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UCilo ungumelusi wezinkomo othembekile.

Zonke izinsuku ubaba wakhe umxwayisa ngobungozi bomfula uNanda.

“Ubaba ufuna ukungithusa nje,” kucabanga uCilo.

“Namhlanje izinkomo zomile! Kumele ngiye emfuleni uNanda,” kucabanga uCilo.

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Esesemfuleni, uCilo wafaka amanzi esigujini sakhe, waphuza.

Yini **leyo?**

Kukhona okwakuphazamisa inkomo ensundu, ngesikhathi iphuza.

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"Hhayi ngeke!"

kumemeza uCilo.

"Igagasi limukisa izinkomo ezimbili zikababa!"

Umfula uNanda ubukeka udiniwe.

UCilo wagxumela emanzini ukuze atakule izinkomo.

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Umfula uNanda wakhukhulela uCilo nezinkomo kolunye usebe lomfula. "Sekukude ukuthi ngikwazi ukubhukuda ngiwelele phesheya komfula!" kukhala uCilo.

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"Ngizokwenzenjani manje?" Ngaleso sikhathi wezwa **ukungqangqazela** kokuduma kwezulu.

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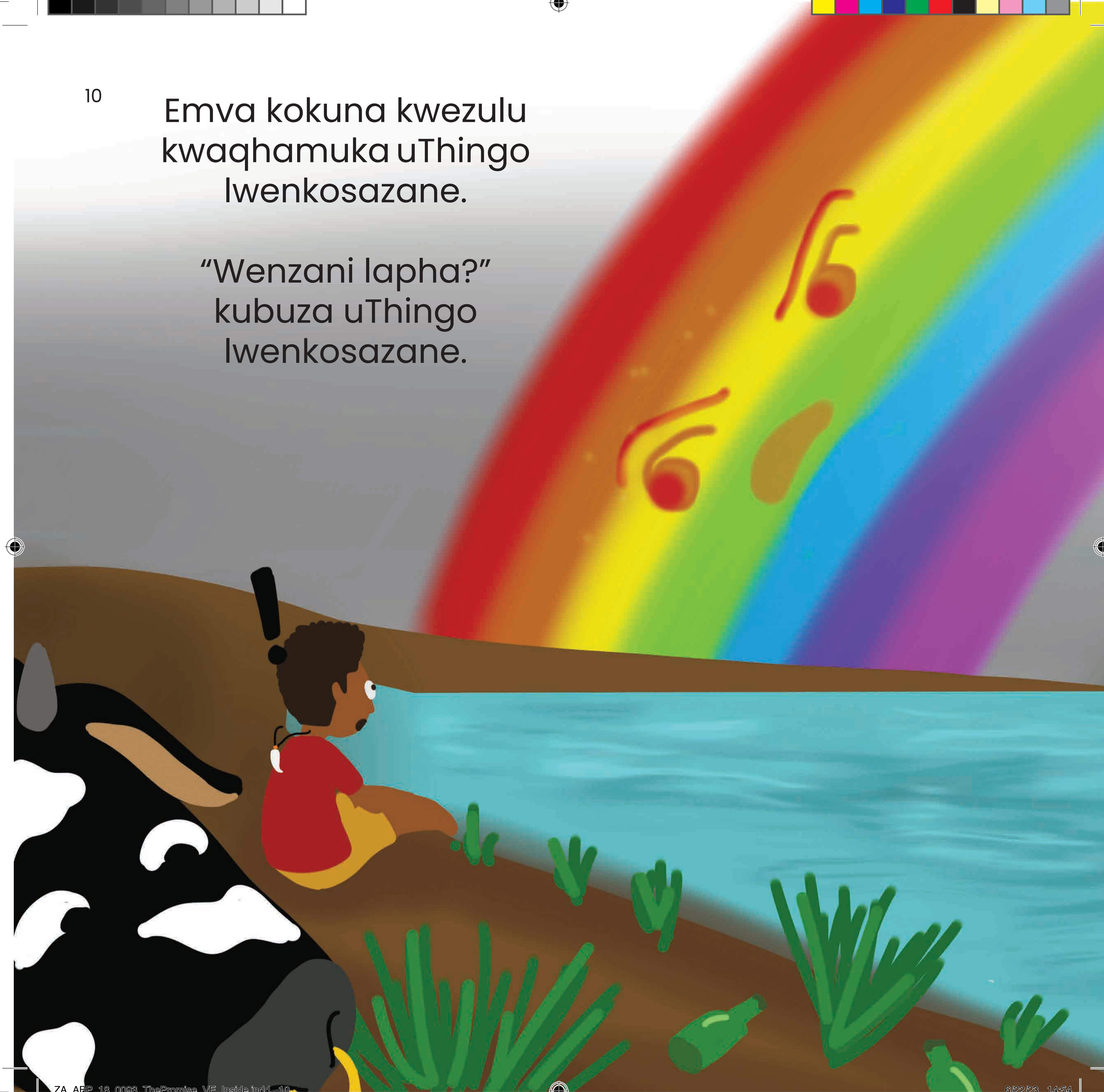
Emva kokuna kwezulu kwaqhamuka uThingo lwenkosazane.

"Wenzani lapha?" kubuza uThingo lwenkosazane.



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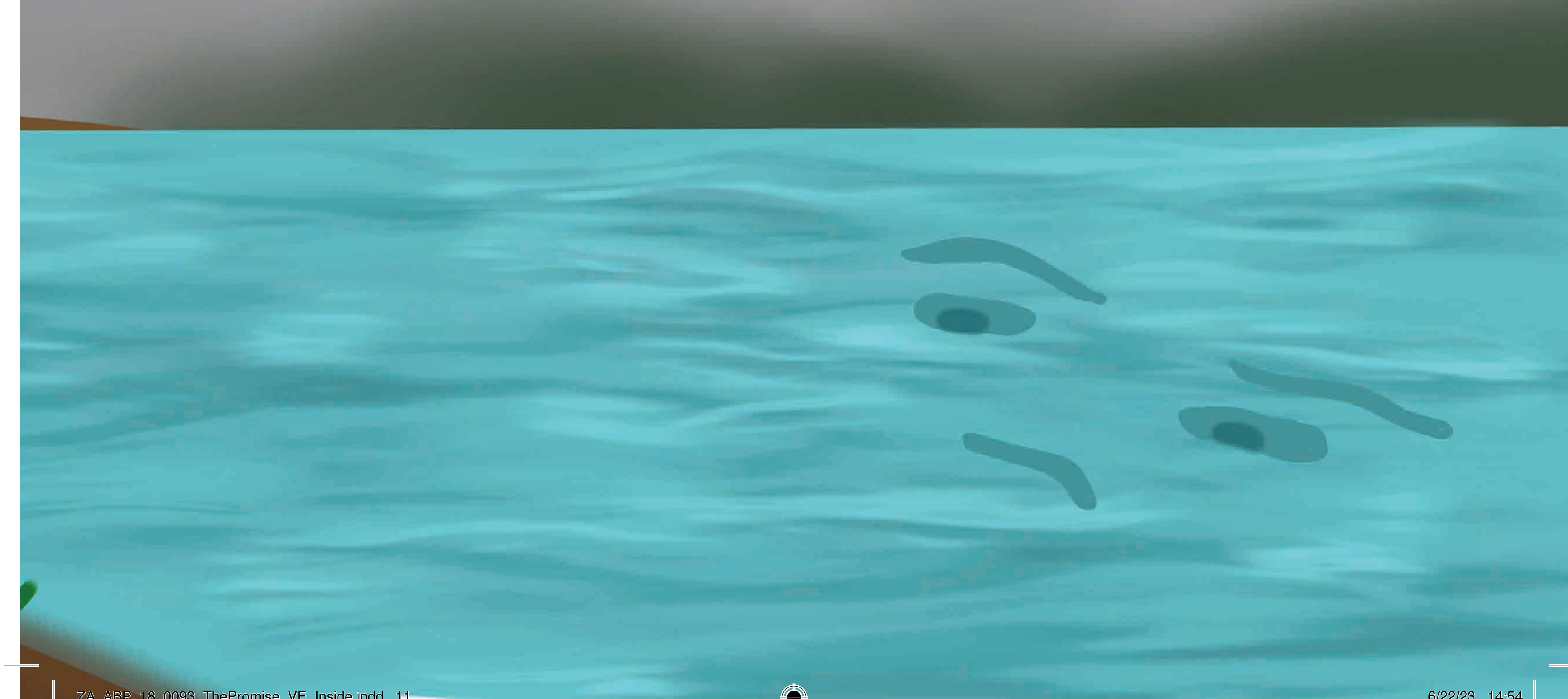
"Ngikhukhulwe umfula uNanda," kukhala uCilo.

"Awu bandla," kusho uThingo. "Awungitshele, owani lo mgexo owufakile?"

Waphendula ngokuziqhenya uCilo, "INkosi uNkanyezi wanginika ucu ngoba ngingumpetha wokudubula ngesihlilingi eNanda."

"Awungitshengise-ke. Uma ungakwazi ukudubula ngesihlilingi, itshe liye ngaphesheya komfula, ngizokusiza uwelele ngaphesheya komfula," kuthembisa uThingo.



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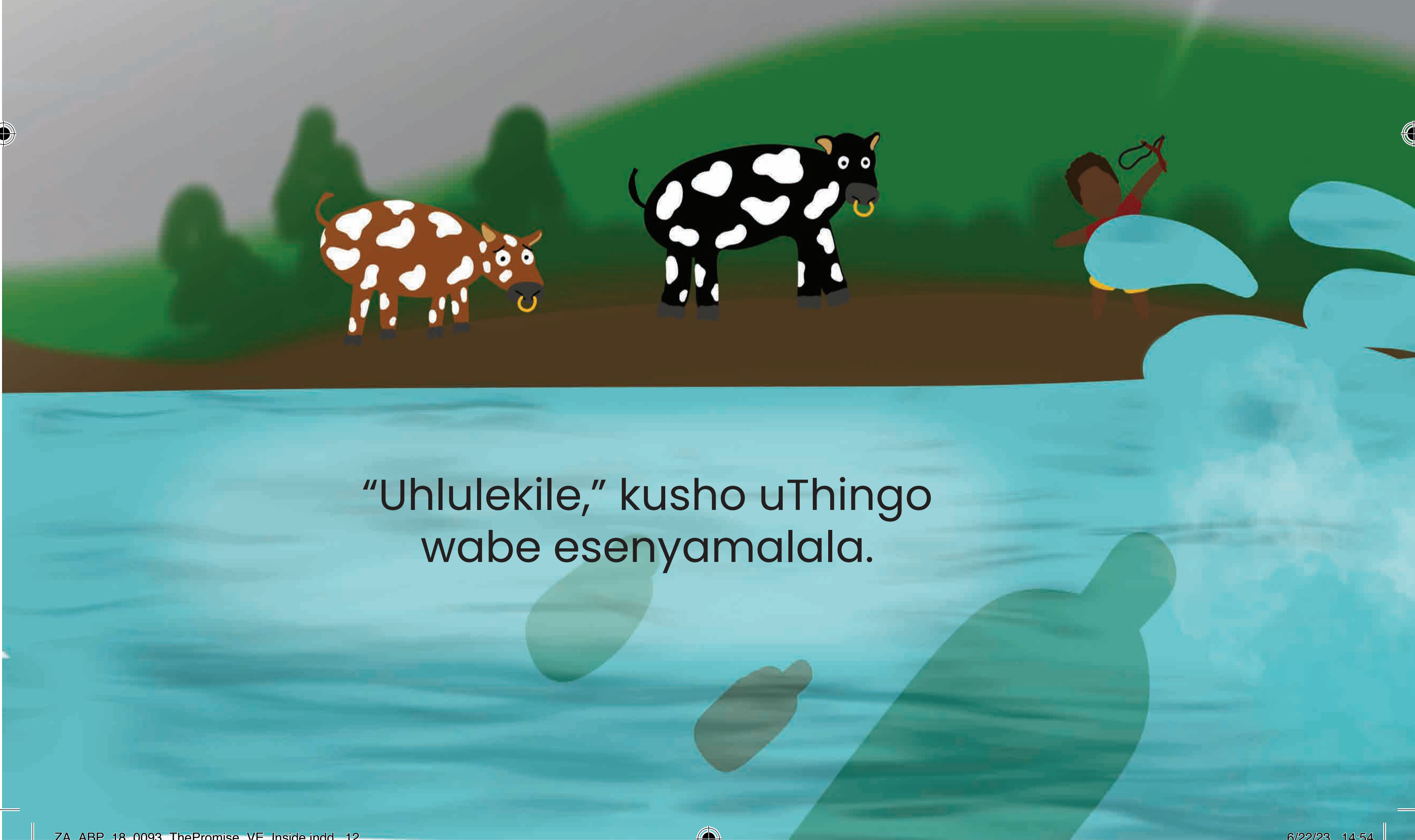
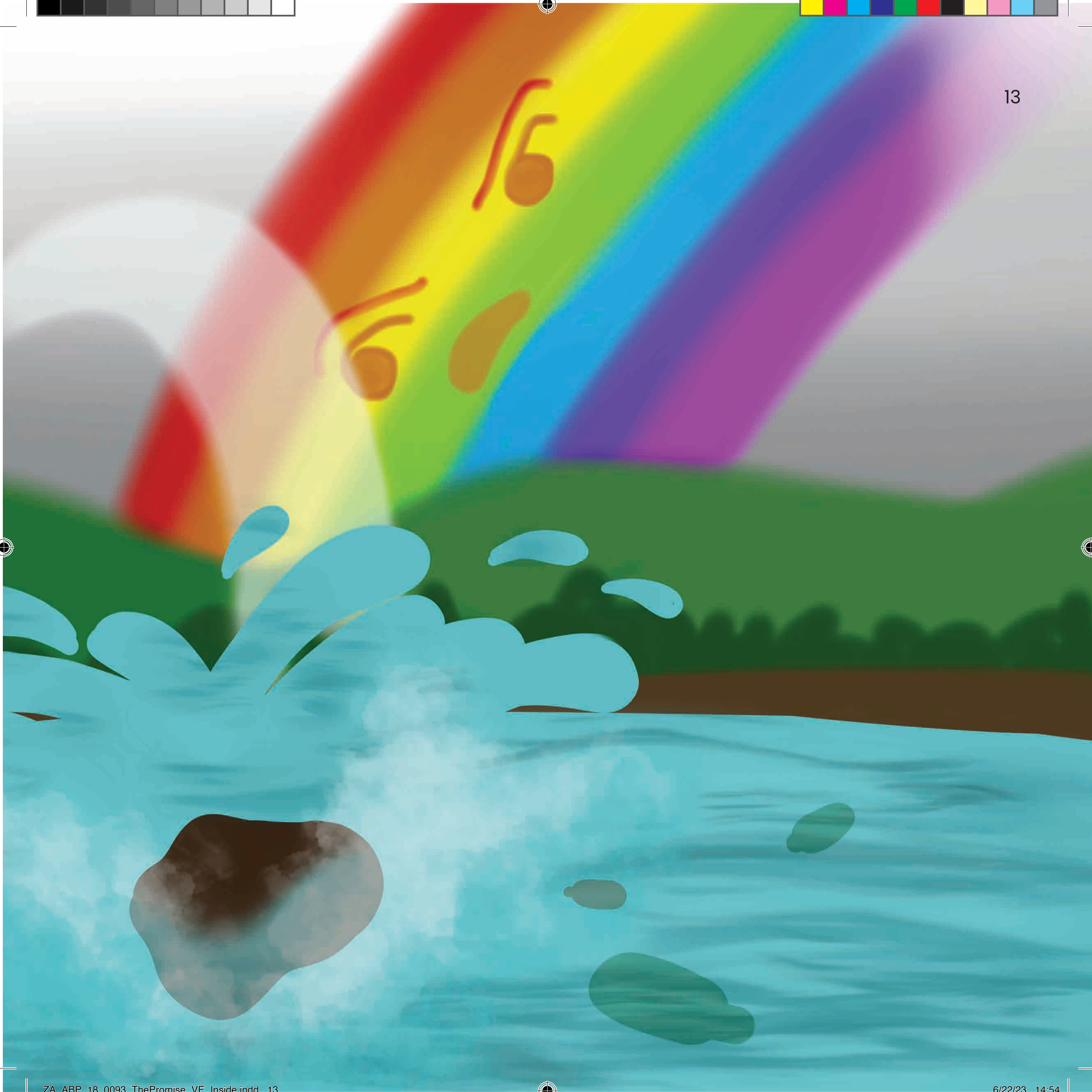
UCilo wacosha itshe walifaka esihlilingini sakhe.
Walijikijela ngawo wonke amandla akhe.

"Hhayi bo!" kumemeza uCilo.

Gqwambi! Itshe lawela phakathi nomfula.



"Uhlulekile," kusho uThingo
wabe esenyamalala.



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UCilo waqala wakhala futhi. Ngesikade wezwa iphimbo liqhamuka emfuleni.

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“Ngingakusiza, kodwa manje nina bantu niyangihlupha,” kukhononda umfula uNanda.

“Usho ukuthini?” kubuza uCilo.

“Kade ngangininakekela iminyaka eminingi. Ngininika amanzi. Ngininika ukudla. Konke kodwa enikwenza kimina ukungingcolisa.”

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“Ngingakusiza kanjani?” kubuza uCilo.
“Kulula,” kusho umfula uNanda.
“Nginike izinkomo zakho.”

“Izi-nko-mo zikababa nje,” kukhala uCilo.

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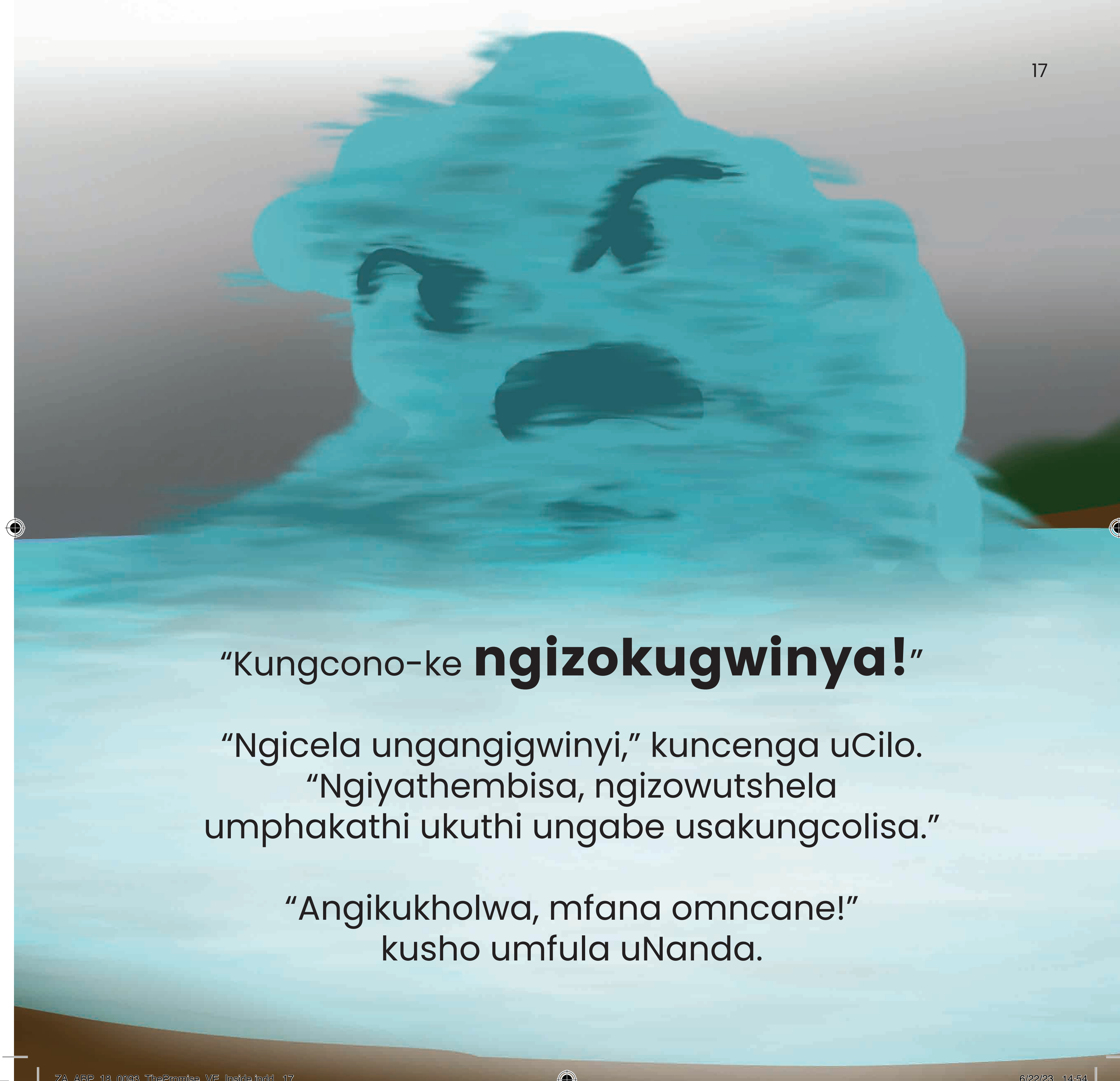

"Kungcono-ke **ngizokugwinya!**"

"Ngicela ungangigwinyi," kuncenga uCilo. "Ngiyathembisa, ngizowutshela umphakathi ukuthi ungabe usakungcolisa."

"Angikukholwa, mfana omncane!" kusho umfula uNanda.

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Ngaleso sikhathi, emuva ekhaya wonke umuntu wayecinga uCilo.

“Ngiyibonile indodana yakho emfuleni uNanda,” kusho umama omdala ekhomba.

Wonke umphakathi wagijima waya emfuleni.

Umsindo osabekayo waqhamuka emfuleni. Umfula uNanda wawusuthukuthele kakhulu.

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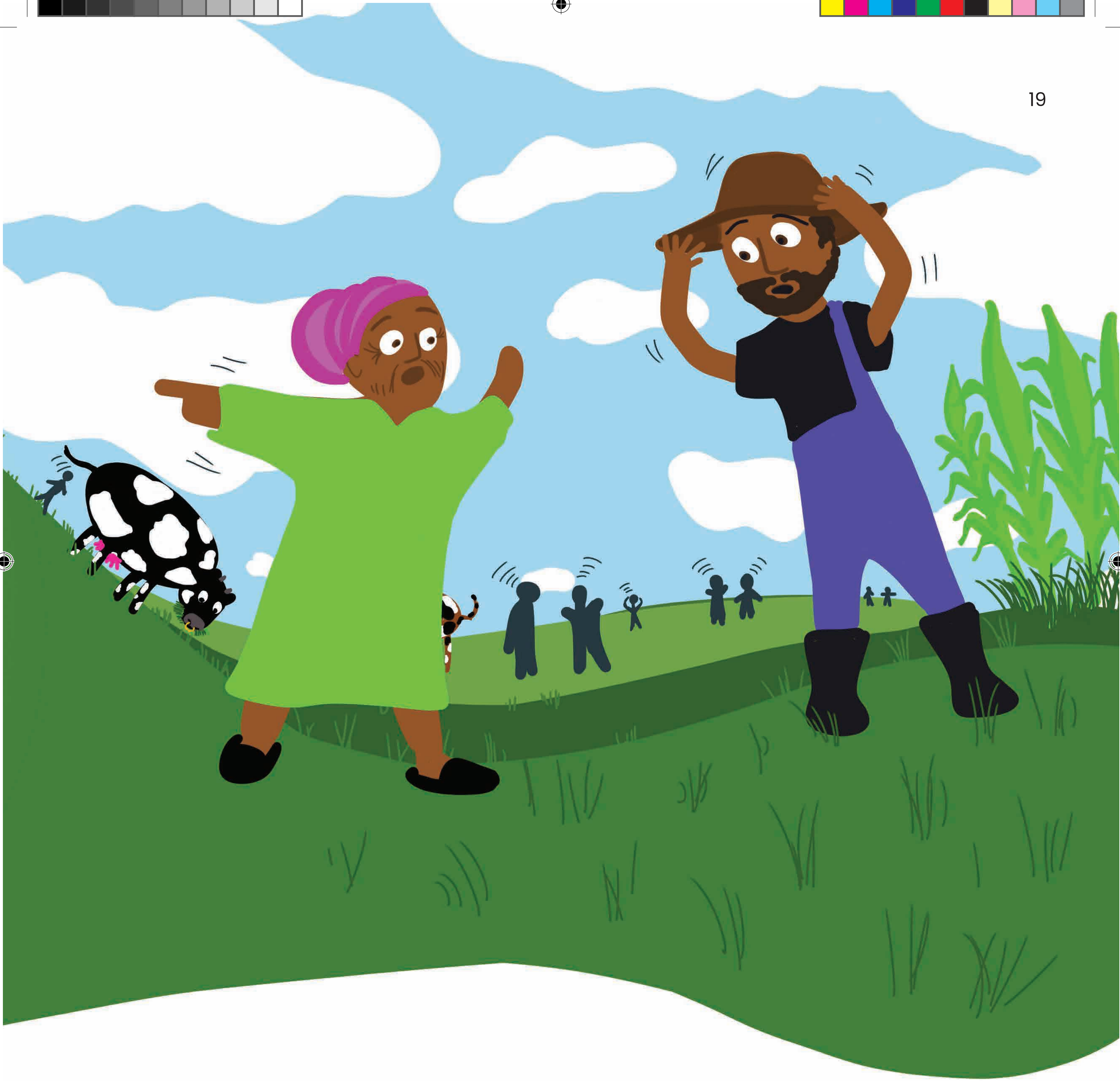

Umfula uNanda wabakhukhula bonke wabafaka emanzini ajulile.

“**Hhayi bo!** Sisize bo! Ungasigwinyi,” umphakathi uzincengela. “Kungani usithukuthulele kanjena?” kubuza umphakathi.

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“Sesiwungcolisile umfula iminyaka eminingi,” kumemeza uCilo engaphesheya komfula. “Umfula uNanda usesinakekele kakhulu.”

“Siyathembisa ukuthi sesizowunakekela umfula wethu. Sicela usitakule-ke manje,” kukhala umphakathi.

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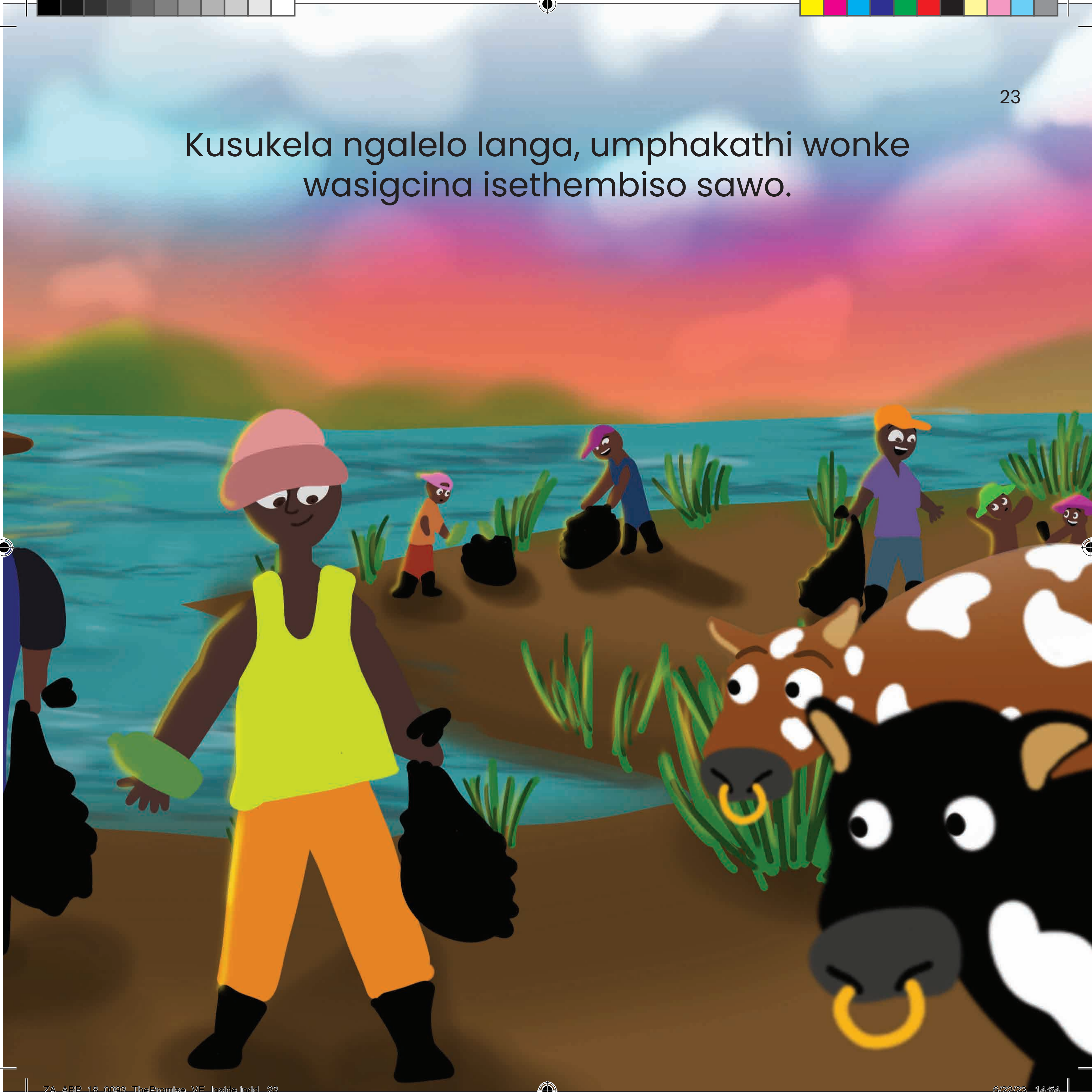

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