



# Nyamvula is Thirsty



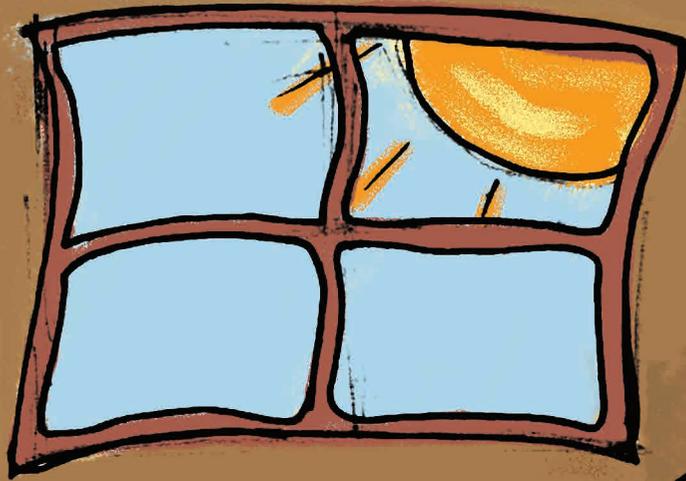
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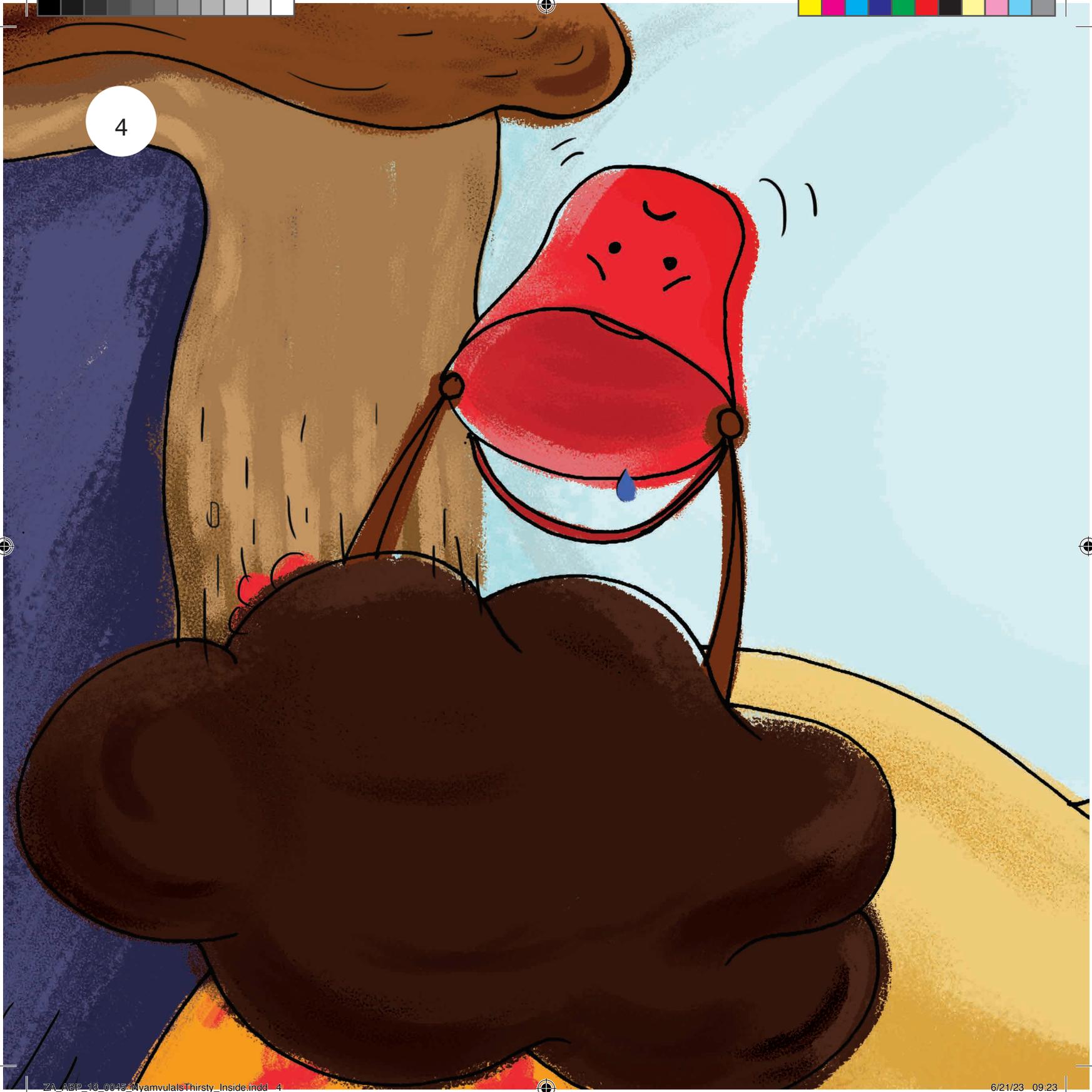
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Nyamvula is thirsty.





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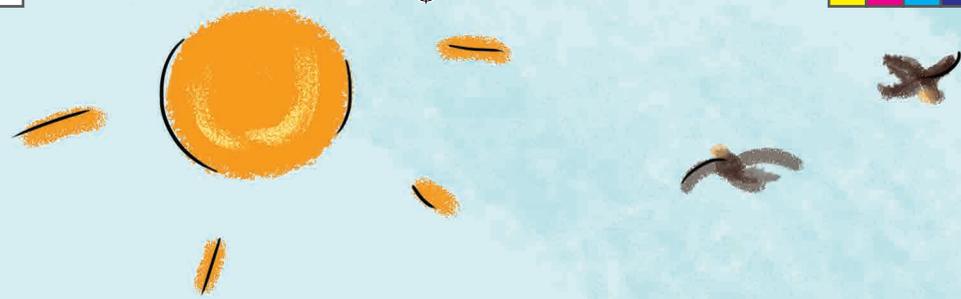
She talks to her bucket.  
“Bucket, bucket,  
give me some water.”

But the bucket stays empty.



Nyamvula looks for water  
in the borehole.

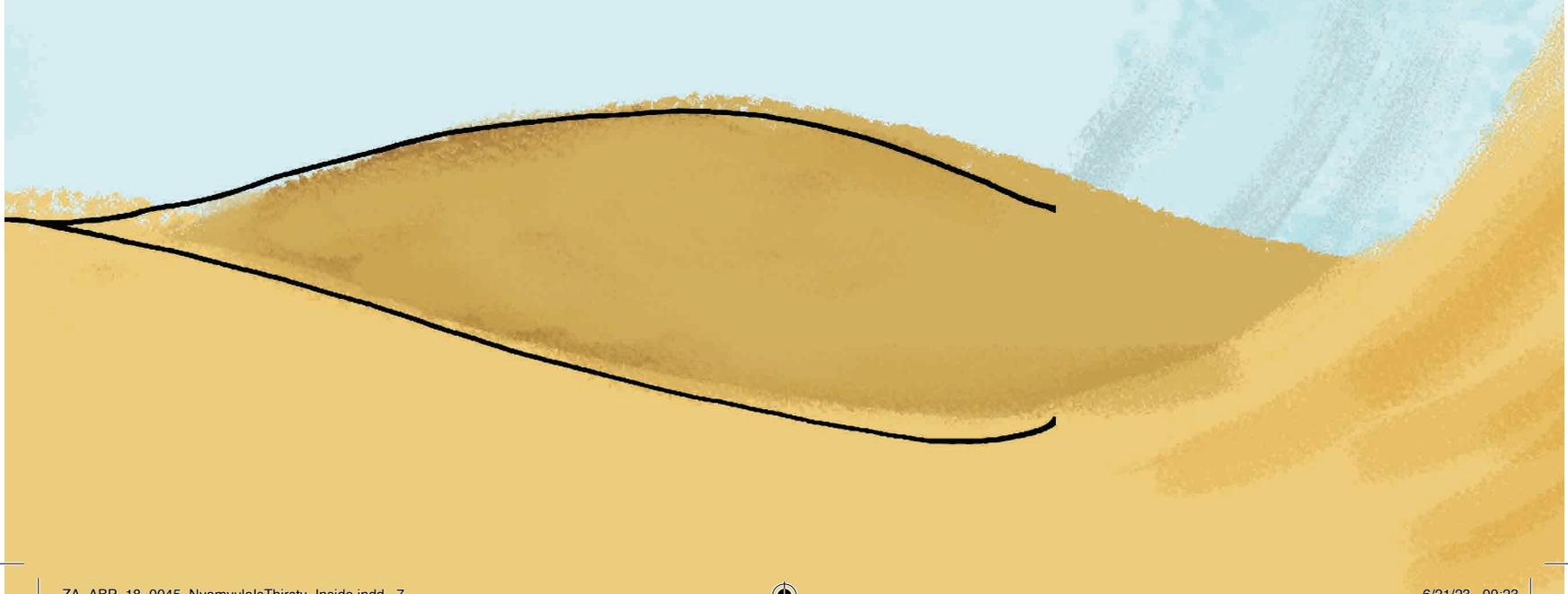




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She pleads,  
“Borehole, borehole,  
give me some water.”

But the borehole is dry.



Nyamvula sees a big  
water tank with a tap.

“Tap, tap, please  
give me some water,”  
asks Nyamvula.

But the tap runs dry.

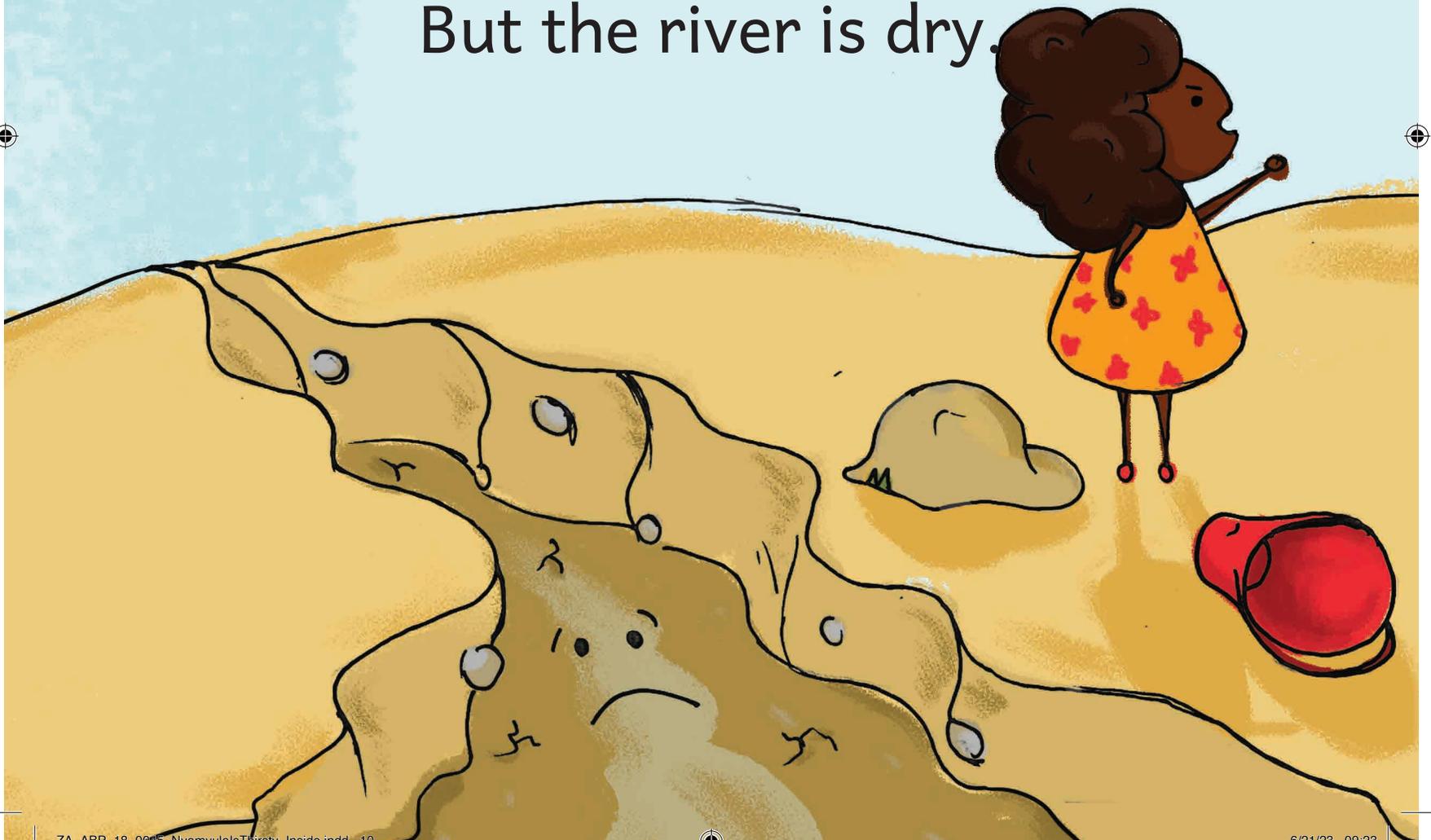


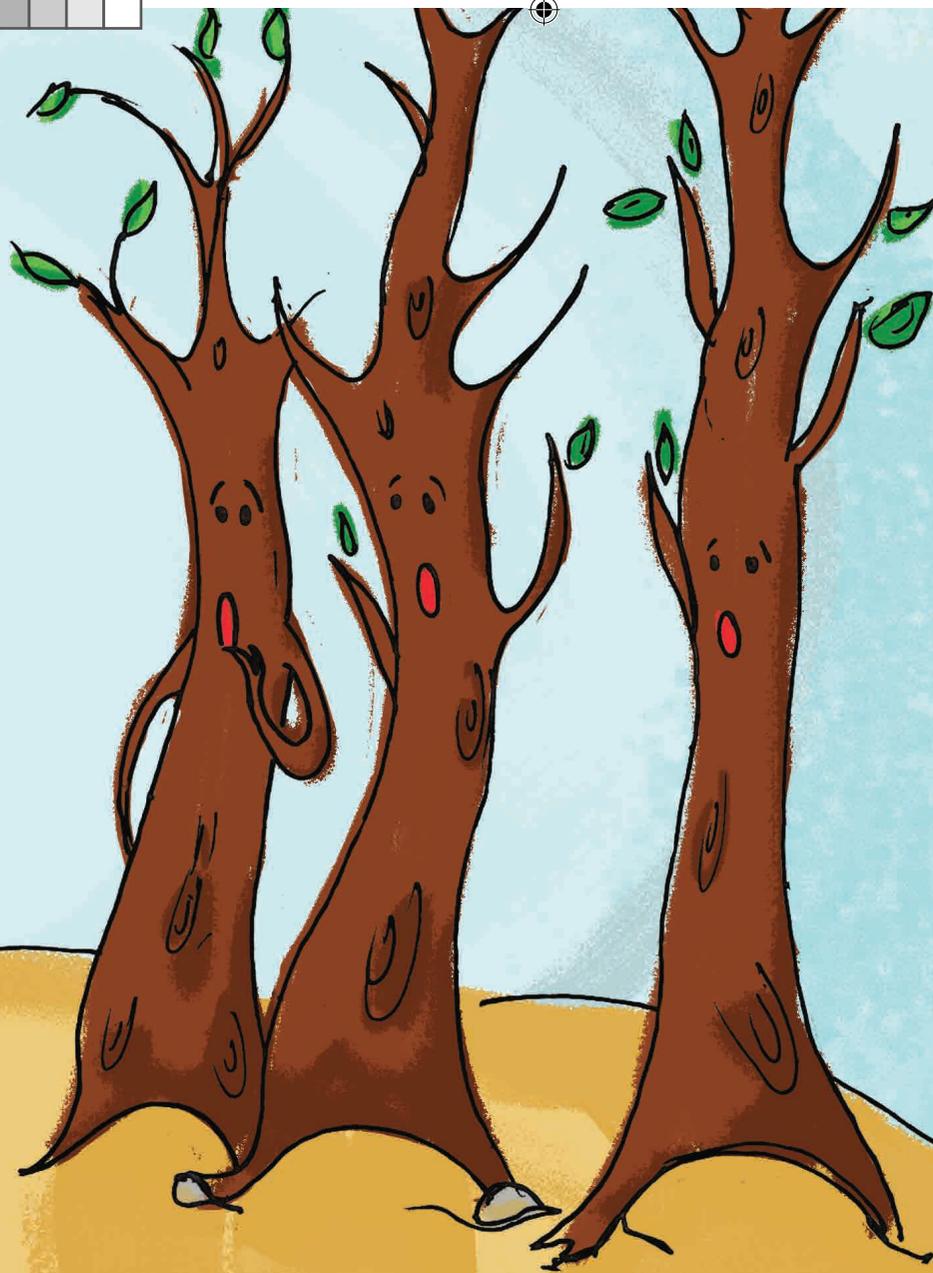


Nyamvula goes to the river.

“River, river, please  
give me water.”

But the river is dry.

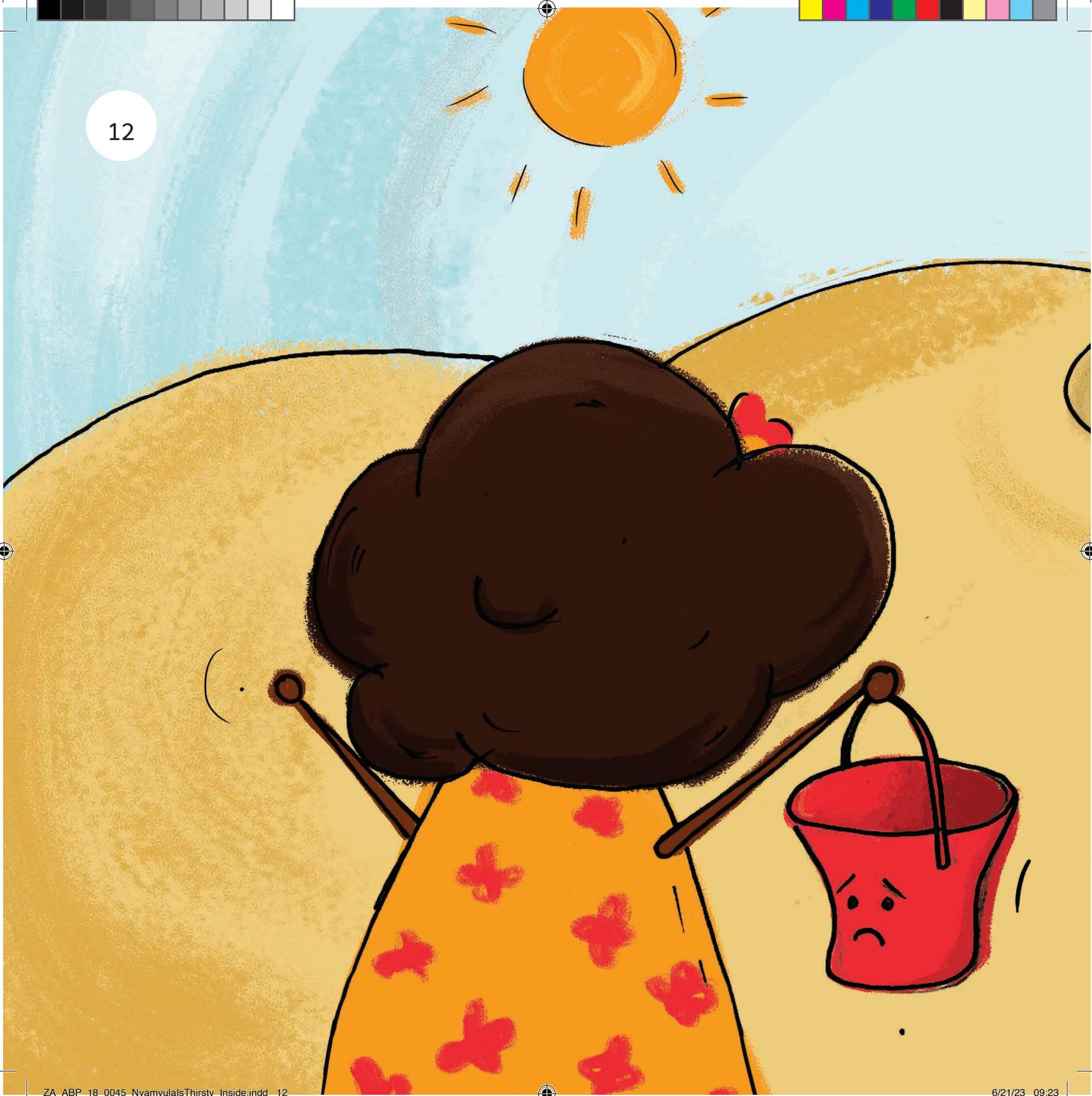




“You trees, why did you  
drink all this river’s water?”  
asks Nyamvula.



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Nyamvula sees a big dam.

“Dam, dam, give me water,  
**please!**” says Nyamvula.

The dam keeps quiet and re-  
mains empty.



Nyamvula runs to the sea.  
“Surely here I can get some  
water to drink,” she says.

The sea pours bags  
of salt into itself.





“Sea water is salty.  
I cannot drink this,”  
complains Nyamvula.



Nyamvula calls to  
a passing cloud:  
“Cloud, cloud,  
give me water!  
Give me water **now!**”

The cloud spits out  
lightning, and drifts closer  
to Nyamvula’s house.



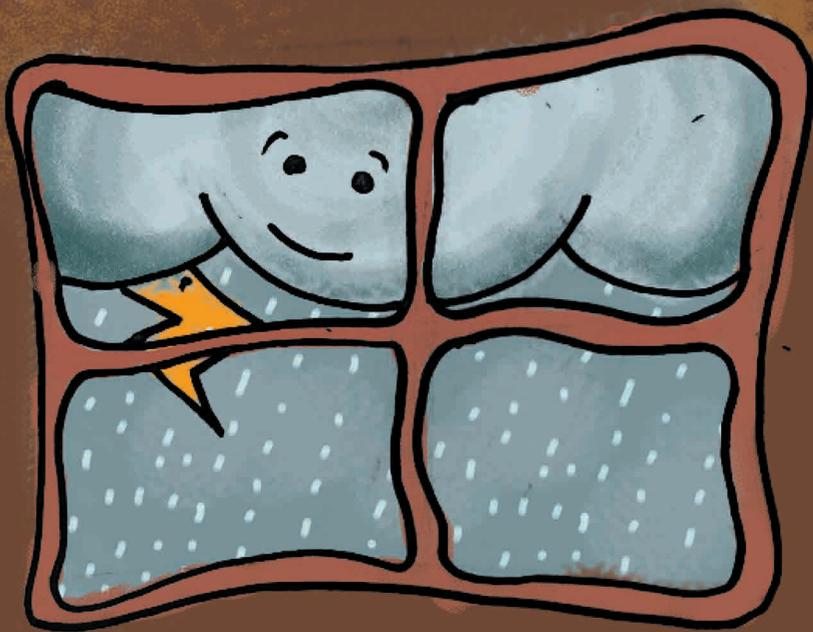


Thunder fills the air.  
The lightning fills the sky.

Frightened, Nyamvula runs  
inside the house.

The thunder grows **louder...**

Nyamvula cries out in fear,  
“Cloud, please forgive me.  
I am only asking for  
water. Go back!”





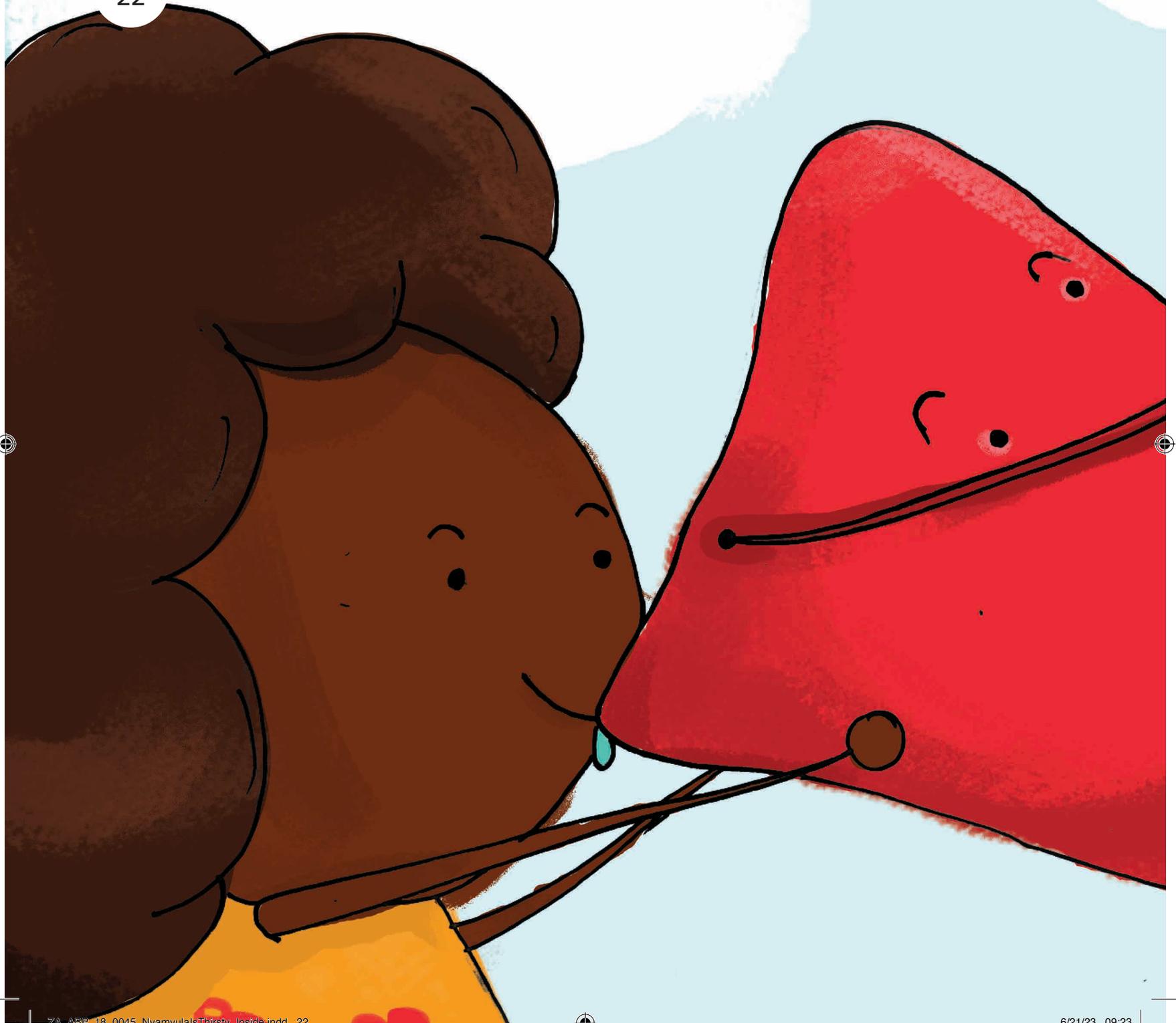
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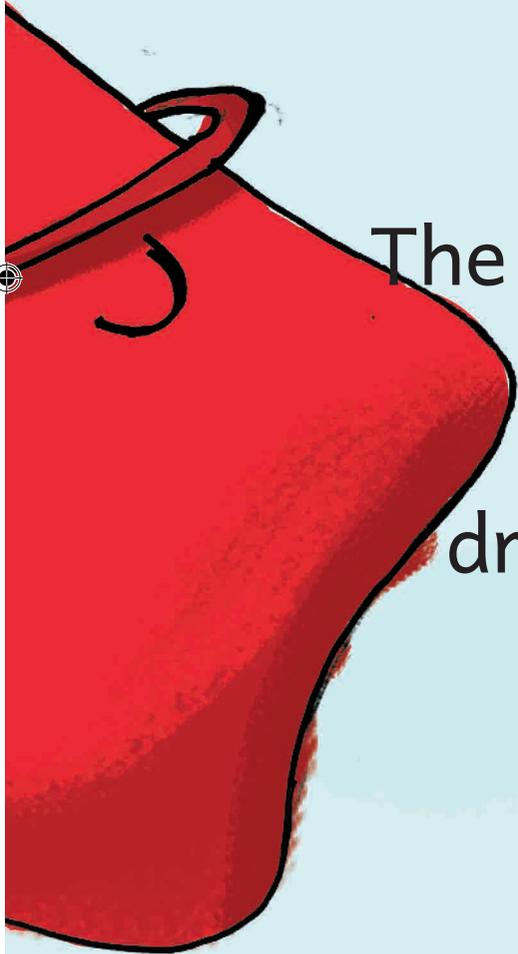
The rain fills up the dam...  
The rain fills up the river...



The rain fills up the water tank...  
The rain fills up the borehole...







The rain fills up the bucket.

Happily, Nyamvula  
drinks up all the water.

Every last drop!

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