

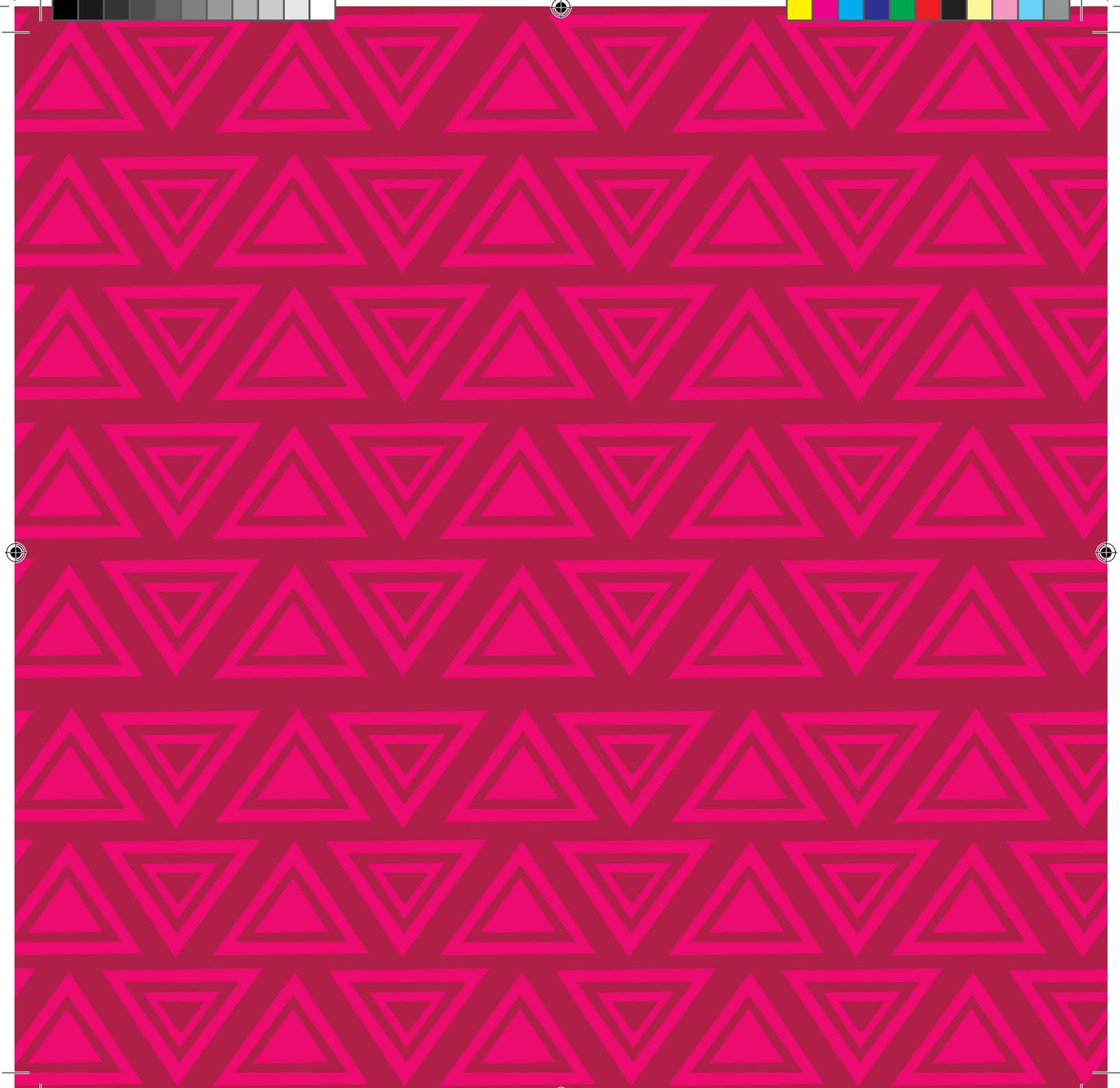


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Kadzeni, edolobheni lelikhulu
iJohannesburg, kwatalwa
umntfwana wentfombatana.
Loyo mntfwana loyo bekungimi.
Make wami wangetsa ligama
watsi nginguMiriam.
Miriam Makeba.







Make wami bekasangoma,
kepha futsi bekasebenta agcina
emakhaya alabanye bantfu
ahlobile futsi agcineke kahle.
Bekulukhuni kumake wami kutsi
ahole imali lesenele sobabili.
Wabese-ke ucala kutsengisa
umcombotsi kute kutsi
atfole imali lenyenti.







Imitsetfo yelive beyitsi kutsengisa
umcombotsi akusikahle.

Emaphoyisa abopha avalela make
wami ejele tinyanga letisitfupha.
Benginemalanga la-18 budzala,
futsi ngimdzinga make wami.

Ngako-ke nanoma-nje
bengiluswane, nami ngaya ejele.







Ngiseseyintfombatana lencane
bengikutsandza kuhlabela.

Ngatsi nasengimdzadlana, bengisita
make wami kuhlanta tindlu. Kuhlabela
tingoma nangisebenta bekwenta
kutsi ngiwucedze masinyane
umsebenti wami kantsi futsi
nemalanga bekabukeka achakatile.
Kuhlabela bekungenta ngijabule
ngendlela lengingeke ngiyichaze.







Bengihlabela esontfweni lakitsi, futsi
loku bekujabulisa nalabanye. Umculo
unemandla ekuhlanganisa bantfu
ndzawonye. Nasihlabela besitiva
sinesibindzi futsi sinemandla.







Bantfu bebatsi liphimbo lami lisipho
kantsi futsi tingoma tami betikhhetsekile.

Bengihlabela nalabaye
bahlabeleli futsi umculo wetfu
walalelwa emhlabeni wonkhe.







Ekhaya kitsi bekunguse Sophiatown,
indzawo yemasiko nemculo.
ISophiatown, bekuyindzawo lapho
khona bantfu baseNingizimu
Afrika bebenta umculo ngekuvana
baphindze futsi badanse ndzawonye.
Kepha bantfu labebabusa lelive
ngaleso sikhatsi bebangakutsandzi
lokuhlangana kwetfu.
Labaholi bebangafuni kutsi bantfu
labamnyama nalabamhlophe
babe bangani.







Bengati kutsi akusiyo intfo lenhle
kuphatsa bantfu ngekwehlukana
ngenca yembala wesikhumba sabo.
Angitange ngikufihle lebengikholelwa
kuko, futsi labo bantfu bebaphetse
ngaleso sikhatsi bebangifuna
ngiphumile kulelive. Ngesikhatsi
ngihlabela eMelika ngatjelwa kutsi
angeke ngiphindze ngibuye ekhaya.







Bantfu emhlabeni jikelele
bayiva indzaba yami.

Tingoma netindzaba tami tasita
bantfu labanengi babona kutsi
bekute kanjani bucotfo eNingizimu
Afrika kulabo labanesikhumba
lesimnyama. Ngencuma kuchubeka
nekuhlabela futsi ngikhulume liciniso
ngelive lami, nanoma kwentekani.







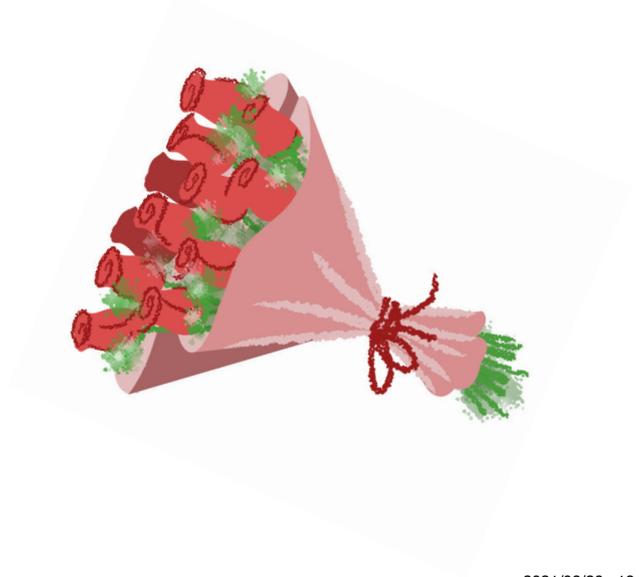
Umhlaba wawutsandza umculo wami
futsi ngemukelwa emaveni lamanyenti.
Ngatfola tindondo ngaphindze futsi
ngahlabelela bantfu lababalulekile
emhlabeni wonkhe jikelele. Imphilo yami
beyikahle, kepha kukhona lebekushoda.
Bengingakhoni kuhlabela eveni lakitsi,
futsi bantfu lapho bebangakakhululeki.







Kwabese kufika lilanga lelihle kakhulu
ngesikhatsi Nelson Mandela aba
ngumengameli waseNingizimu Afrika.
Besekubusa bantfu labasha futsi
lemitsetfo lete bucotfo yaba yintfo
yesikhatsi lesendlulile. Ekugcineni
ngabuyela ekhaya nginelitsemba
lelisha enhlityweni yami.







Ngemuva kwaloko besengihlabela
eveni lelikhululekile futsi lelinebucotfo.

Bantfu betikhumba temibala
leyehlukene besebajabulela umculo
ndzawonye. Ngasita kwenta loku
kwenteke ngoba benginesibindzi futsi
nginemandla. Bengihlabela liciniso
kuto tonkhe tingoma tami.

