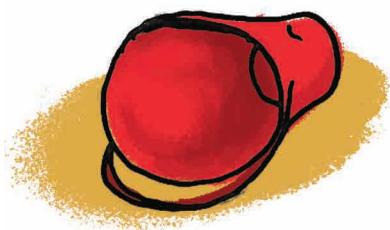




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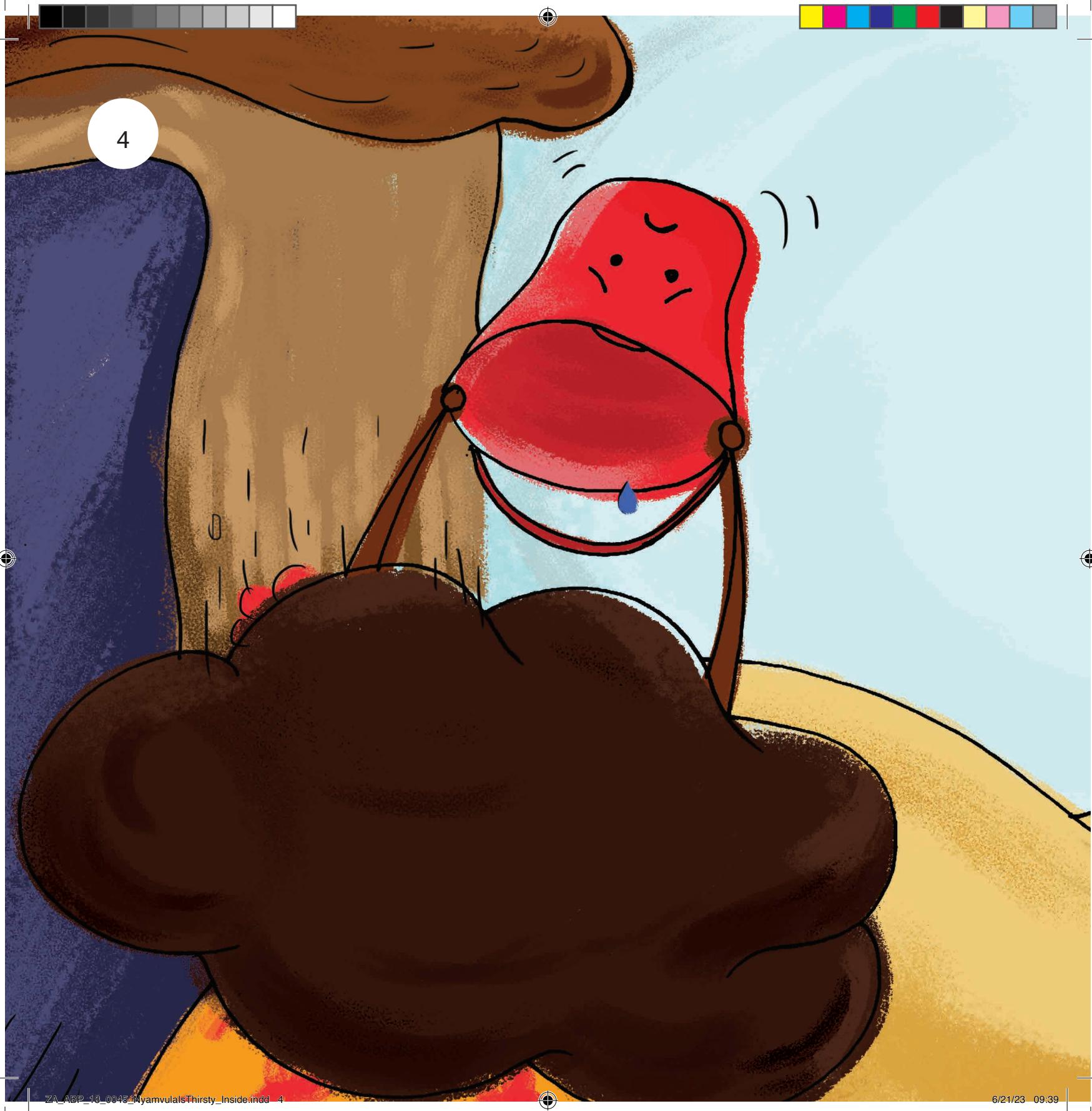




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UNomvula womile.







Wakhuluma nebhakede lakhe.

“Bhakede, bhakede,
awunginike amanzi.”

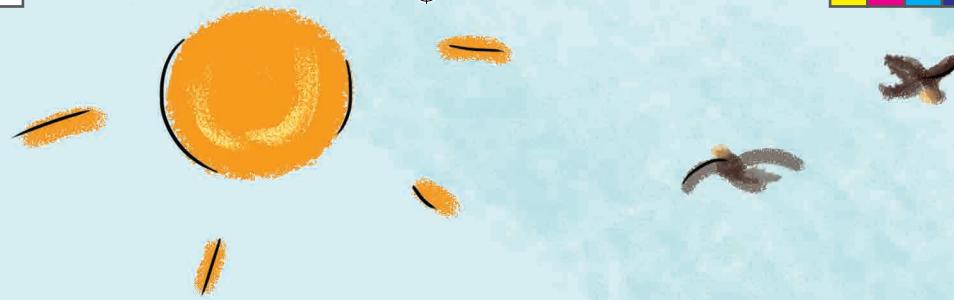
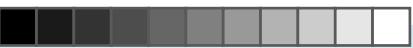
Ibhakede kodwa lalingenalutho.





UNomvula wabheka
amanzi epitshini.





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*Wacela epitsini,
“Pitsi, pitsi, awungiphe
amanzi.”*

Ipitsi lalizomele khweqe!



UNomvula wabona ithangi
elikhulu elinompompi.

“Mpompi, mpompi,
ngiyacela ungiphe amanzi,”
kuncenga uNomvula.

Ngebhadi umpompi
wawuzomele.







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UNomvula wanikela
emfuleni. “Mfula, mfula,
ngicela ungiphe amanzi.”

Umfula kodwa uzomele,
kuvele amatshe,
awekho amanzi.

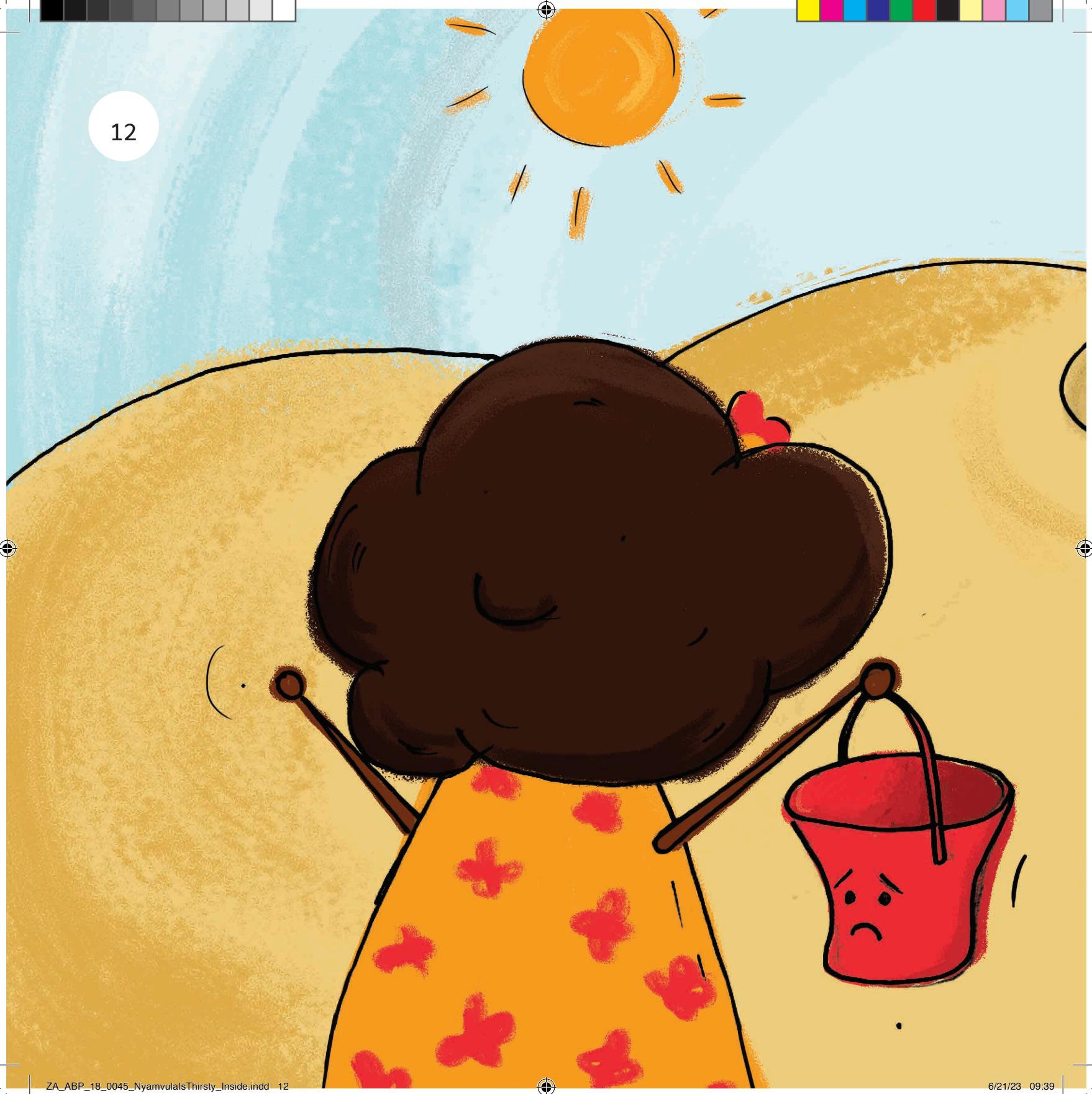




“Nina zihlahla, nenziwa yini
ukuthi niphuze wonke amanzi
omfula?” kubuza UNomvula.



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UNomvula wabona idamu elikhulu. “Damu, damu, nginike amanzi, ngiyacela bandla,” kusho UNomvula.

Idamu lazithulela nje lilokhu lingenamanzi.



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UNomvula wagijima waya olwandle. “Ngizowathola nakanjani amanzi okuphuza lana,” ezicabangela.



Ulwandle lwathululela usawoti emanzini alo.



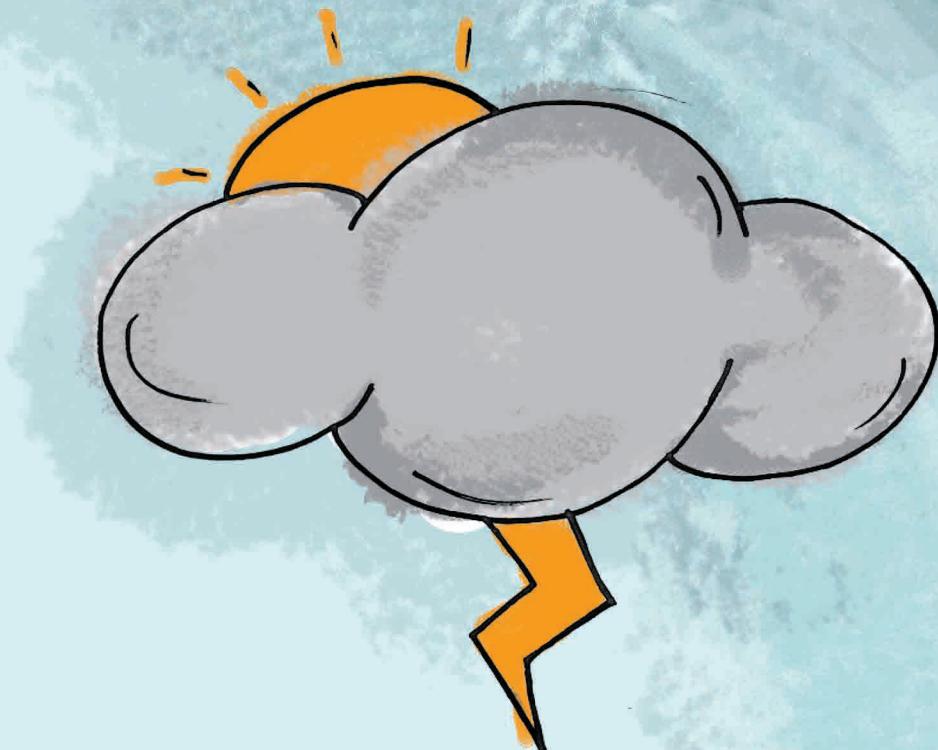
“La manzi olwandle anosawoti
– angikwazi ukuwaphuza,”
kukhononda uNomvula.



UNomvula wamemeza
amafu azidlulelayo:
“Mafu, mafu, nginike amanzi!
Nginike amanzi **manje!**”

Amafu avele adedela umbani,
amafu aqoqana eduze kwendlu
kaNomvula.





Kwavele kwasuka isiphepho,
esibhakabhakeni kwagcwala umbani.





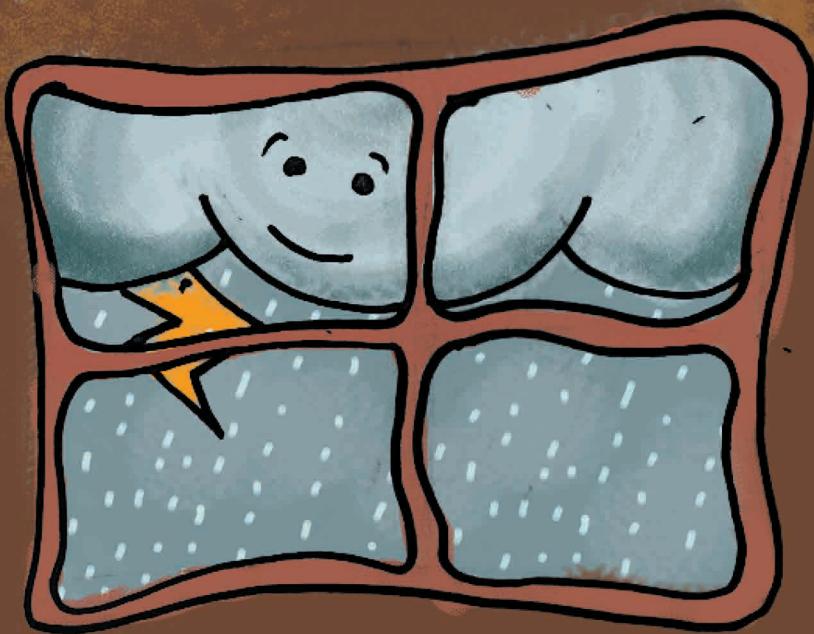
Wathuka uNomvula, wabalekela
endlini.

Isiphepho sakhula ngamandla.

Wakhala uNomvula ethukile.
“Mafu, ngicela ungixolele –
mina ngicela amanzi kuphela.
Phindela emuva!”



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Yaqala yana imvula.
Imvula yagcwalisa idamu...
Yagcwalisa umfula...

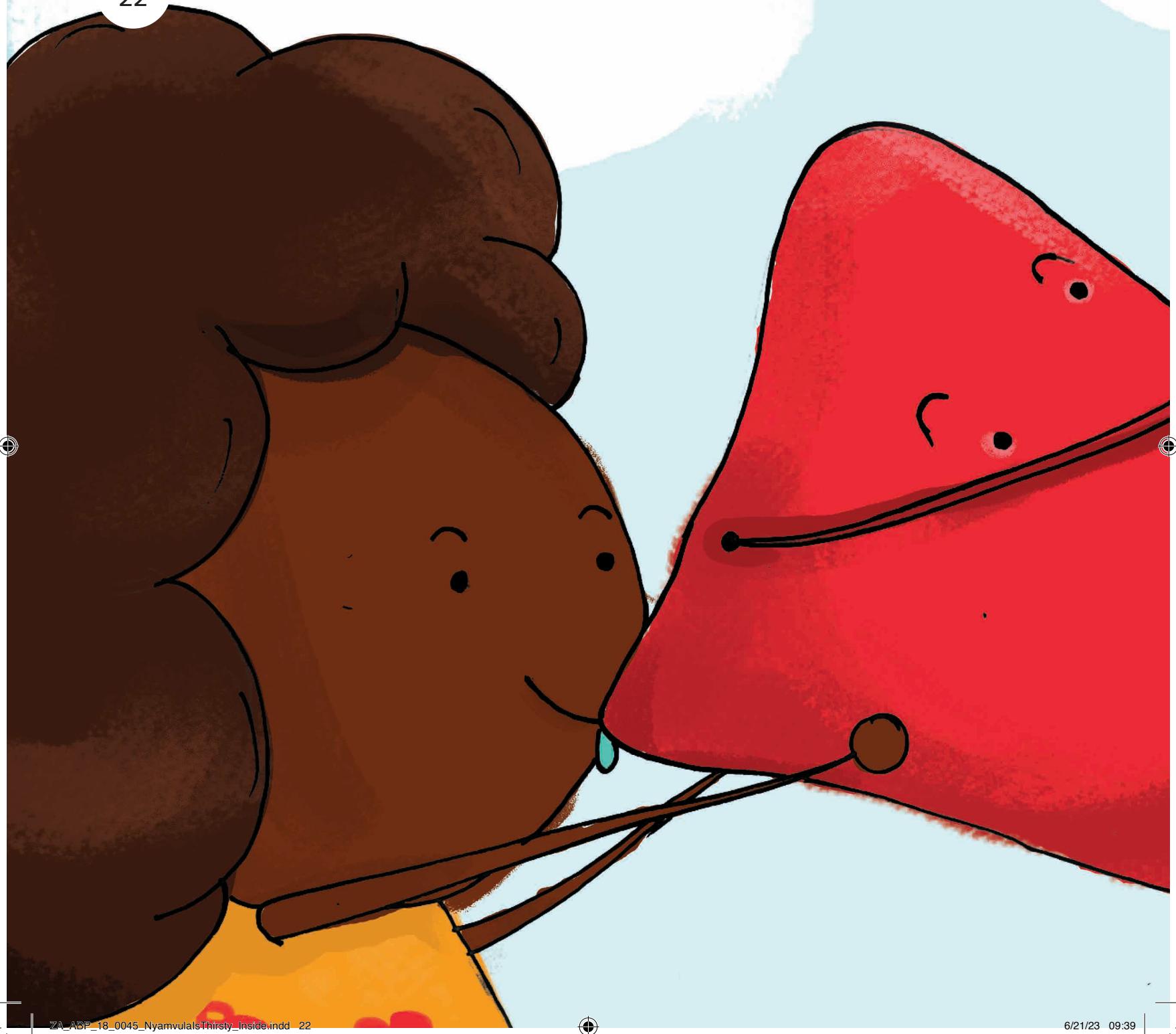


Imvula yagcwalisa ithangi lamanzi...
Imvula yagcwalisa ipitsi...



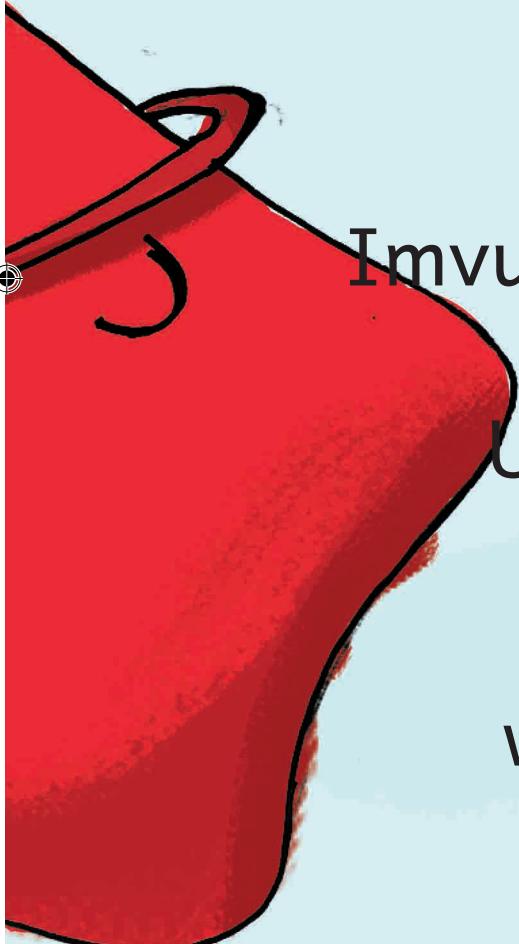


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Imvula yagcwalisa ibhakede.

UNomvula usejabule.

Egcwele ukubonga,
wawaphuza amanzi.



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