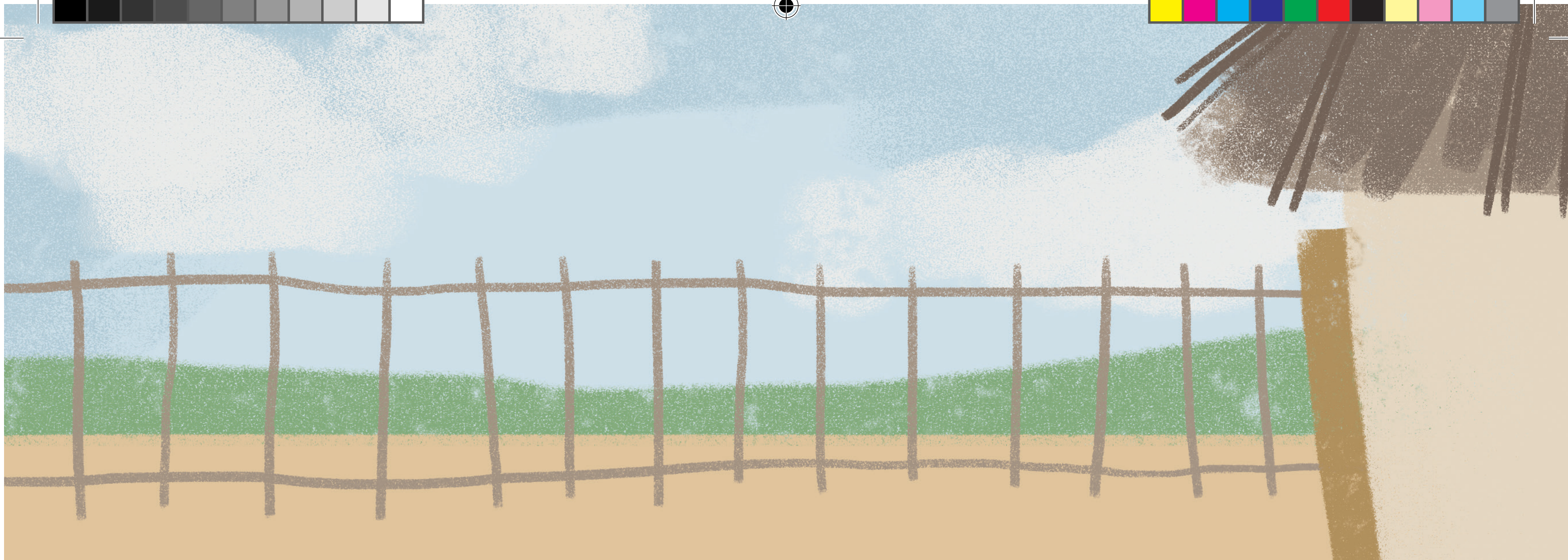

Zonke izinsuku uNono wayevuka acule iculo.

"Kuyoze kube nini?
Ngihlala ngedwa?
Ngikha amanzi emfuleni, ngilima amasimu,
Kuyoze kube nini?"

Uma eseqede ukucula,wayehamba ayokha amanzi emfuleni, uma esebuyile u-Anti wakhe amnikeze igeja. UNono wabe enqena ukulima ensimini.

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Ngelinye ilanga uNono wathi eyolima wafica insimu isilinyiwe. Phezulu kwesinye isikhwebu sommbila kwabe kuhlezi intombazana encane. “Ngize ukuzokusiza,” kusho intombazana.

UNono wamoyizela ngokujabula okukhulu wathi, “Mina ngizokubiza ngoThuphazana ngoba wena ulingana nesithupha sami. Ngena lapha ephaketheni lami ukuze u-Anti angakuboni.”

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“Namuhla ngizokuwashela izitsha Nono. Ungaphumula,” kusho uThuphazana.

Ngesikhathi u-Anti kaNono ebona ikhishi lihlanzekile wamangala.

“Usebenze kanzima Nono namuhla. Usuqala ukuba yintombazana ekhuthele.”

UNono wajabula uma ezwa enconywa ekhuluma emoyizela.

“Anti ngicela ukusheshe ngilale namuhla. Ngizizwa ngikhathele.”

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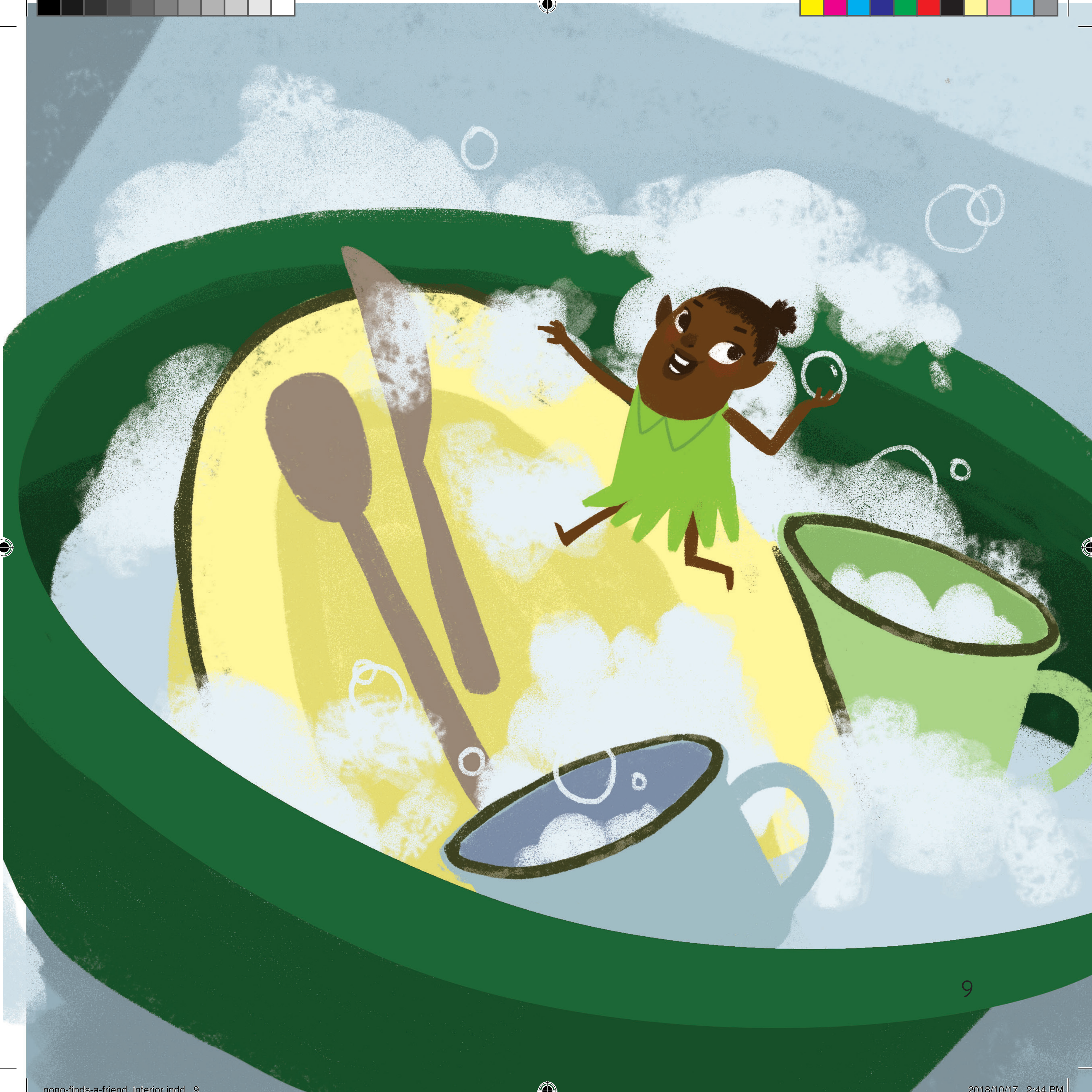

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Esikhundleni sokulala uNono waqala ukudlala noThuphazana.

U-Anti wangqongqoza kakhulu esicabheni, “Nono ngowani lo msindo engiwuzwayo?”

UNono wethuka kakhulu. “Akulutho Anti. Ngisuke ngaphupha kabi.”

“Woza uzolala nami uma unamaphupho amabi,” kusho uAnti.

“Ngilungile Anti akukubi,” kuphendula uNono.

UThuphazana wagigitheka kancane ecashe ngaphansi kombhede.

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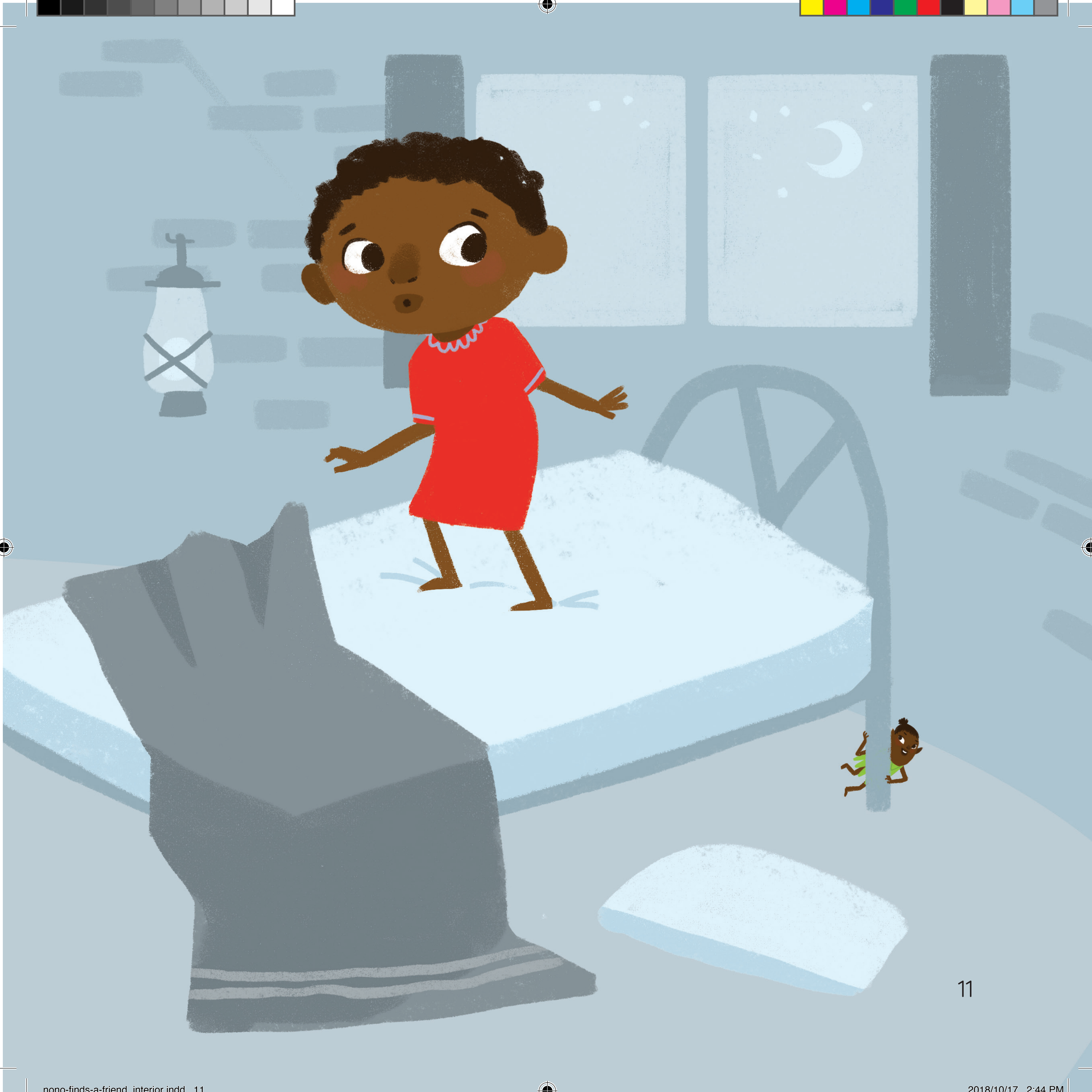

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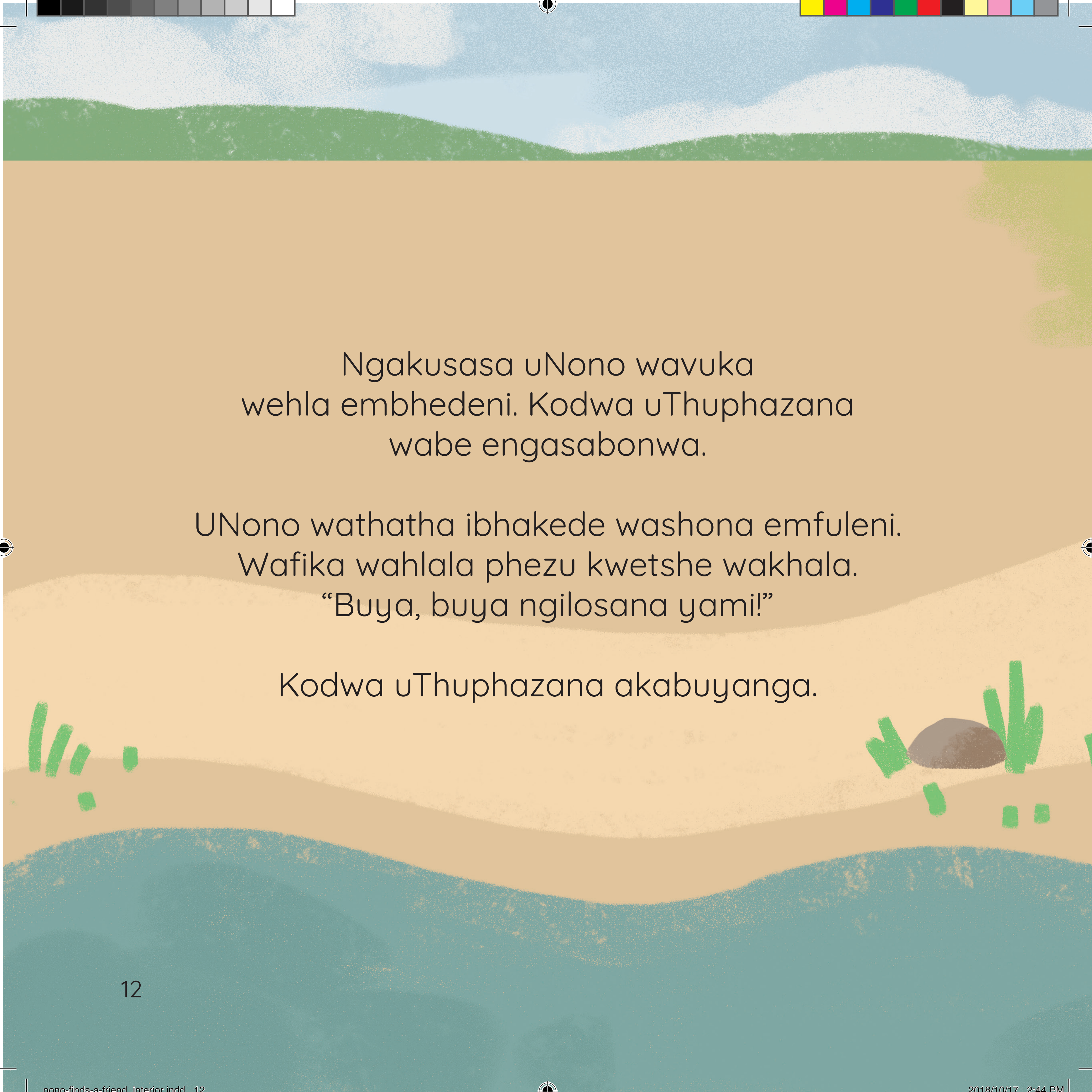

Ngakusasa uNono wavuka
wehla embhedeni. Kodwa uThuphazana
wabe engasabonwa.

UNono wathatha ibhakede washona emfuleni.
Wafika wahlala phezu kwetshe wakhala.
“Buya, buya ngilosana yami!”

Kodwa uThuphazana akabuyanga.

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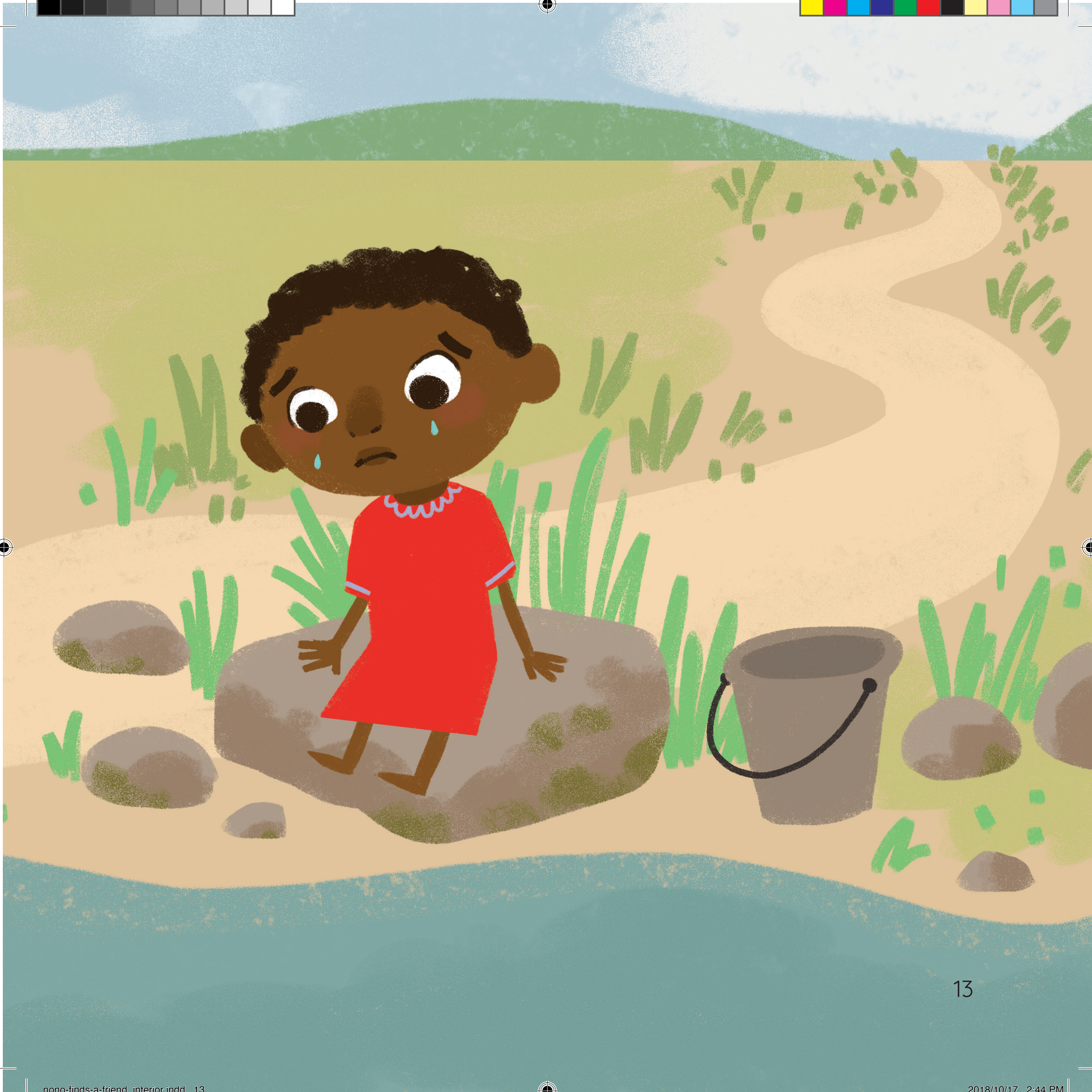

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U-Anti wabe esemlindele ngesikhathi uNono ebuya. "Hamba uyovuna ummbila. Musa ukuvilapha. Buka-nje ukuthi kukuthathe isikhathi esingakanani ukuyokha amanzi."

UNono wathatha ubhasikidi wahamba. Waqala wacula ngokudabuka.

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Kuyoze kube nini?"

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UNono wayecula yonke indlela ephikelele ensimini. Lapho-ke zonke izihlahla zaqala zadansa! Ummbila wazivuna wona qede wagxumela kubhasikidi.

“Thuphazana wami! Kungabe nguwena lowo?” kumemeza uNono ngokujabula.

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“Yebo Nono,” kuphendula izwi.

“Thuphazana! Kodwa ungishiyeleni? Ngiyakukhumbula,” kumemeza uNono.

“O Nono ngeke ngikwazi ukuhlala nawe. Kumele ngihlale lapha nomndeni wami wezingilosana. Kodwa uma unesizungu noma ufuna usizo, ucule iculo mina ngiyofika.”

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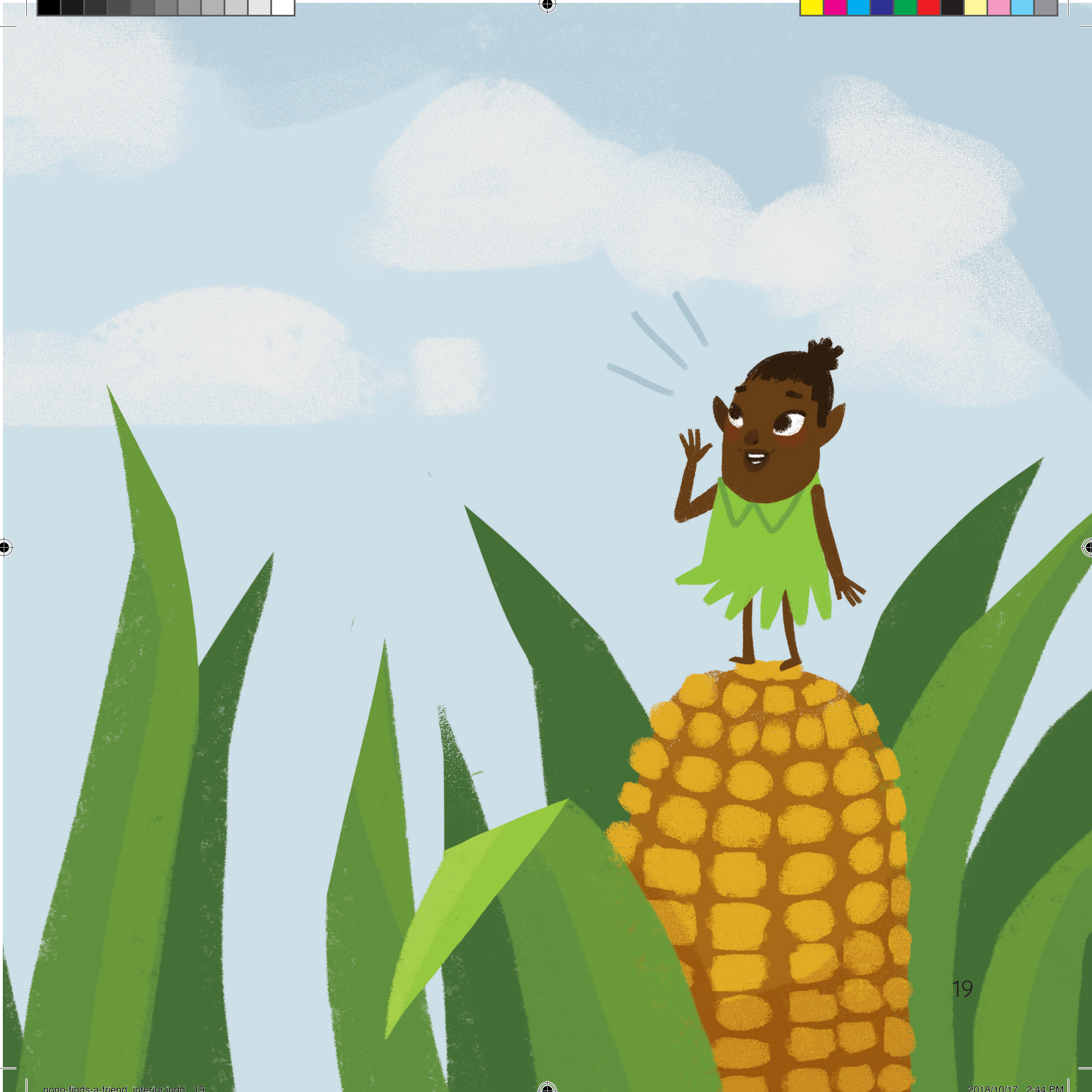

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UNono noThuphazana bagxuma bagonana.
Bobabili bacula iculo elisha.

**“Manje sekuyisikhathi,
Sokuba nomngani,
Sobabili sikha amanzi, sobabili siyalima,
Izikhathi zishintshile.”**

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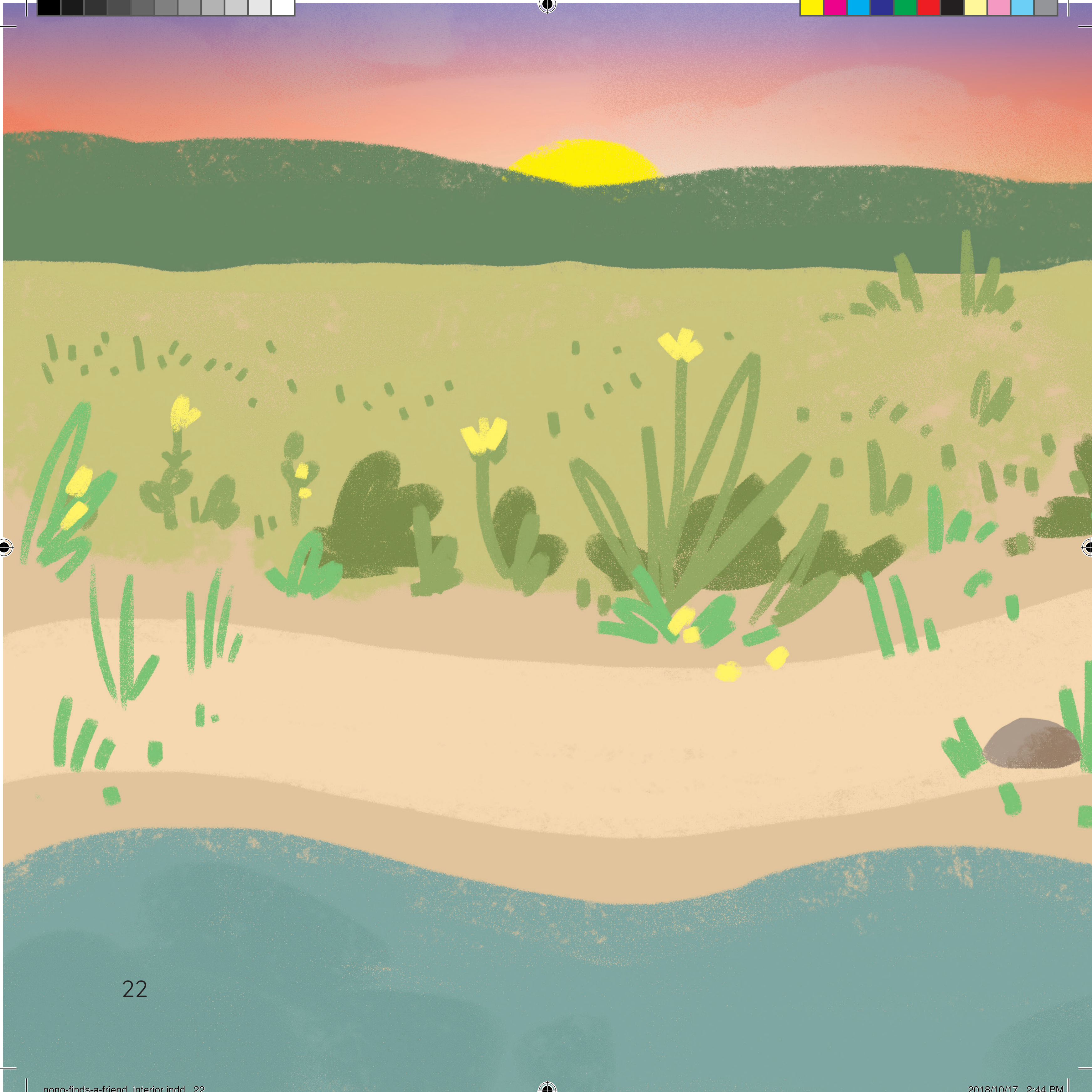

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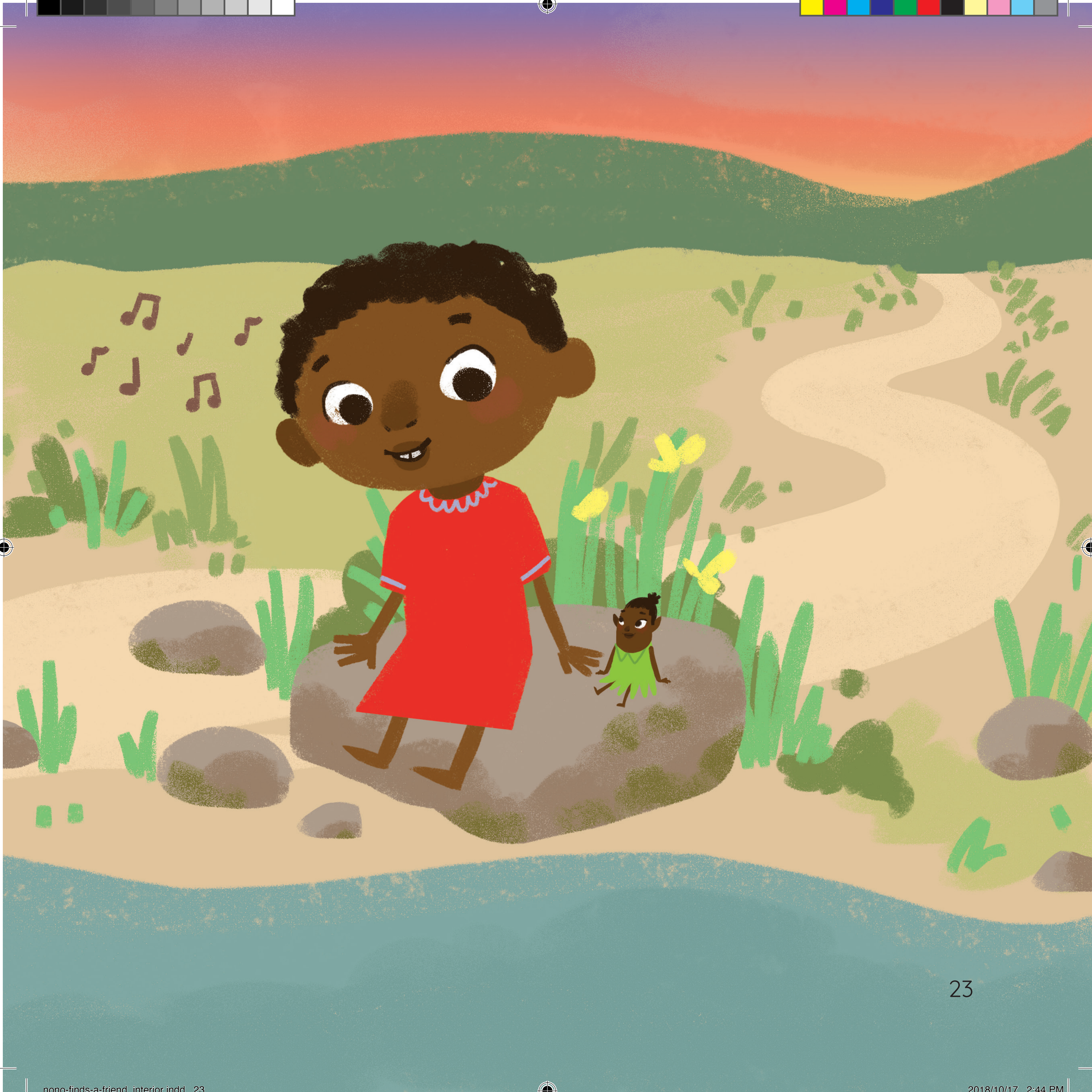

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