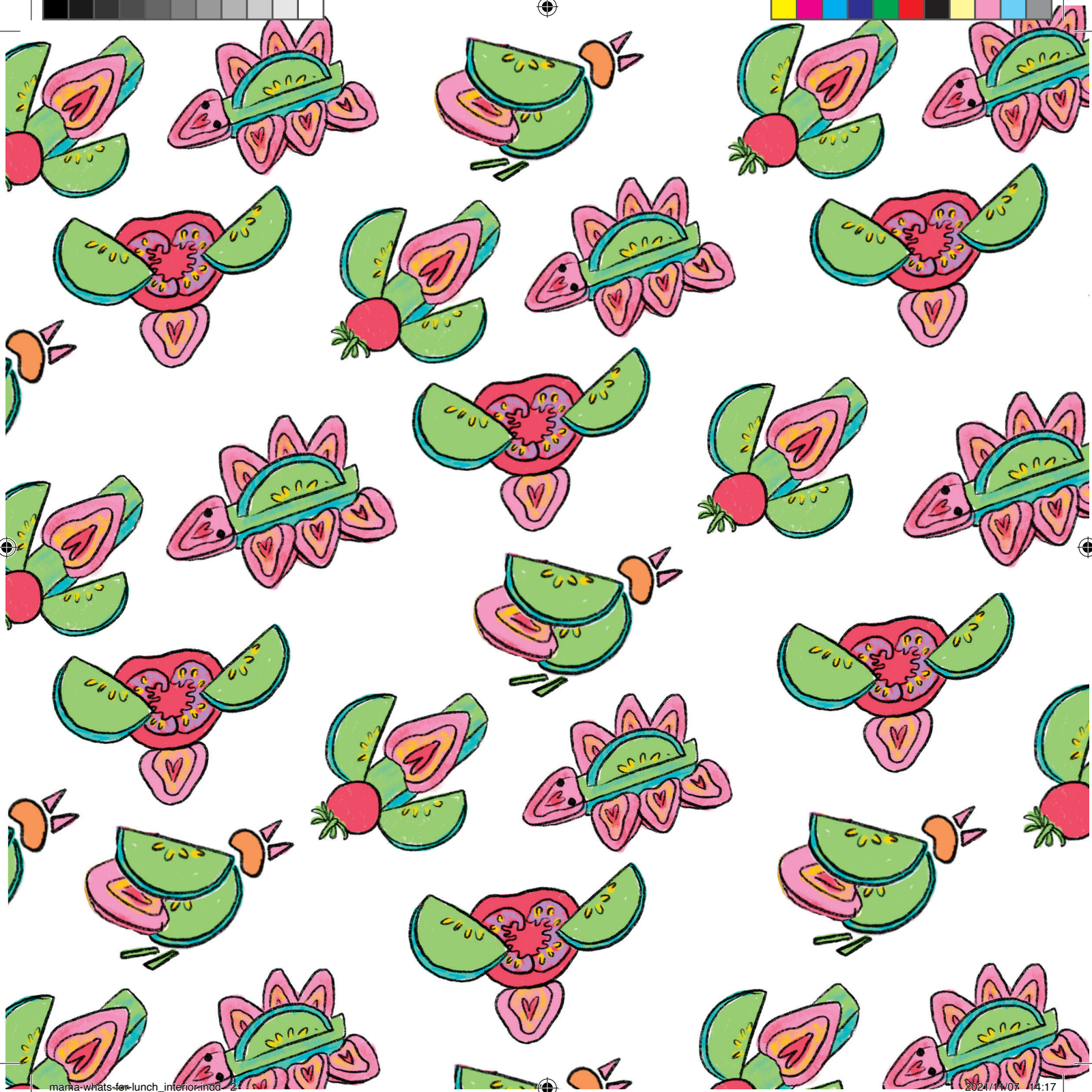


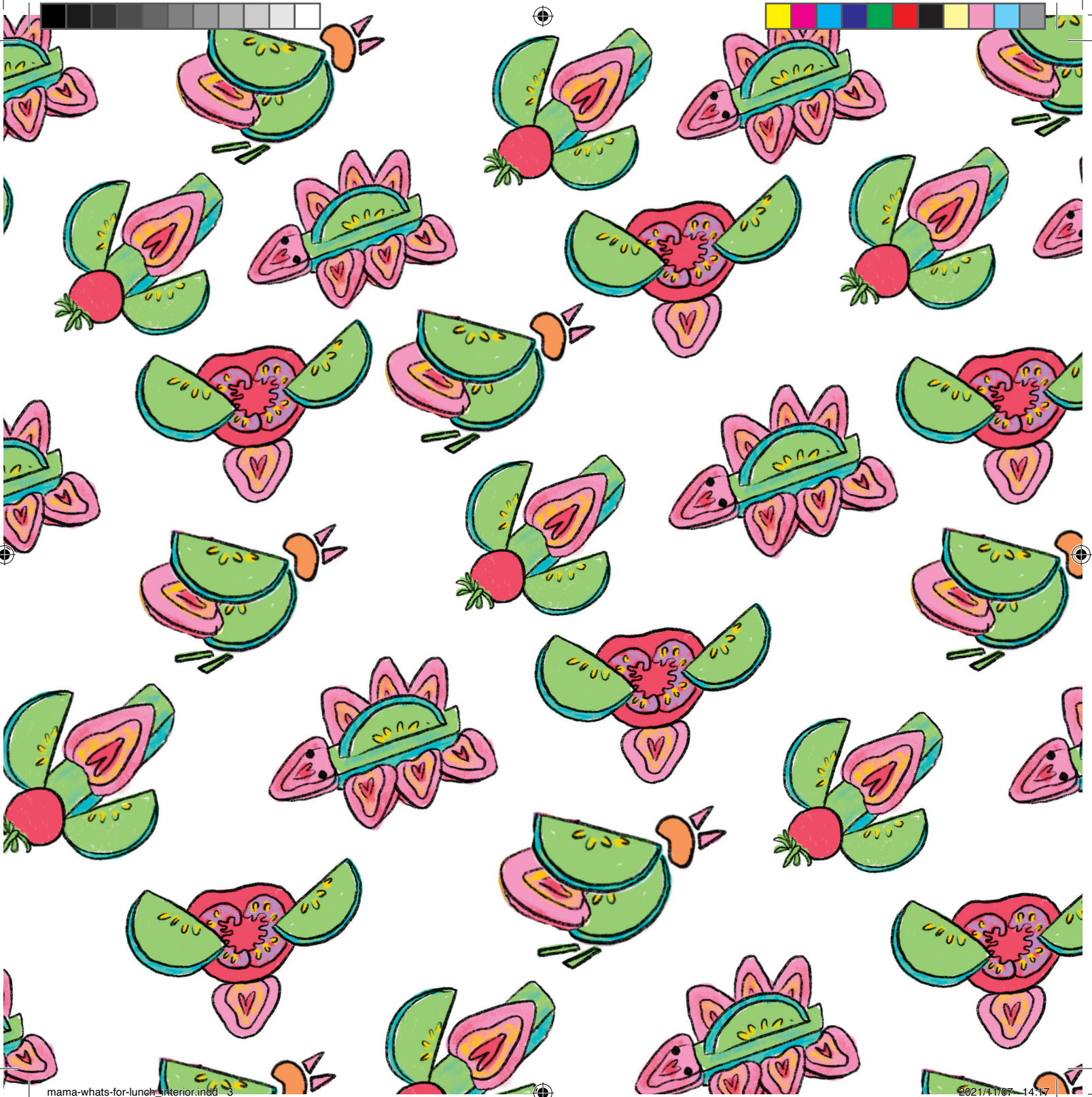


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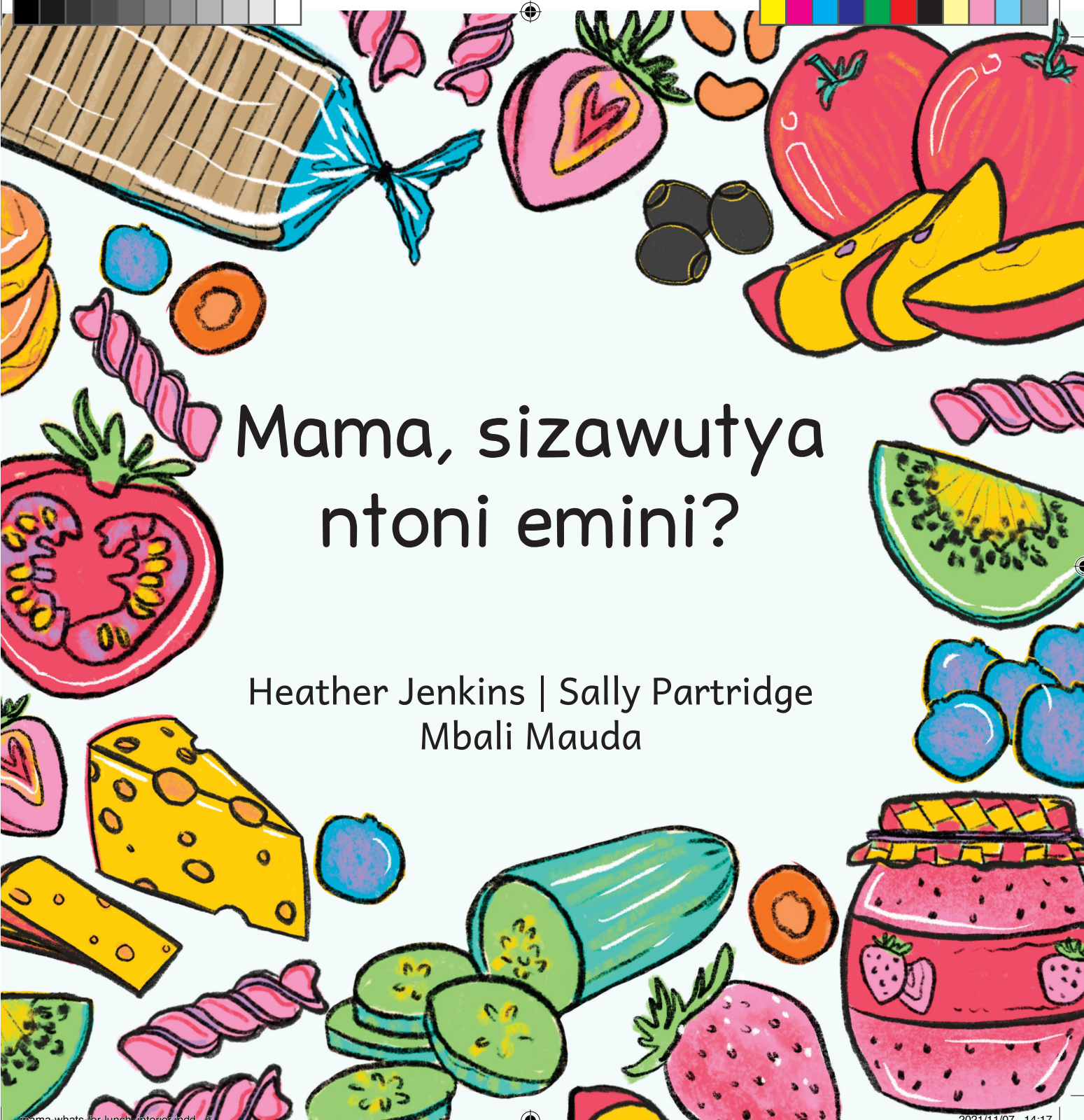
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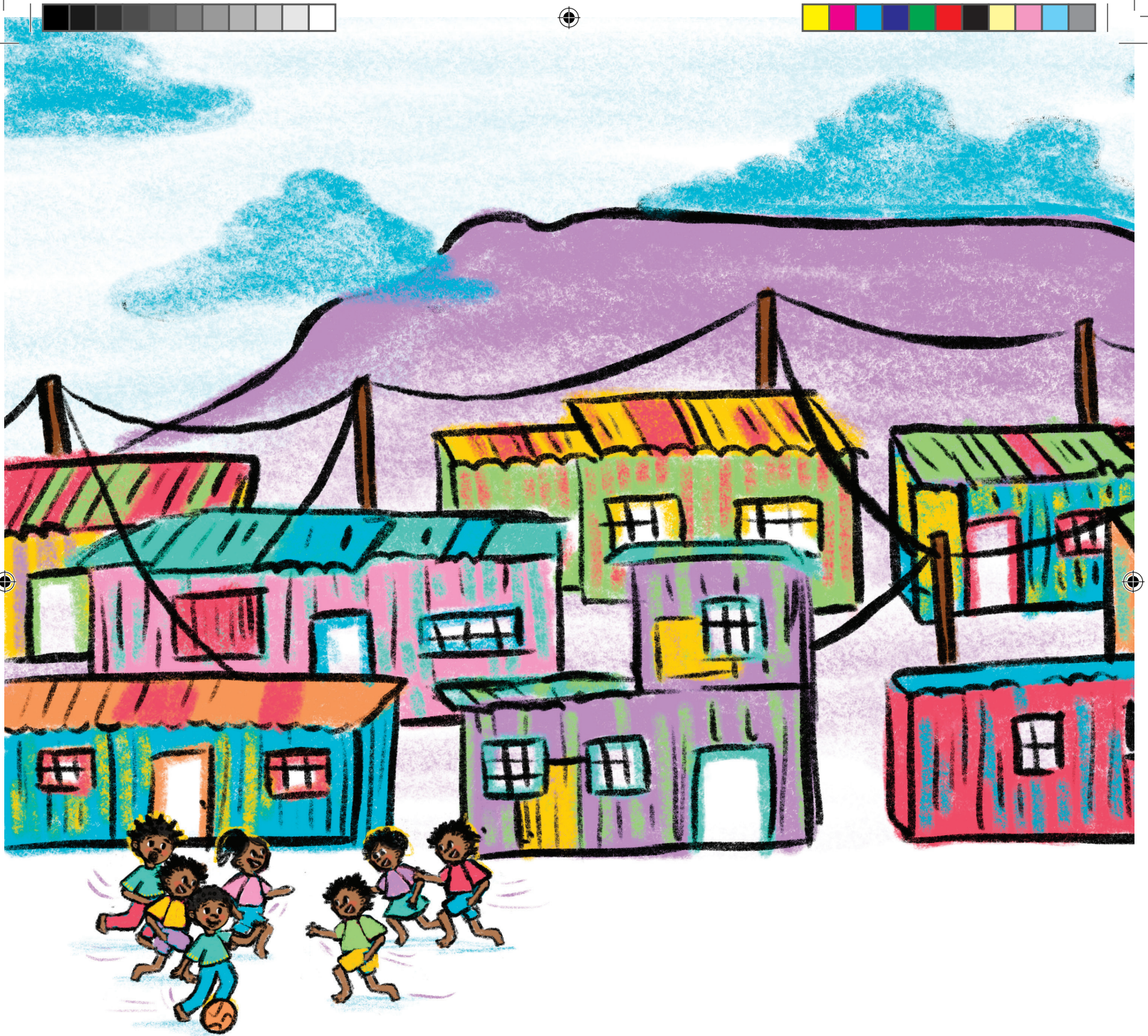
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“Thabo, khawuleza. UMama ulungisa isidlo sasemini,” uyakhwaza uTumi.



“Uyaphi, Thabo?”

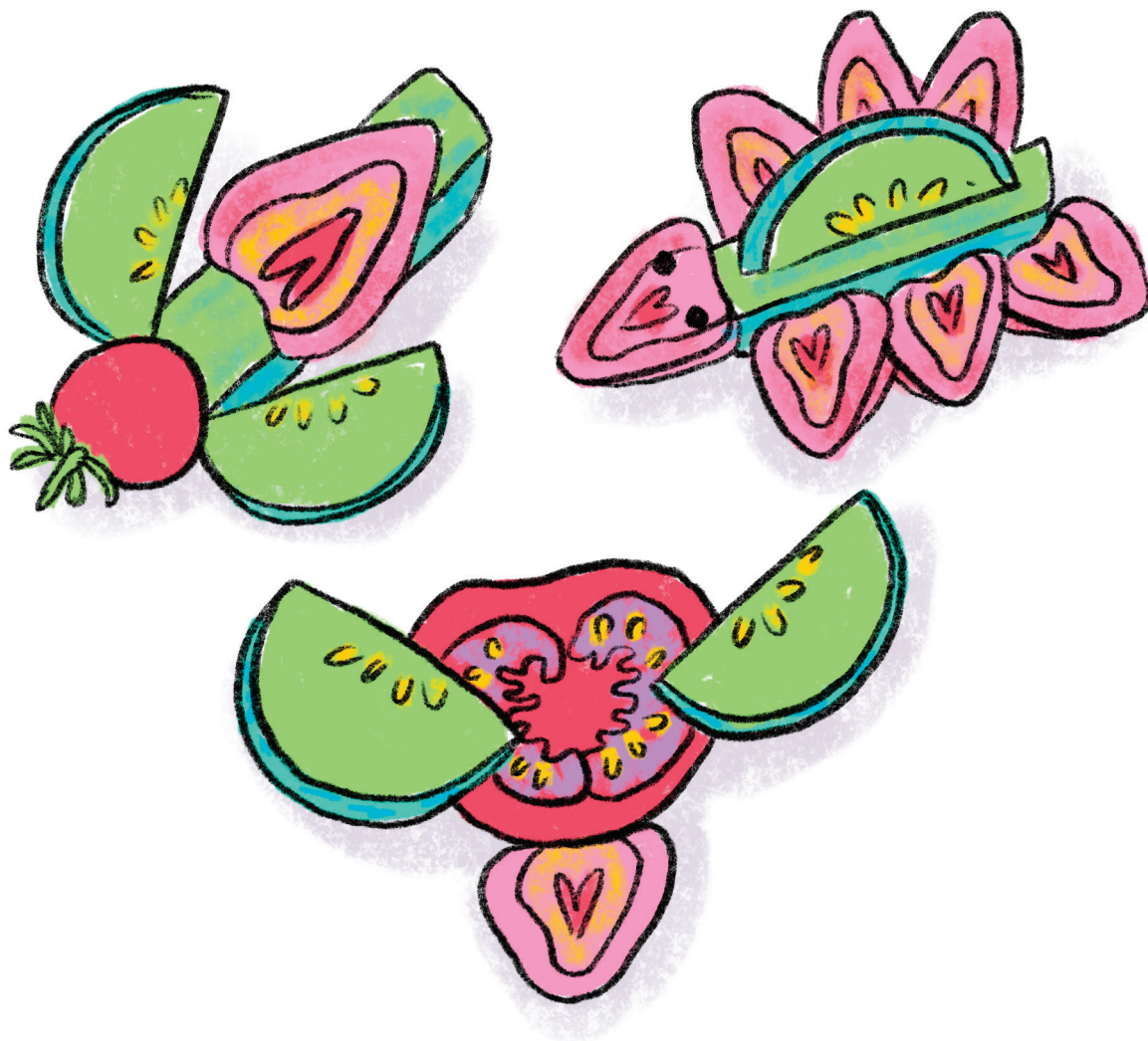




Abahlobo bakhe abaqondi ukuba kutheni
ekhetha isidlo sasemini endaweni yomdlalo,
kodwa uThabo yena unemfihlo anayo.



Izidlo zasemini zikaMama zikhethekile.

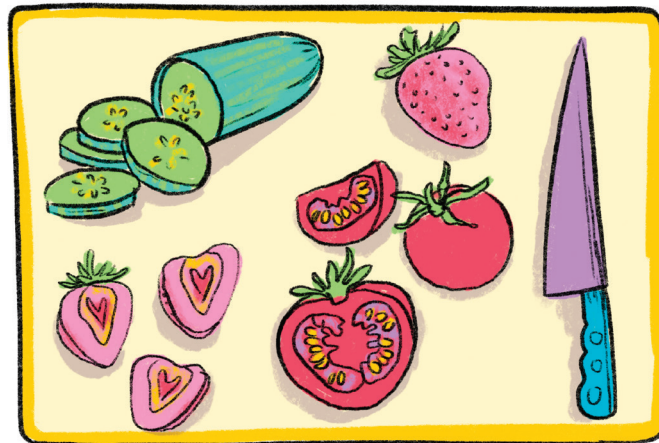




NgoMvulo, uMama ukwenza ukutya kwabo
kuba ziimilo ezingathi zizinambuzane eziza
kushukuma zirhubuluze, oko kwenze uTumi
atswine kukothuka.

“YHUUWI!”

Kodwa ziziqhamo nemifuno evuzisa amathe,
kwaye azoyikisi tu.



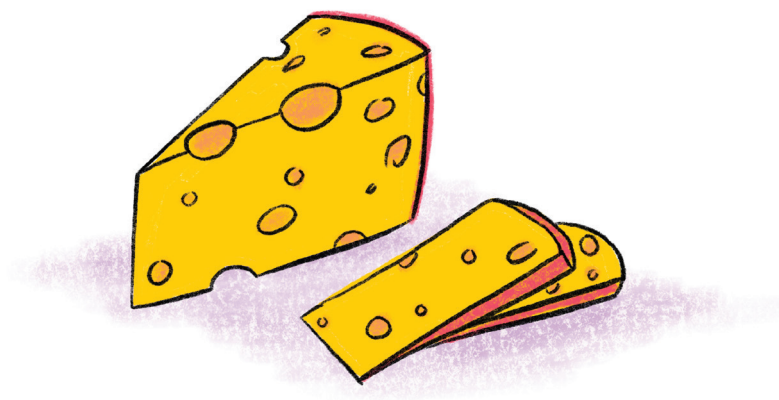


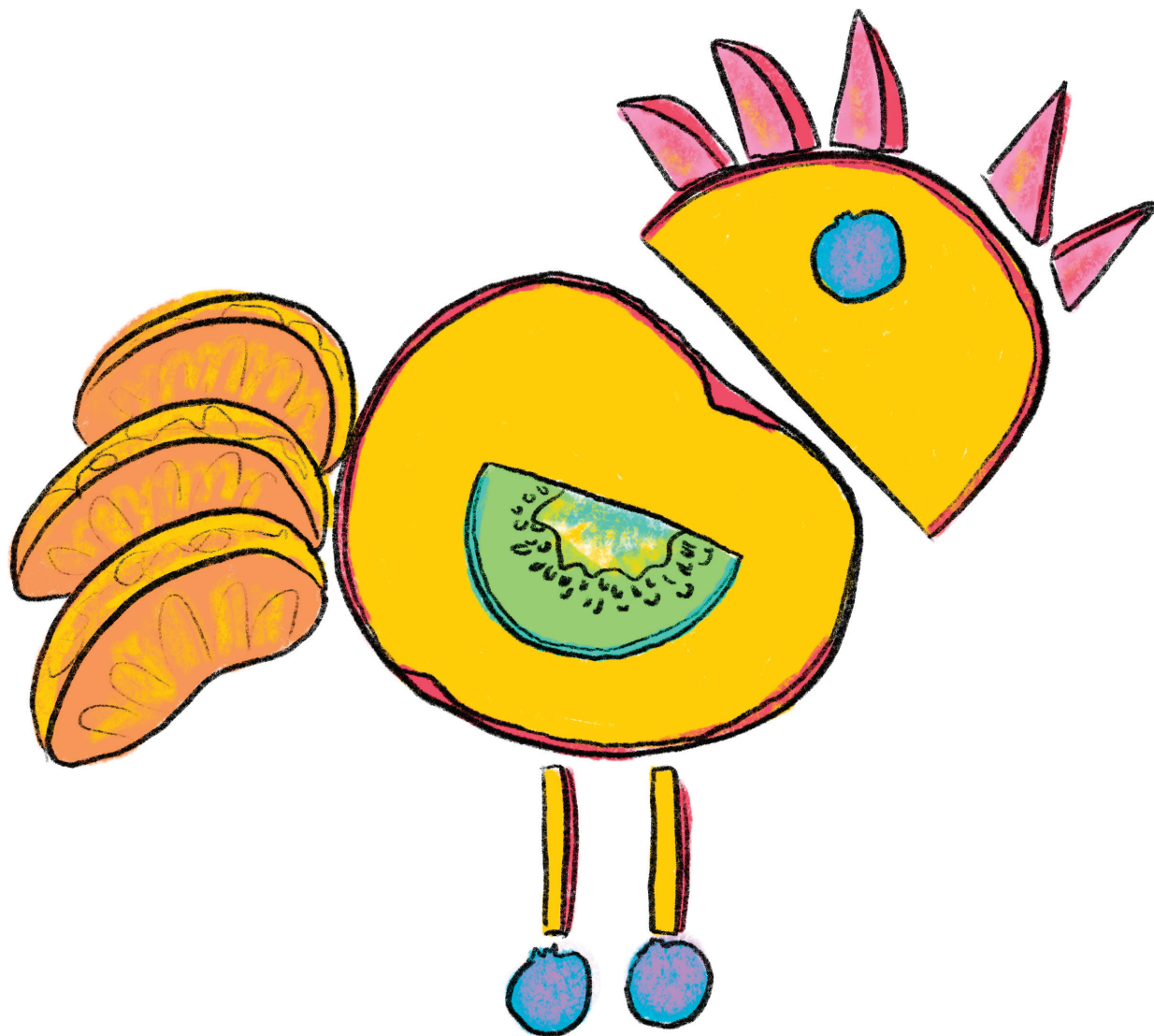


NgoLwesibini, wenza ingonyama egquma kakhulu de kushukume nendlu.

“GRAAAM!”

Kodwa le yipasta nje enetshizi kwaye imnandi.



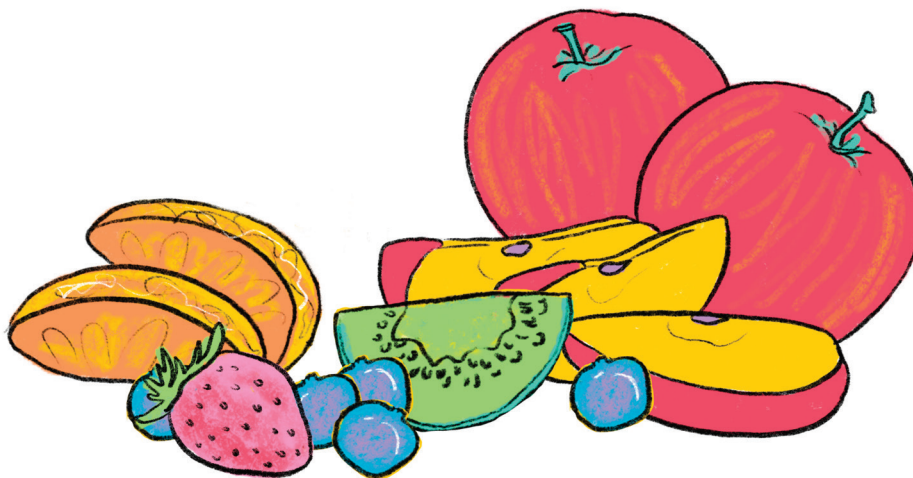


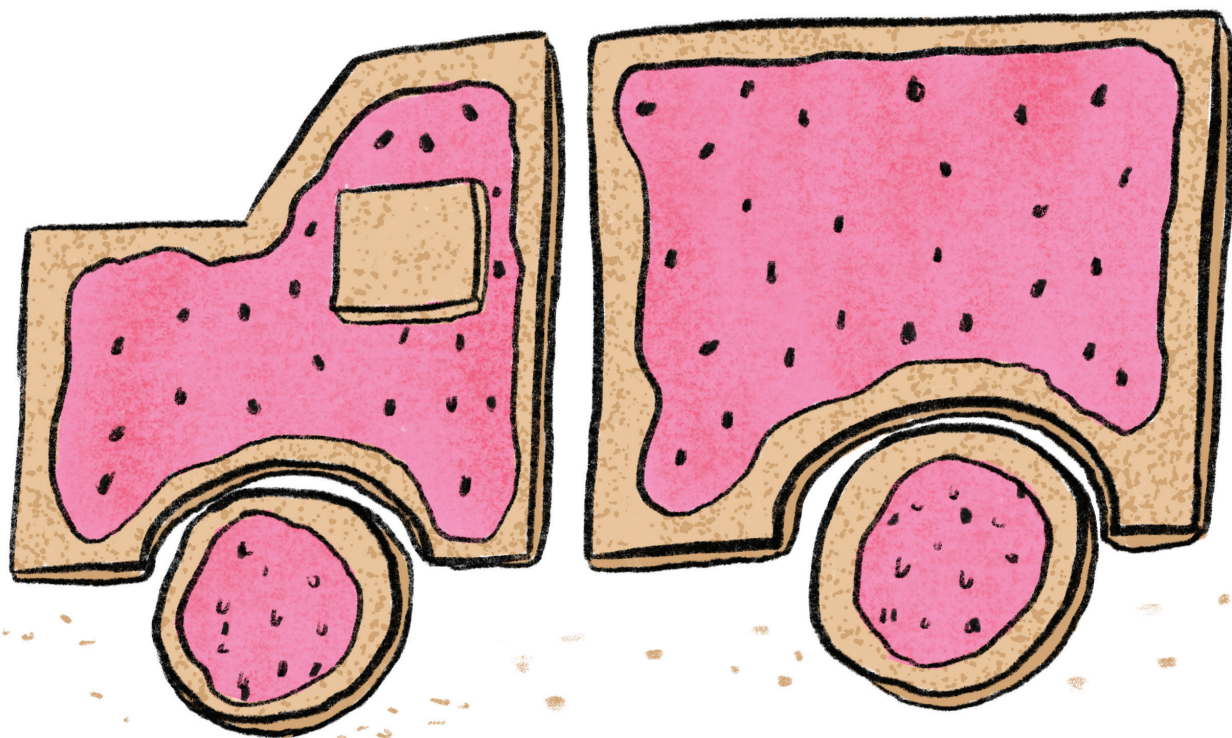


NgoLwesithathu, uMama ubumba inkukhu etsho kuvuke sonke eso sitalato.

“KUKURUKUUUGU!”

Kodwa le yipleyiti nje yeziqhamo enencindi.





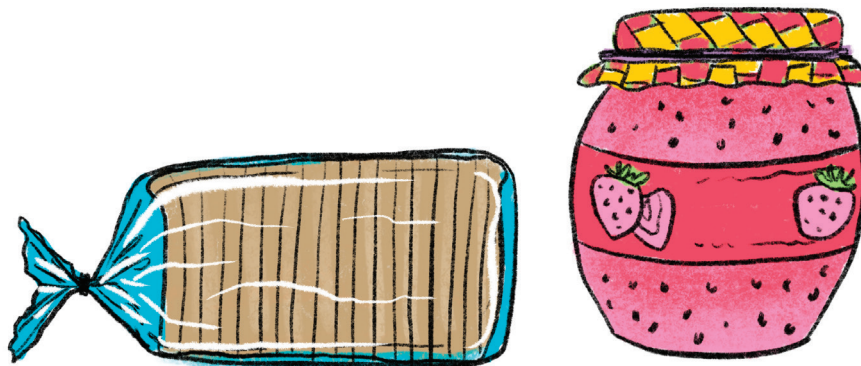


NgoLwesine, wakha itrakhi engxolayo.

UThabo noTumi bavala iindlebe zabo.

“VUUUUM!”

Kodwa le yisendwitshi yejem yamaqunube.







NgoLwesihlanu, uMama wenza igadi entle
egcwele ziintyatyambo, iintaka noobhantom.

“TSWII TSWII”

Kodwa le yipapa enesondlo, iimbotyi kunye
nesaladi ekramkram.







“Mama, siyintoni isidlo sasemini?” uyabuza uTumi.

“Ewe, Mama,” atsho uThabo. “Wenza ntoni namhlanje?”







UThabo noTumi abasakwazi kulinda
nomzuzwana lo.

Izisu zabo ziyangxola.
Ekugqibeleni, uMama ugqibile.

“Siyintoni Mama?” abuze uThabo, ekhotha
umlomo.





NguThabo, uTumi noMama!

“Mmmm, yintandokazi yethu, isityu nerayisi yakho ebalaseleyo.”

“Enkosi, Mama!”







UMama uzakwenza ntoni ngeCawa?



