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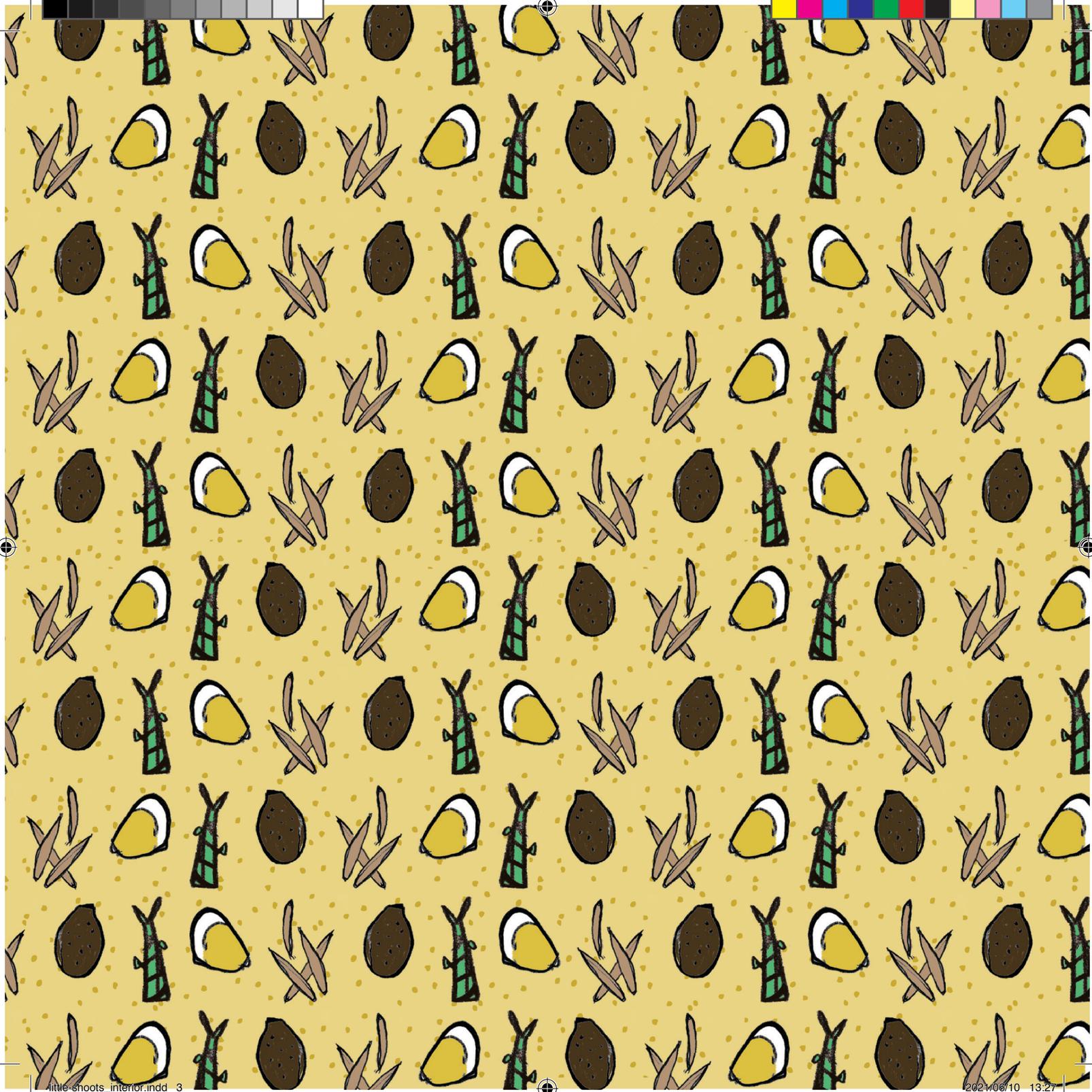
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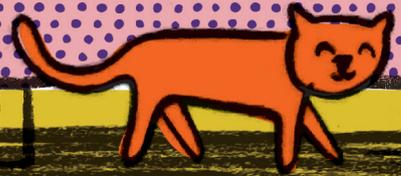
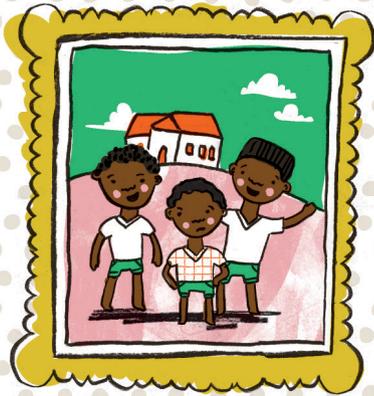
***“When will I grow?”***  
asks Layo.







**“I don’t know,”** replies Baba.  
**“Soon,”** says Mama.





***“When you are ready,”***  
says Grandma.

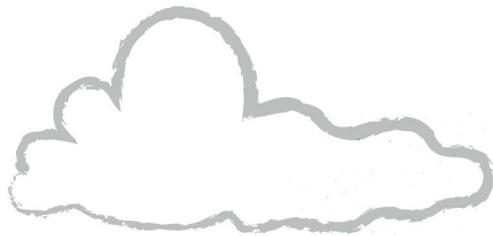






Grandma takes Layo  
to the farm.

***“Let us plant some seeds.”***





In one field they plant corn,  
and in another, melon.





**“What are these?”** asks Layo.  
**“Bamboo seeds,”** replies Grandma.









**“The corn and melon have grown well,”** says Grandma.

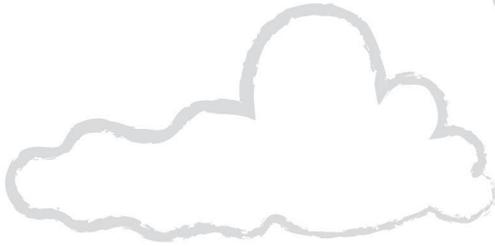
**“What about the bamboo?”**  
asks Layo.





***“They will grow when they are ready.”***

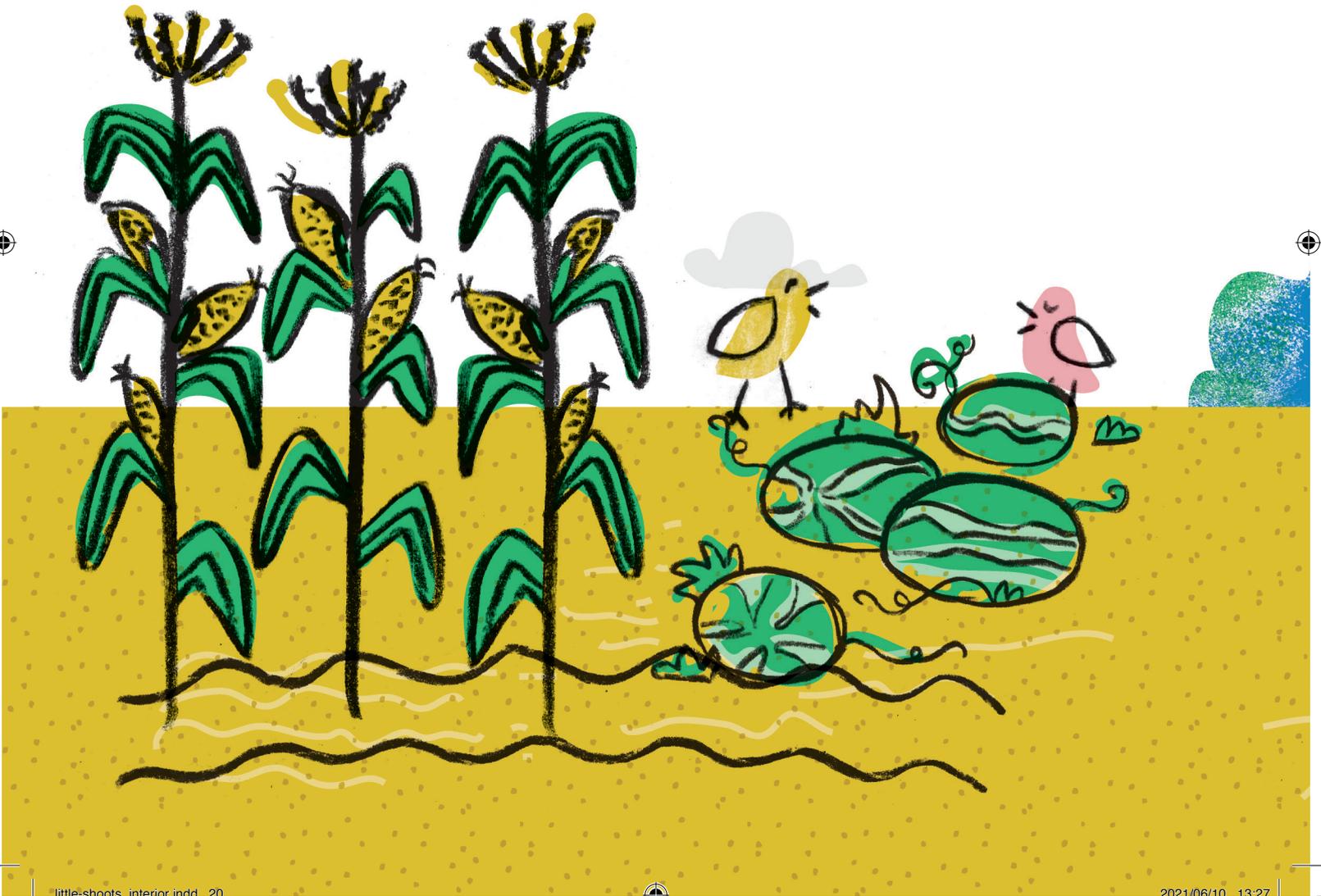








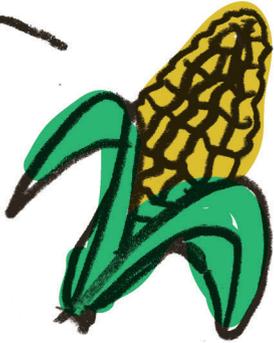
***“Everything grows in its own time,”***  
says Grandma.



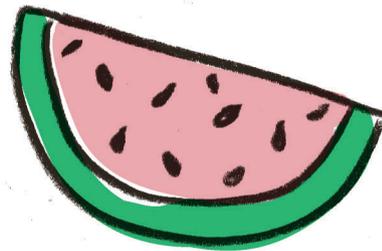








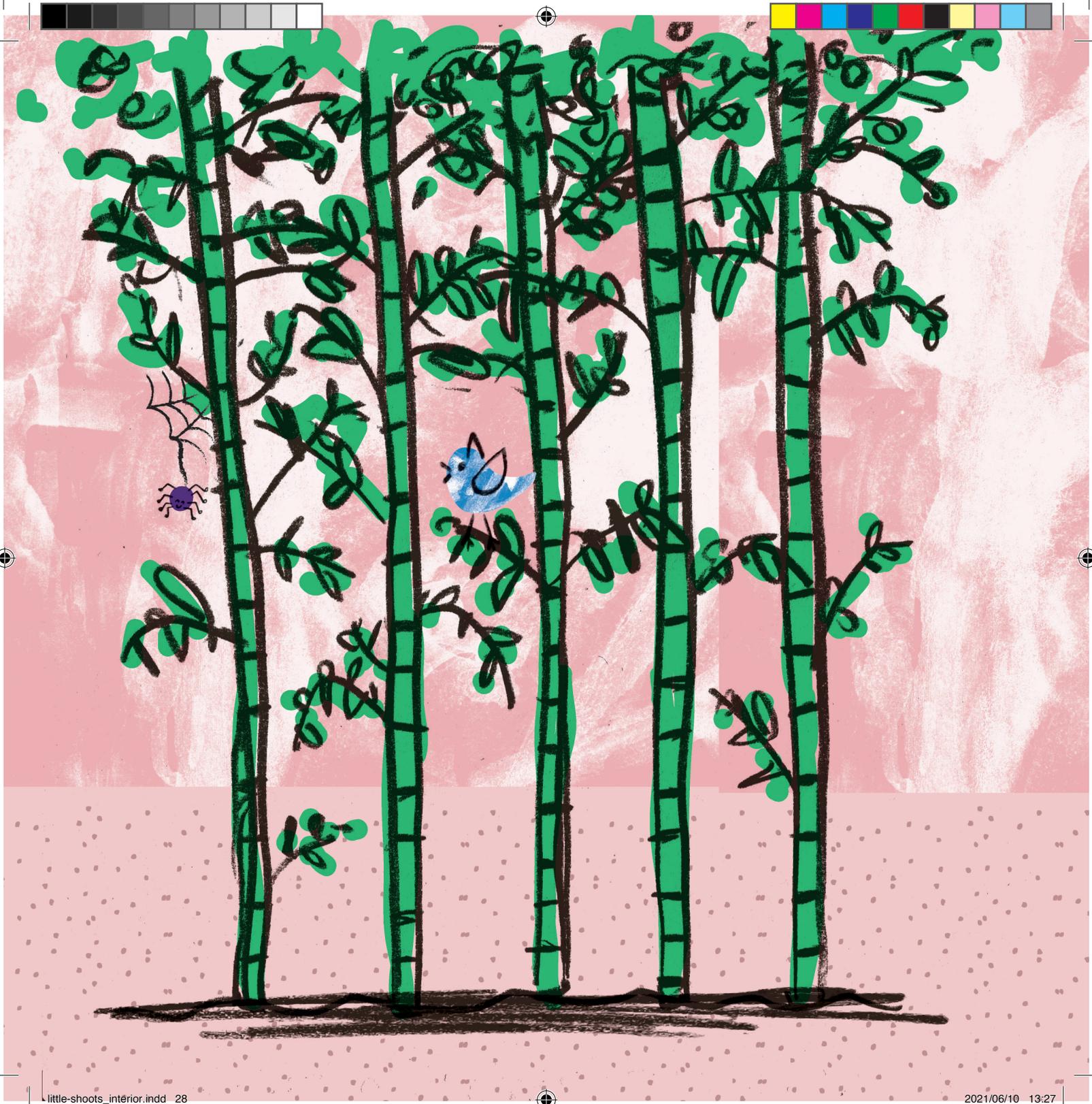
***“They have grown well,”***  
says Grandma.













***“You have grown well.”***







