



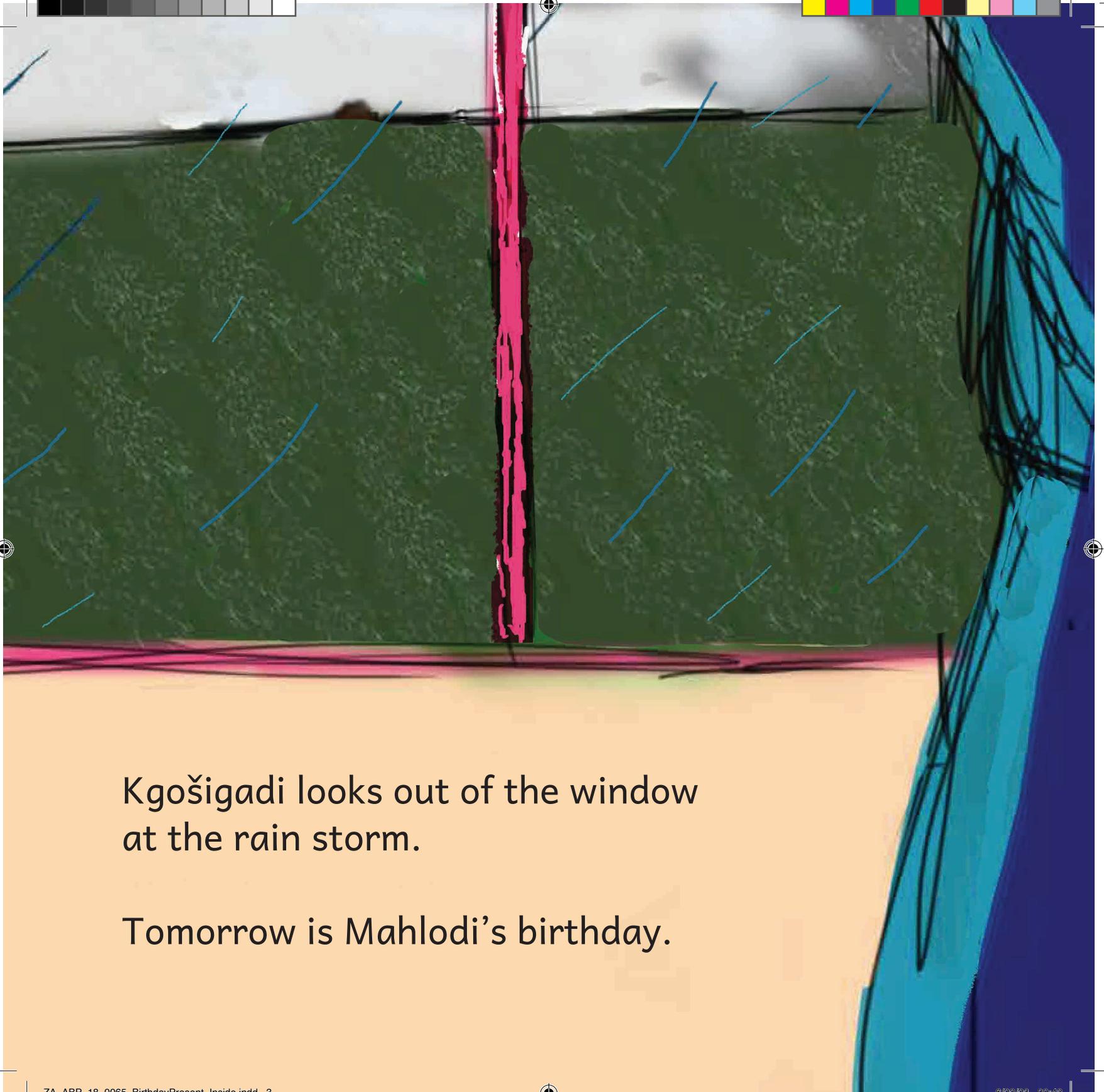
The Birthday Present



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Kgošigadi looks out of the window
at the rain storm.

Tomorrow is Mahlodi's birthday.



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Kgošigadi looks at her flowers.

“I can’t give Mahlodi flowers for her birthday,”
she says sadly.

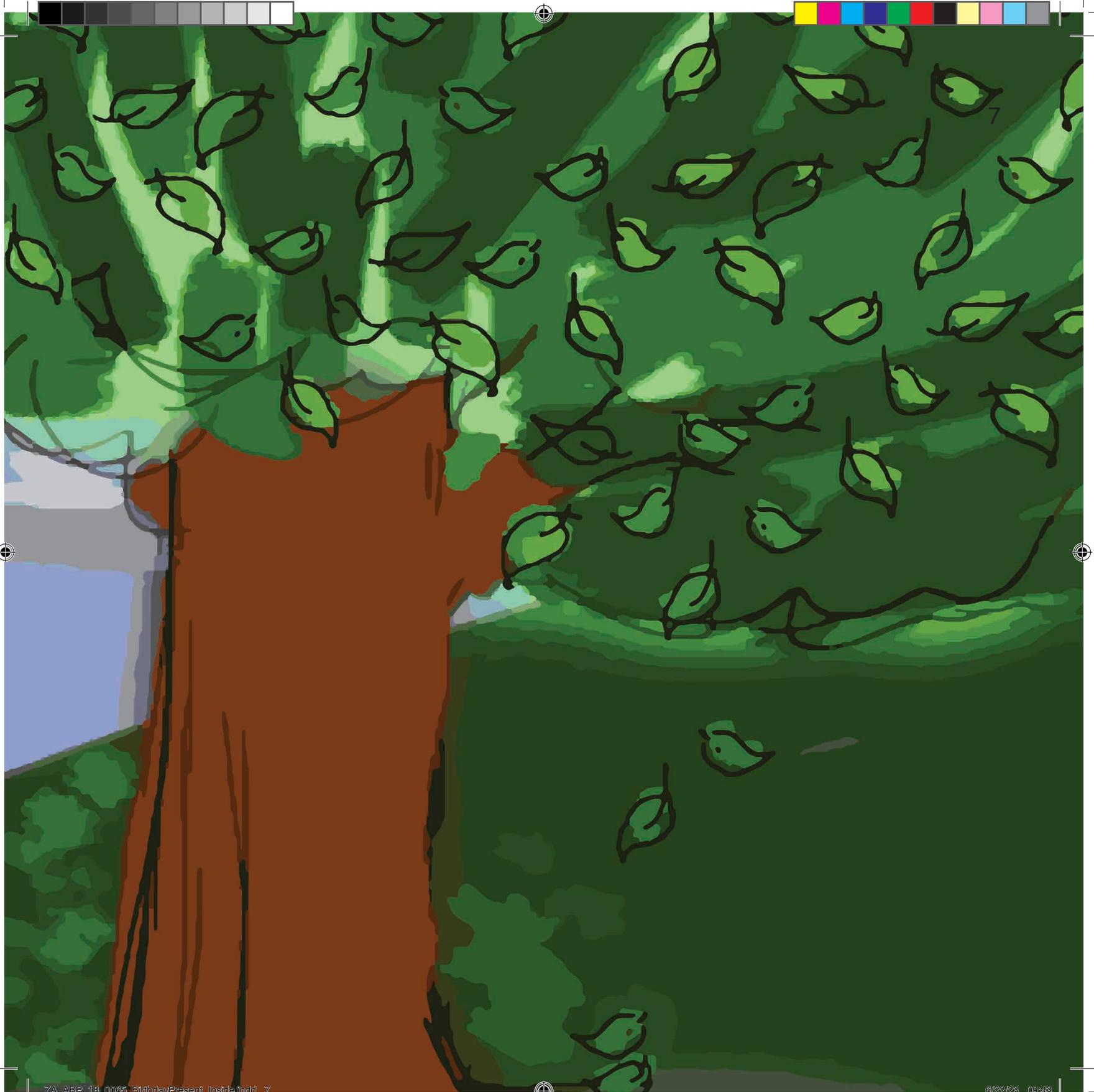


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Kgošigadi looks at the trees
and their leaves.

“I could make flowers
from the leaves!”







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“Oh no! These leaves are torn and muddy.
Mahlodi won’t like this.”

Kgošigadi gives up and goes to the store.





She sees a pretty necklace.

“Mahlodi would love this,
but it costs R100.”





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Kgošigadi goes to ask her mother for the money.

“Oooh child, I am sorry, but I have no money.”







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“What will I do for
Mahlodi?” Kgošigadi sighs.

Then, she sees a sparkle!

Kgošigadi sees plastic
sweet sticks and wrappers.
She sees an orange bag.





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Kgošigadi gets a bright idea.







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“Ah! I made a beautiful necklace,”
Kgošigadi thinks. “Mahlodi will love it.”

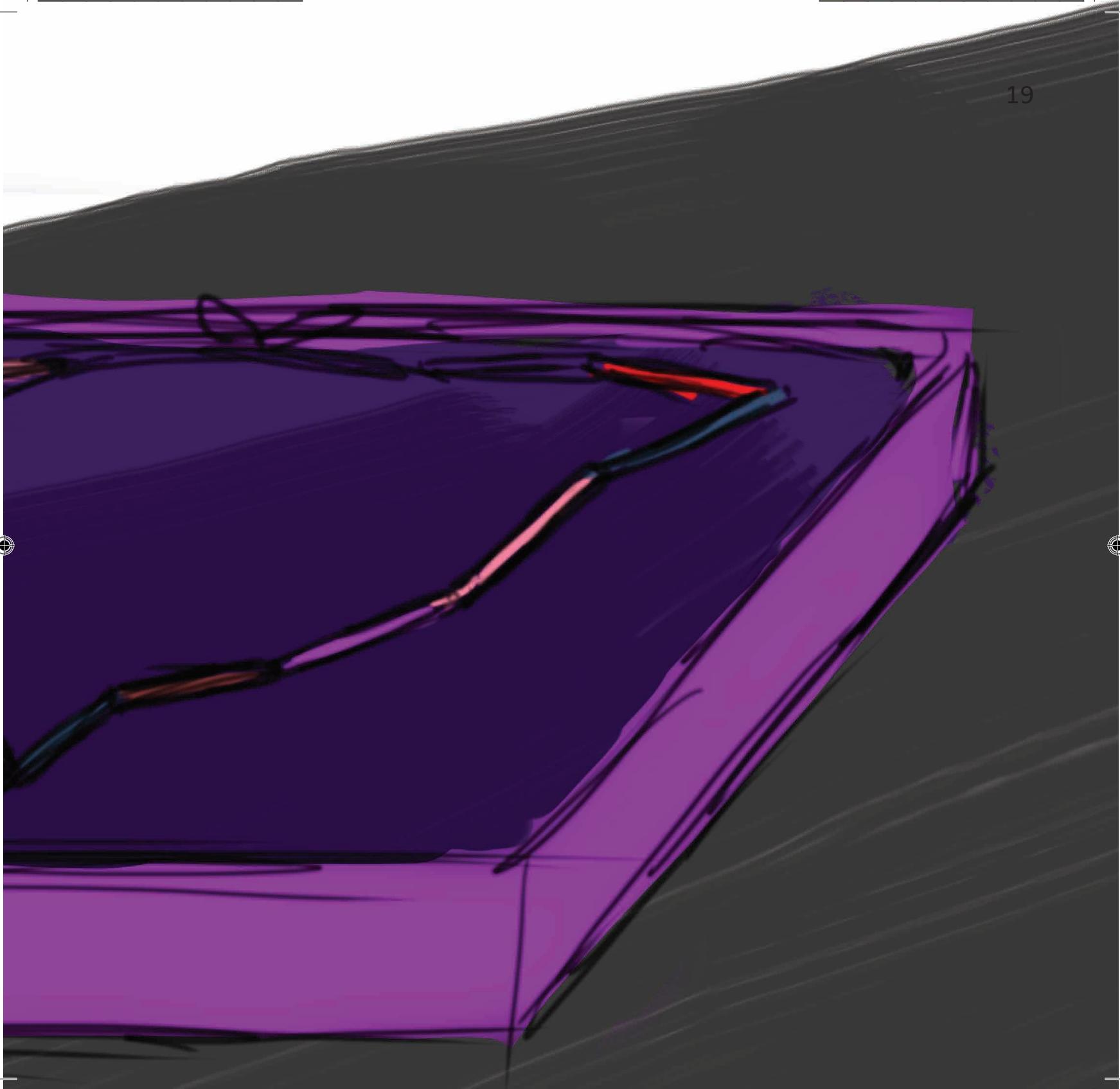




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Kgošigadi wraps the present carefully.





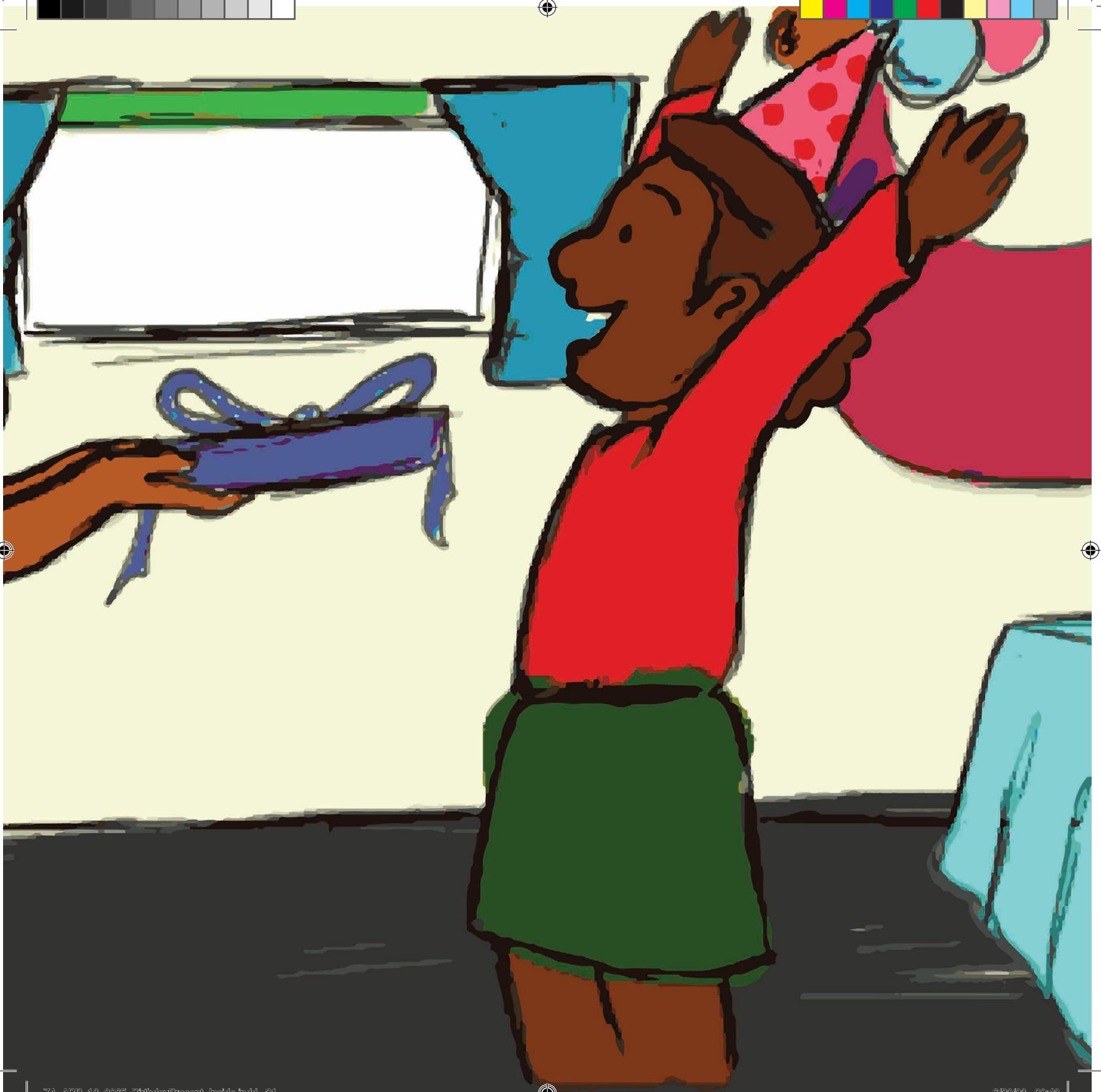


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She takes it with her to
school the next day.

She gives it to Mahlodi.







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“Ooooh!
A beautiful necklace!
Thank you, Kgošigadi.”



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