

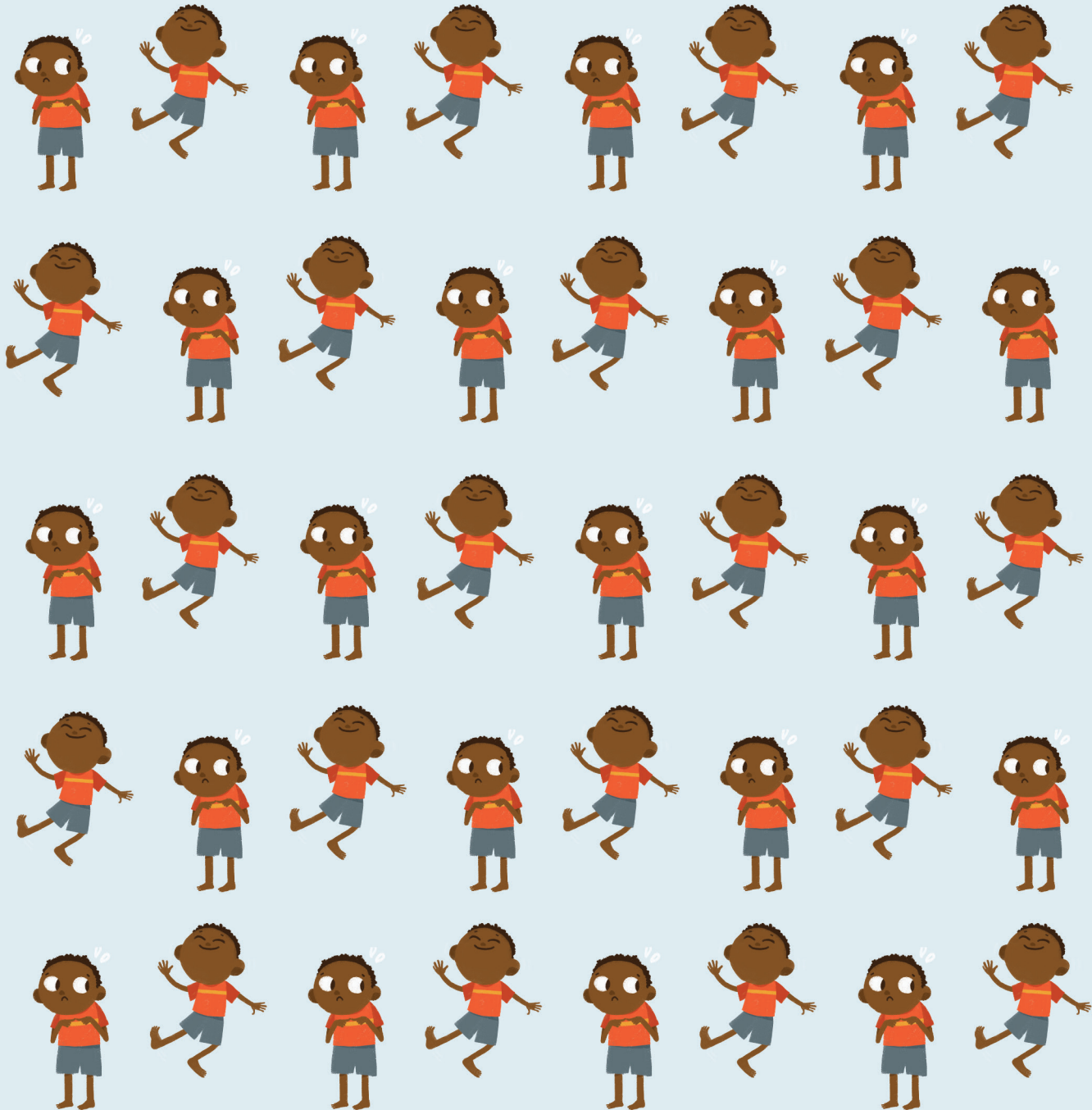


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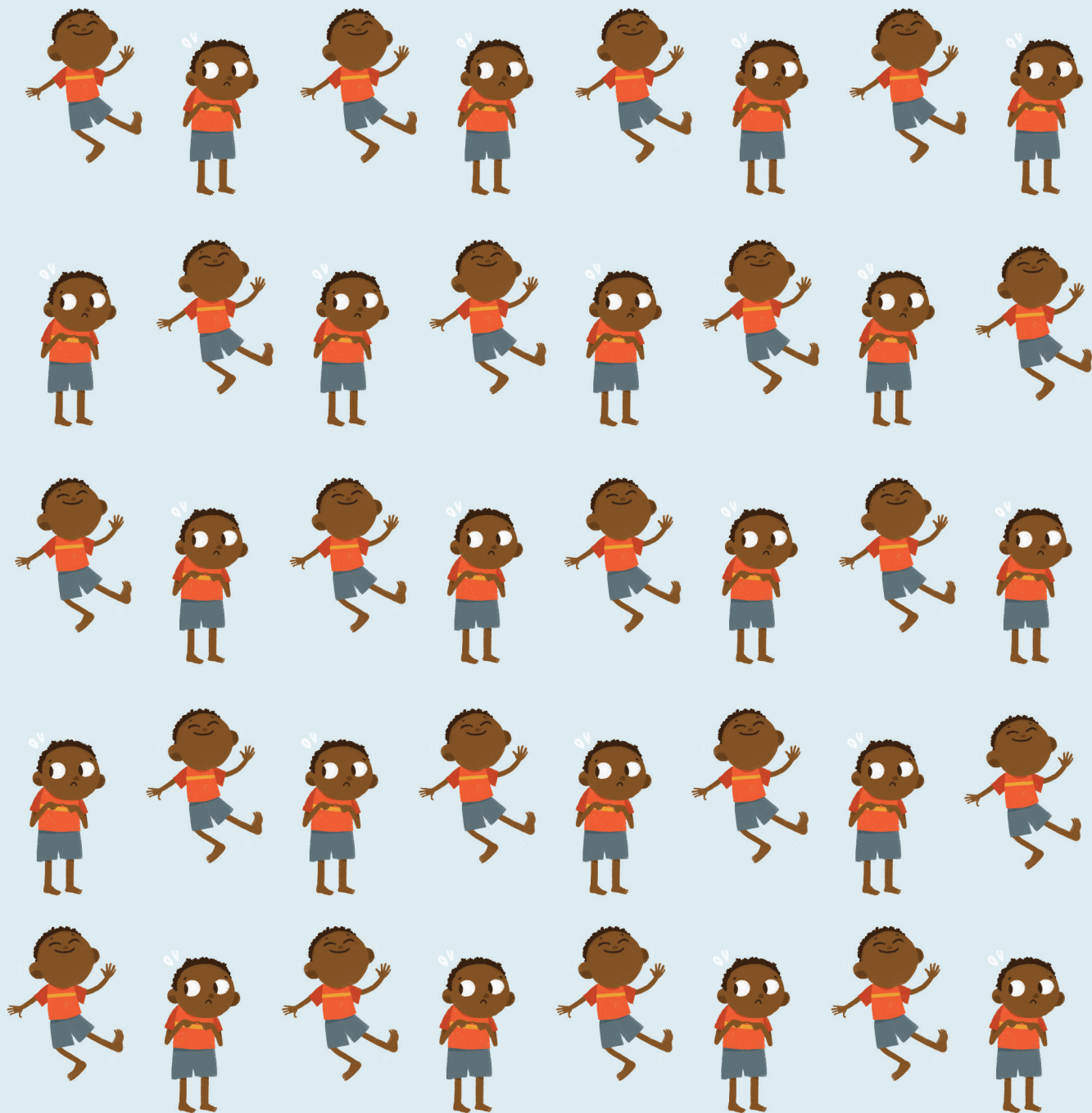
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# Dance Khuzwayo, dance!



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Everyone knows that  
Khuzwayo loves to dance.

When the village leader  
chooses him to be the  
next Ingoma dancer, no  
one is surprised.







Ingoma is a dance to  
celebrate the first crops at  
the beginning of the year.  
Khuzwayo's family is proud.







But Khuzwayo is worried.







How will he dance in front of  
so many people  
from so many villages?

He normally only performs for  
a few neighbours.



“I can’t do it!  
It’s too scary.”



He

runs

away ...



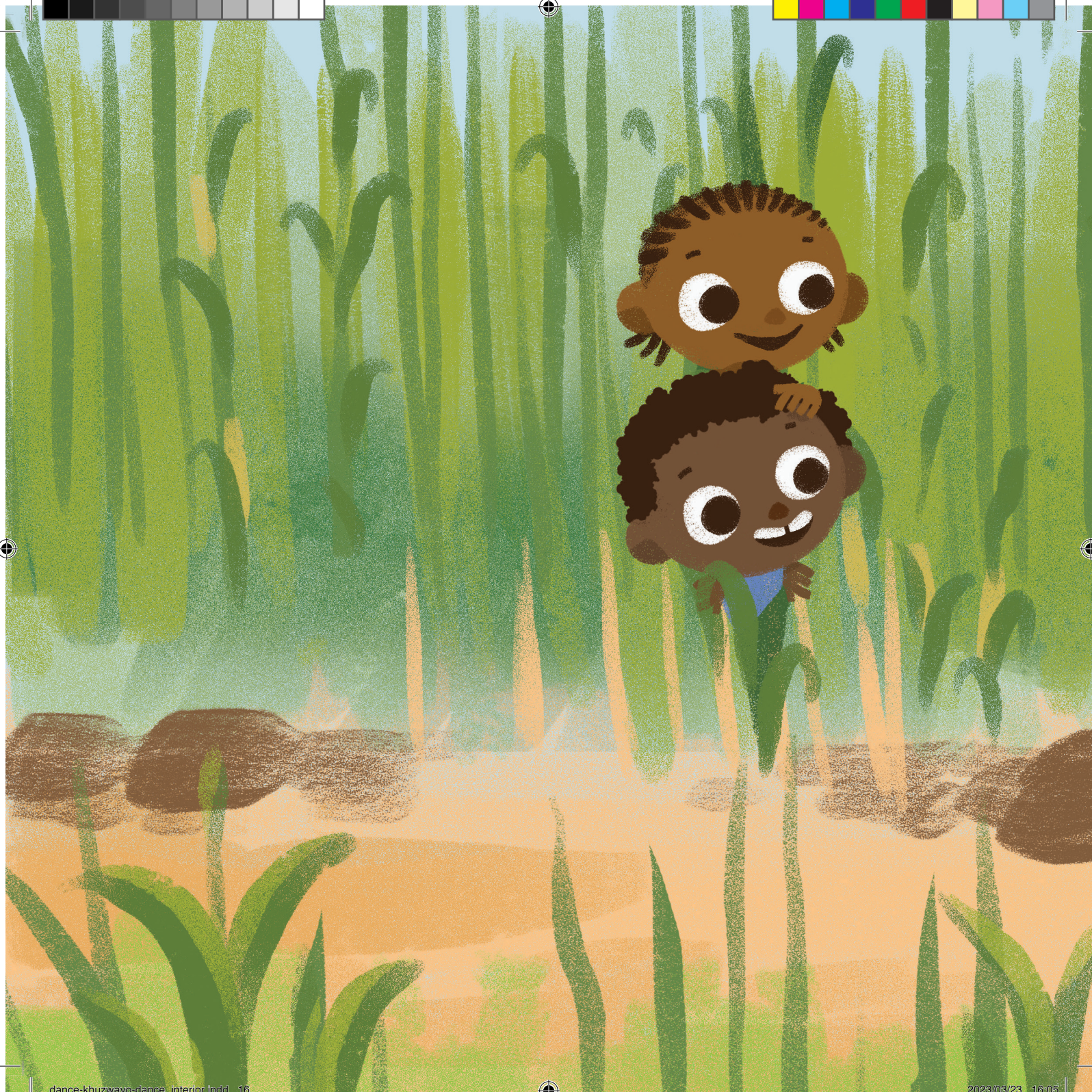


Everyone wonders where he is.  
No one can find him.

But Khuzwayo's best friends  
know exactly where he would be!















“Why did  
you run  
away?”









"I am nervous.  
What if I make  
a mistake?"







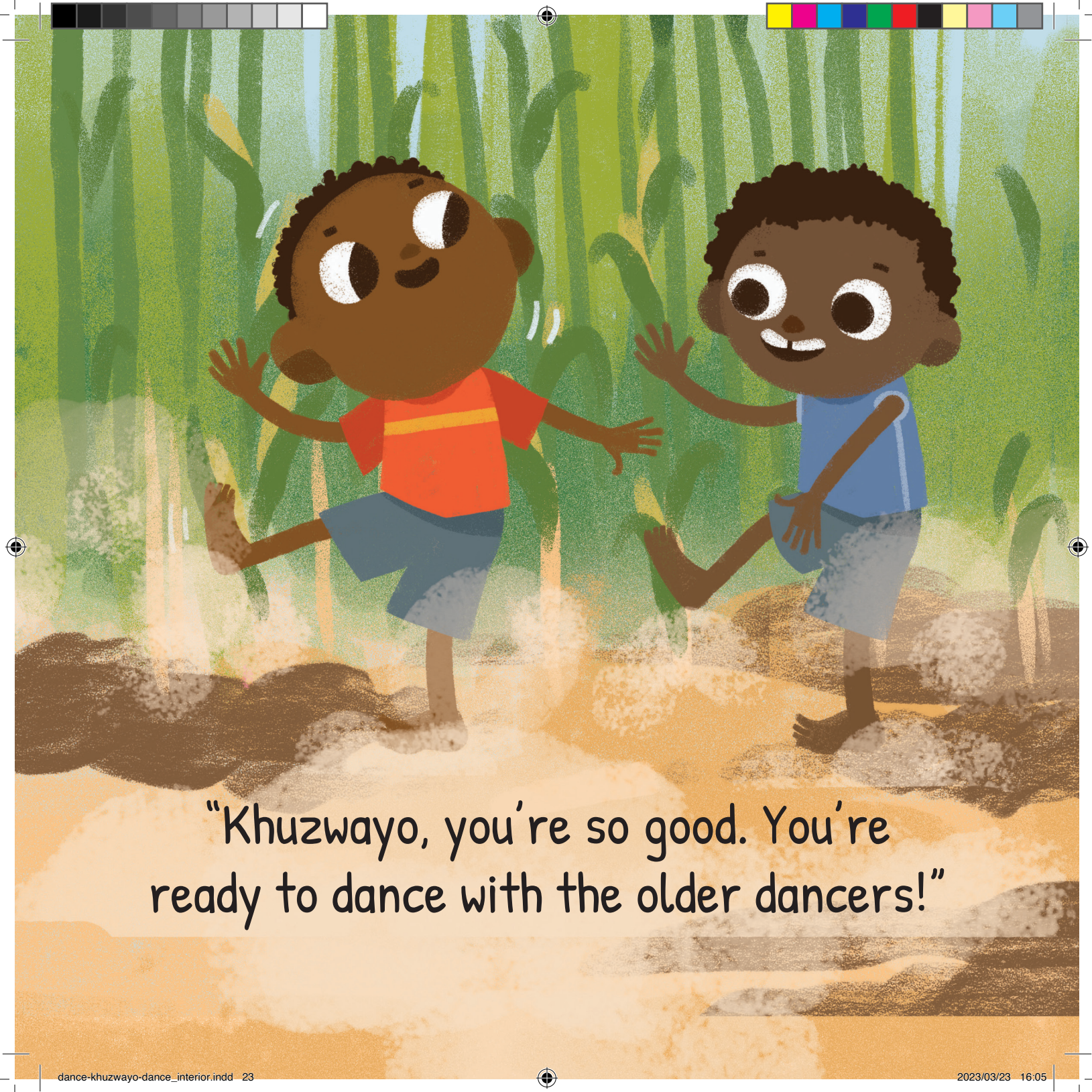




“We can help you.  
Let’s all practise together!”



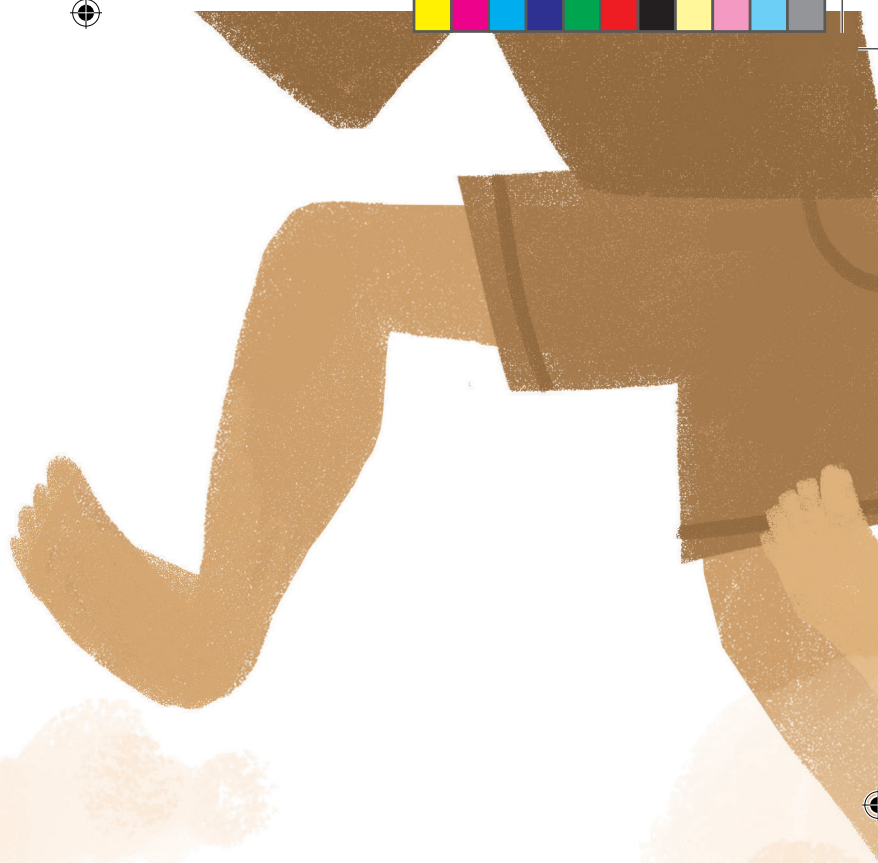




“Khuzwayo, you’re so good. You’re ready to dance with the older dancers!”







Khuzwayo  
grows more  
confident.

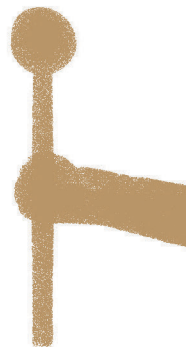






On the day of the  
Ingoma dance  
Khuzwayo leads his  
village to the arena  
wearing a special outfit.

He still feels a little  
nervous, but the  
rattles on his feet  
guide him.









He stomps his legs.

He waves his arms.

Everyone loves  
Khuzwayo's dance!





