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UThembi noThulani bayathanda ukuya
epakini noTamkhul' uNathi.

Bayamthanda uTamkhul' uNathi.









Kodwa uTamkhulu' uNathi uyagula
usesibhedlele. Amehlo akhe avaleke mbhaa!

Umatshini osecaleni kukaTamkhul' uNathi
umane usithi pipipip, pipipip, pipipip.

“Mama, kutheni engaculi nam nje uTamkhul'
uNathi?” uyabuza uThembi.

UMama uthi, “UTamkhul' uNathi uyakuva.
Ucula nawe entliziweni yakhe.”





Balindile ekhaya ngasefestileni
uThembi noThulani.

Lide eli xesha uMama noTata besesibhedlele.

Aze uThembi ababone uMama noTata
besiza ngakwindawo yokupaka imoto.

“Babuyile!”









UMama no Tata banxunguphele kakhulu.
“Kwenzekeni?” uyabuza uThembi.

Isisu sakhe siyaxuxuzela.

Ilizwi likaMama litsholo ezantsi.

“UTamkhul’ uNathi ebemdala
kwaye egula. Oogqirha abakwazanga
ukumenza abengcono.”

Amehlo akhe awangazele ziinyembezi,
“Asisayi kuphinda simbone kwakhona
uTamkhul’ uNathi.”





UThulani uhleli phandle phantsi komthi
obuthandwa kakhulu nguTamkhul' uNathi.

Akanamdla wakudlala noThembi. Unqwenela
ukuba uTamkhul' uNathi ebengamfundela ibali.









UThembi unomsindo aze alahlele unodoli
wakhe pha kude.

“Uwelekele ntoni kodwa uTamkhul’ uNathi!”
UMama amtsale uThembi amsondeze kuye.

“Kulungile ukuba nomsindo,” utsho uMama.
“Nam ndiyamkhumbula uTamkhul’ uNathi.”

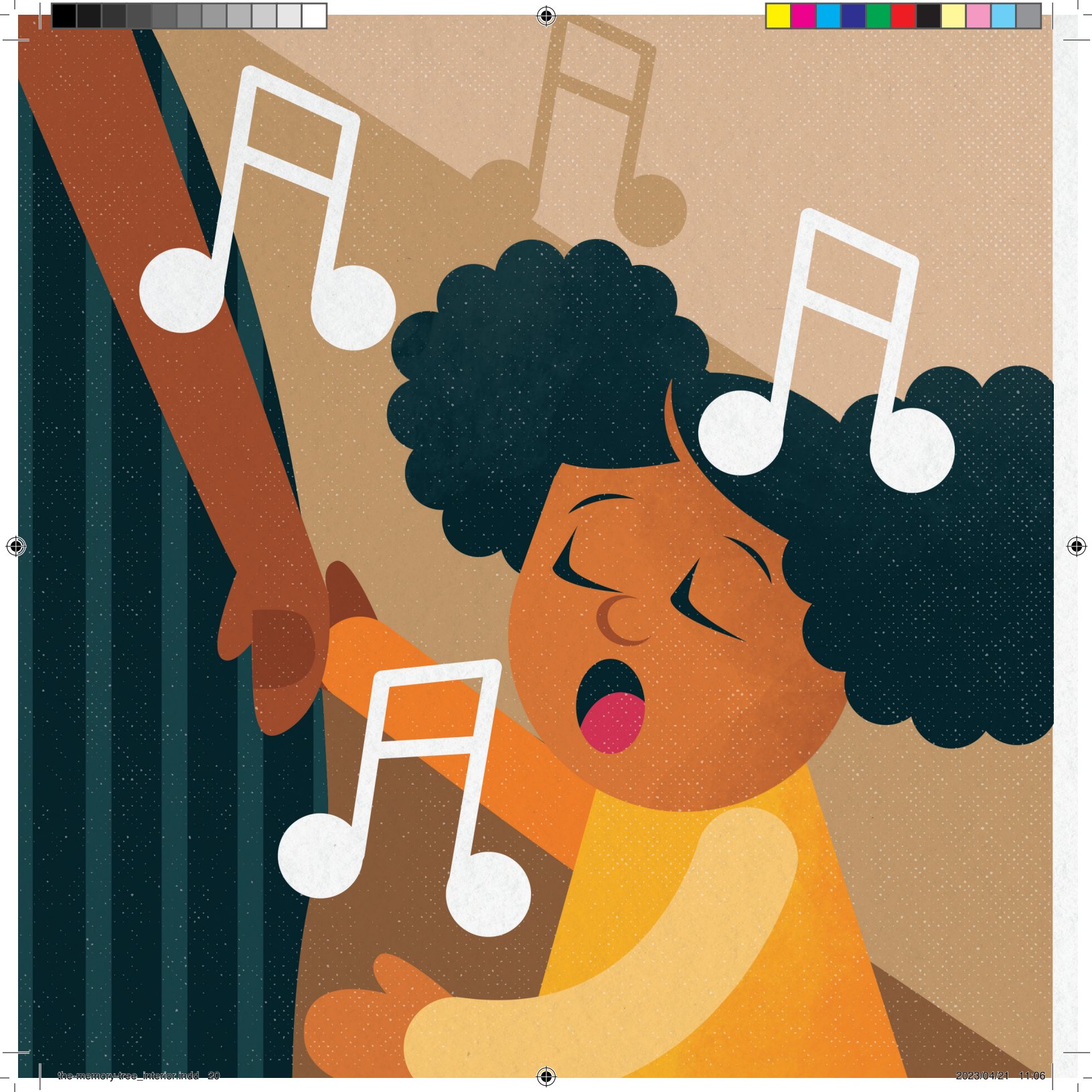


Namhlanje uMama, uTata, uThulani
noThembi banxibe iimpahla zabo
zikanokutsho balungele ukuya ecaweni
kumngcwabo kaTamkhul' uNathi.

Bonke abantu bazele ukuzokhumbula
uTamkhul' uNathi.









UMama ubamba isandla sikaThembi
njengokuba becula iingoma ebezithandwa
nguTamkhul' uNathi.

Bonke abantu bayacula baze badanise
nokudanisa.





UThembi akakwazi kulala. Ukhwaza uMama.

“Mama, ndiyamkhumbula uTamkhulu.
Intliziyo yam ibuhlungu!”









UThembi noThulani batya isidlo
sakusasa ngethuba kungena uTata ephethe
umthi omkhulu, omkhulu kakhulu
owenziwe ngekhadibhodi.

“Lo ngumthi weenkumbulo,” utsho uTata.
Uncamathisela lo mthi wekhadibhodi edongeni.

UMama uphethe ibhokisi eneefoto. “Thathani
ezona foto nizithandayo zikaTamkhul’ uNathi
nize nizincamathisele emthini.”





Bekunye ke bancamathisela iifoto zikaTamkhul’
uNathi emthini. Bakhumbula amaxesha
amnandi ababenawo noTamkhulu.

UThembi uqhwaba izandla
ngokuvuyo. “Lo ngumthi wam omtsha
endiwuthanda kunene!”









Ancume uTata. “Nanini na ngoku xa sifuna
ukukhumbula uTamkhul’ uNathi, singeza
kulo mthi wethu weenkumbulo.”

“Asisoze simlibale uTamkhul’ uNathi.
Uyakuhlala ehleli ezintliziweni zethu.”



