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Umnumzane uQaqa wayekuthanda ukuswenka. Athi uma eseswenkile, abukise nakwezinye izilwane.

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KwakunguMsombuluko umnumzane
uQaqa ehlangana nombuzikazi.

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“Hamba uyogeza wena, uziqhole, unuke kamnandi,” kusho umnumzane uQaqa.

Umbuzikazi wathi, “Cha mfowethu. Nguwe okumele ugeze.”

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NgoLwesibili umnumzane uQaqa wahlangana nomnumzane uNtibane.

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“Awuzibuke nje! Awunamahloni okudlala odakeni umdala kangaka?” esho emhleka.

“Musa ukungedelela njalo!” sekusho umnumzane uNtibane. “Awungcono ngalutho nje kunami.”

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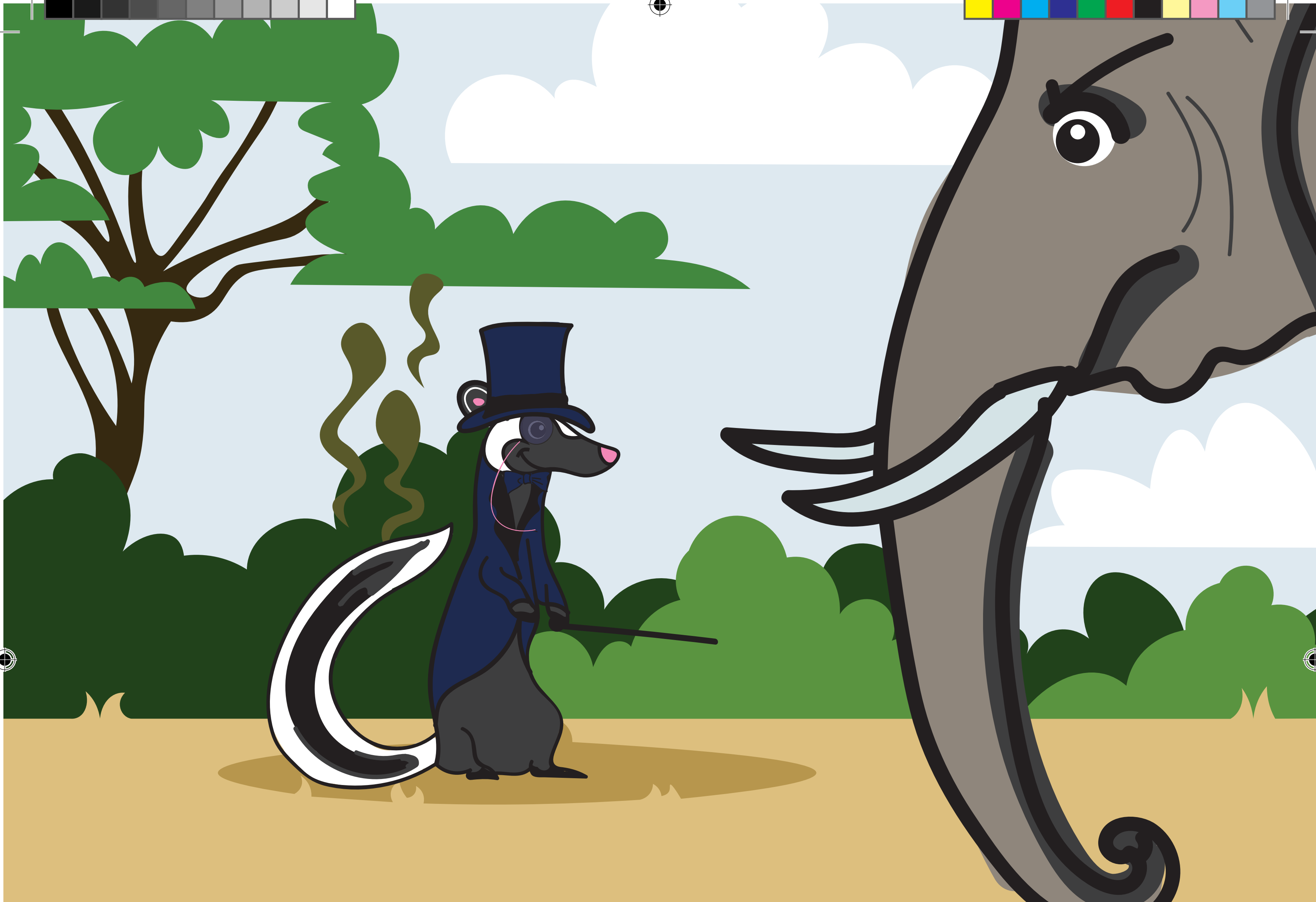

NgoLwesithathu umnumzane uQaqa
wahlangana nomama uNdlovu.
“Nina zindlovu ningogimba nje!” kumemeza umnumzane
uQaqa. “Awubheke nje lo mkhabakazi wakho!”
Umama Ndlovu wambuka kabi, wazihambela.

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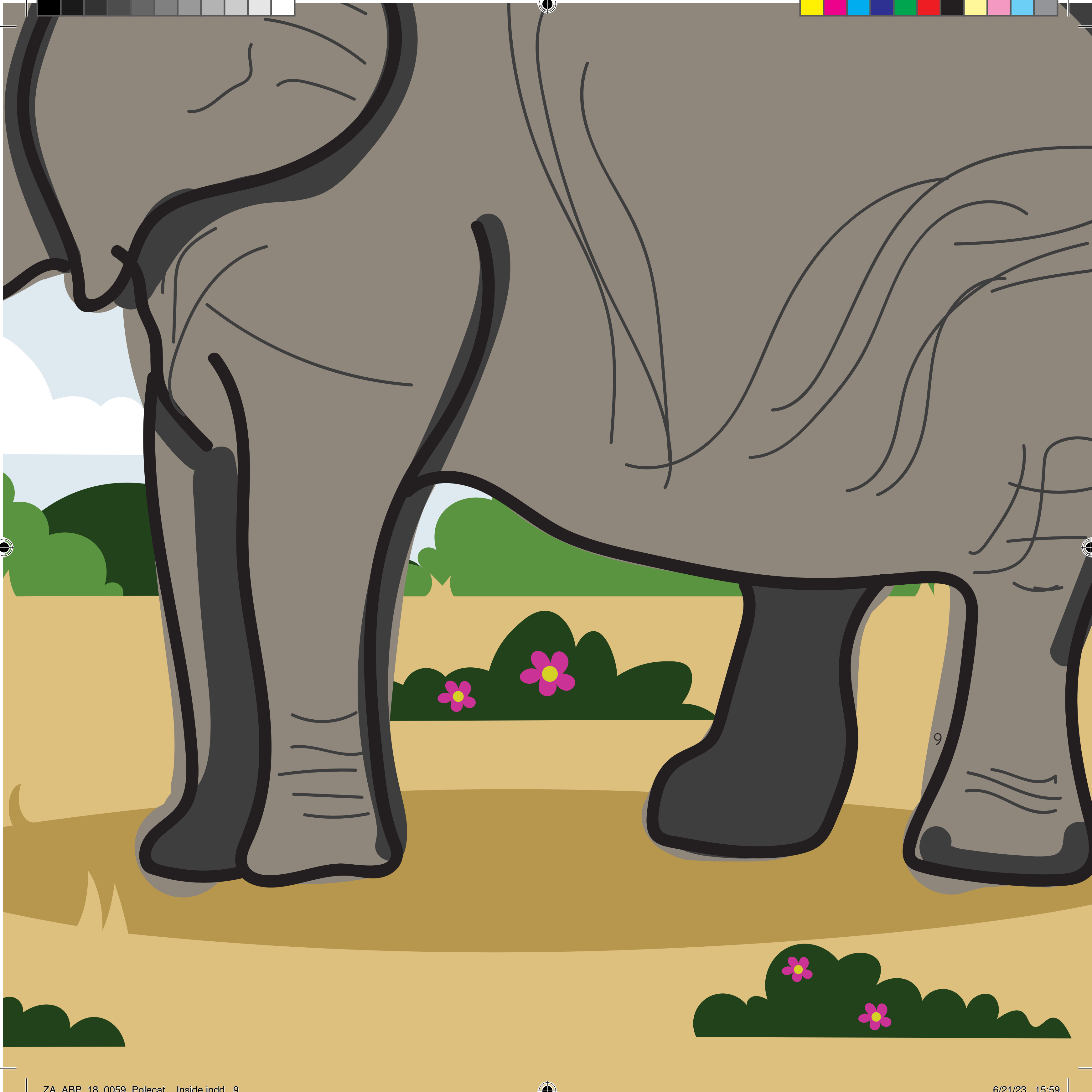

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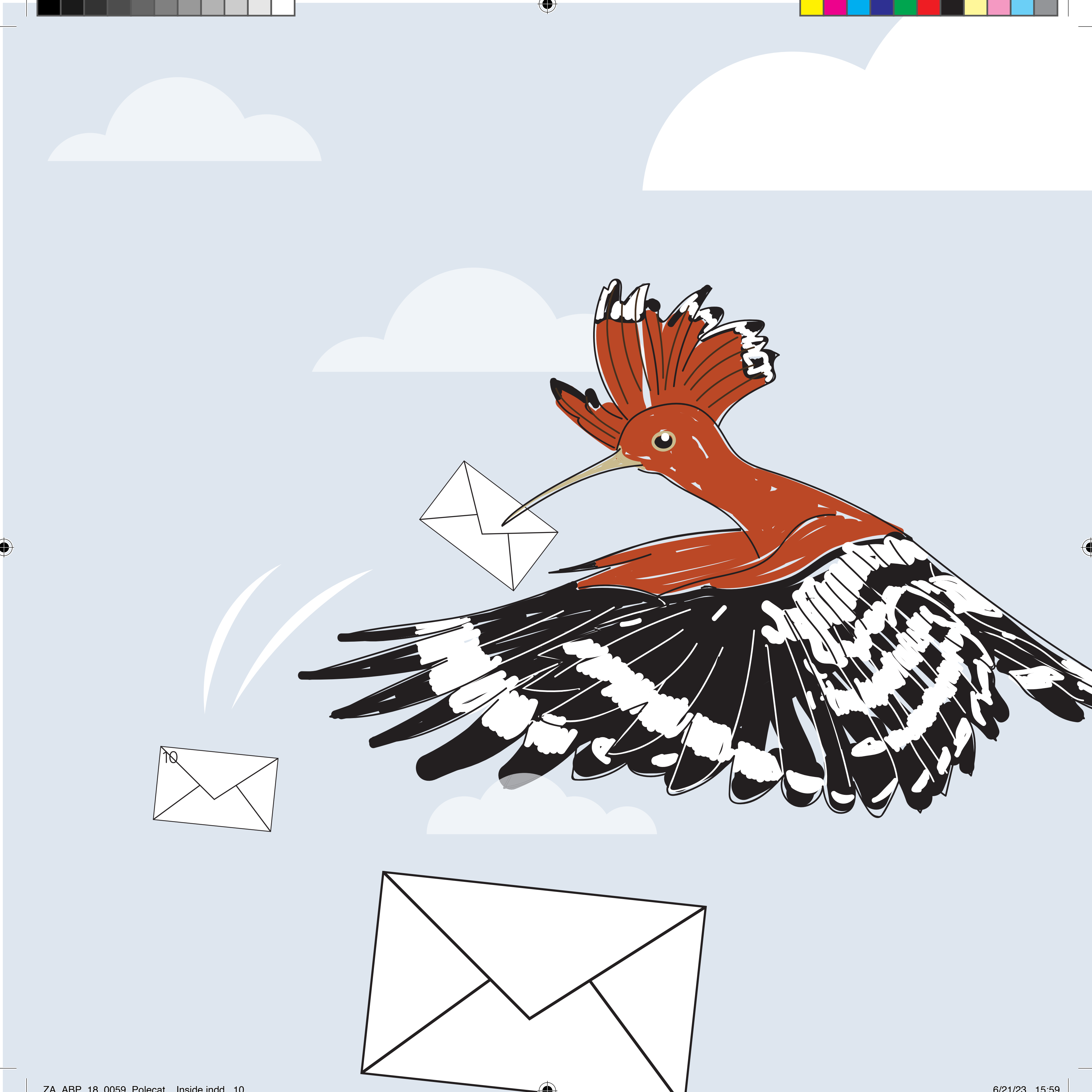

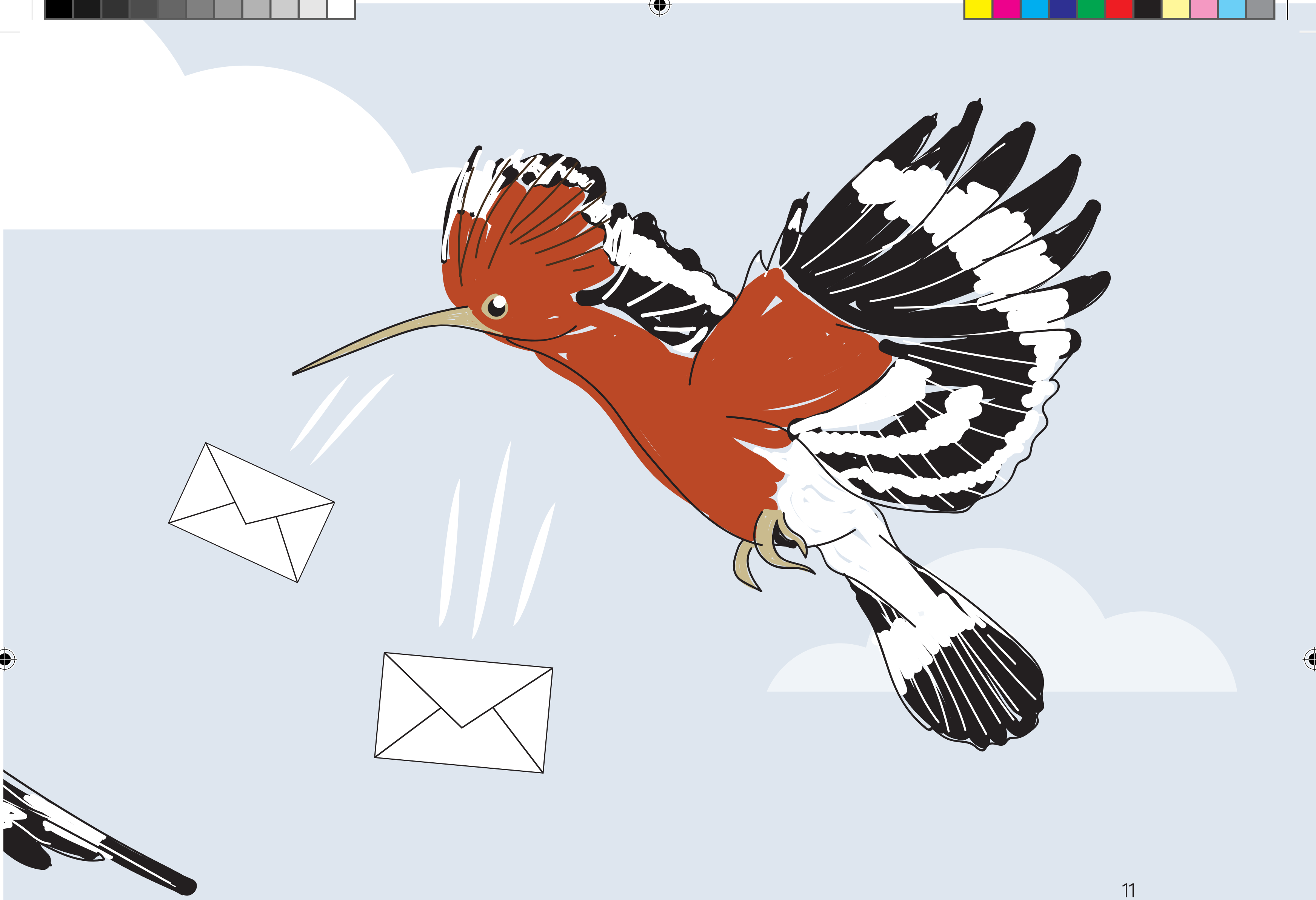

NgoLwesine umama nobaba uPigogo, babekhipha izimemo zosuku lokuzalwa kwendodakazi yabo. Bamema zonke izilwane.

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NgoLwesihlanu umnumzane uQaqa wahlangana nonkosazane uDube.

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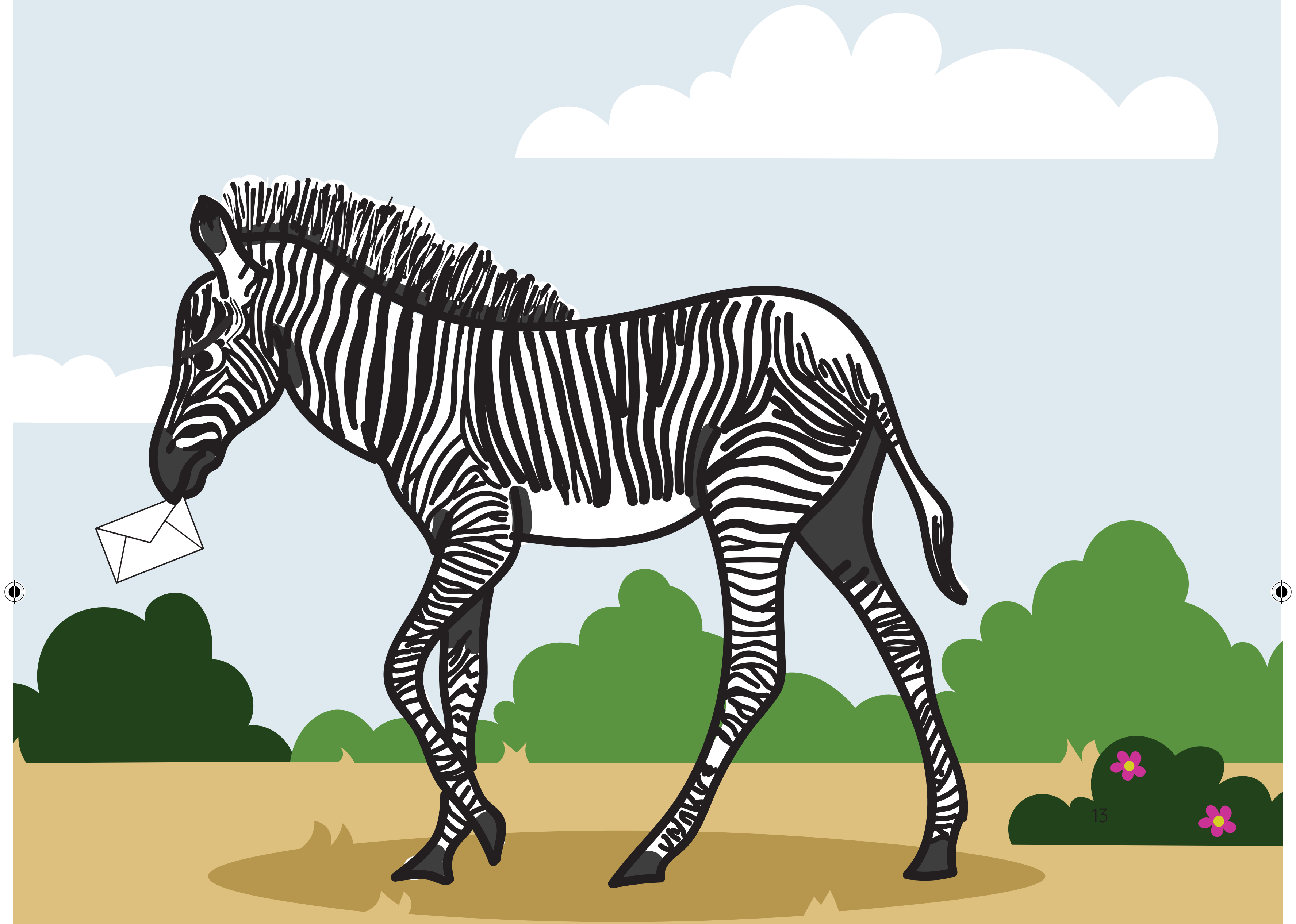

“Ngiyazi uzodansa nami emcimbini, angithi?”
kubuza umnumzane uQaqa.
“Ngeke ngidanse nawe mina. Uyanuka!”
kusho unkosazane uDube.

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NgoMgqibelo emcimbini umnumzane uQaqa wacela unkosazane uPigogo. “Sengizodansa nawe uma sengidansa futhi,” kuchaza umnumzane uQaqa.

“Ngekemina ngidanse nawe, wedelela kabi, futhi uluhlaza!” kusho unkosazane uPigogo.

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Umnumzane uQaqa waphoxeka kakhulu.
Uthe esuka wayeya kumngani wakhe
umnumzane uNsimba.

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“Phela unkosazane Pigogo nonkosazane Dube abafuni ukudansa nami,” esho ekhononda. “Yebo, ngizwile,” kwasho umnumzane uNsimba emamatheka.

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“Ngabe ngiyanuka ngempela?”
kwakubuza umnumzane uQaqa.

“Khona ngempela unalo iphunga elibi.
Kodwa futhi ayikho into ongayenza ngalo,”
kwasho umnumzane uNsimba emamatheka.

“Ngabe ngiyedelela ngempela?”
kwabuza umnumzane uQaqa.

“Yebo, sengathi kwabanye uluhlaza impela,”
sekusho umngani wakhe umnumzane uNsimba.

“Hawu! Bengingakwazi ngempela–ke lokho,” kusho
umnumzane uQaqa, ekhulumela phansi, esephoxekile.

“Kodwa-ke lokho usangakuguqula,”
sekusho umnumzane uNsimba.

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Umnumzane uQaqa waya kuMbuzikazi,
umnumzane uNtibane nakumama uNdlovu.

“Ngiyaxolisa kinina nonke ngokuba luhlaza,” washo ezixolisela. “Ngiyethembisa futhi ukugeza nokuxubha amazinyo, zonke izinsuku kusukela manje.”

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Umbuzikazi wanqampuna imbali eyayiseduze, umama Ndlovu yena wayifaka ephaketheni likamnumzane uQaqa. “Usuzonuka kamnandi-ke manje,” wayesho emamatheka.

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Unkosazane uPigogo wamuzwa umnumzane uQaqa ezixolisela.

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Wavele wadonsa umnumzane uQaqa ngengalo, emdonsela eshashalazini.

Izilwane zonke zashaya ihlombe zibona umnumzane uQaqa nonkosazane uPigogo bedansa kamnandi.

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