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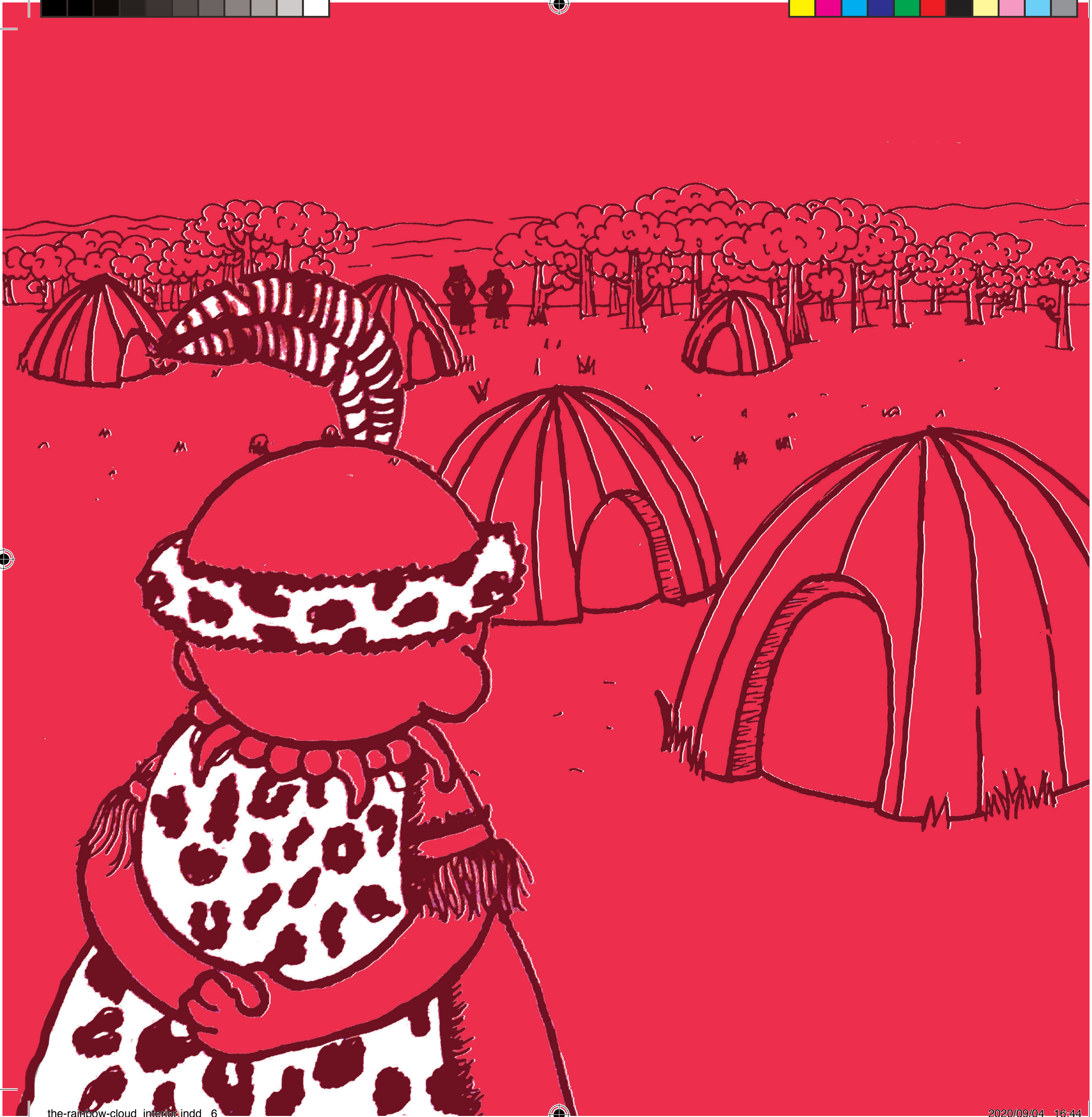

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Kudala-dala kumhlaba wamaZulu, ukumkani uJama kaNdaba wayenamandla kakhulu, enobulumko, elungile yaye enobubele.

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Kodwa wayengenabantwana yaye waye ekhathazekile ukuba wayengazi kuba nandlalifa.

Wathandaza wenza iminikelo kwizithixo kodwa zange kwenzeke nto.

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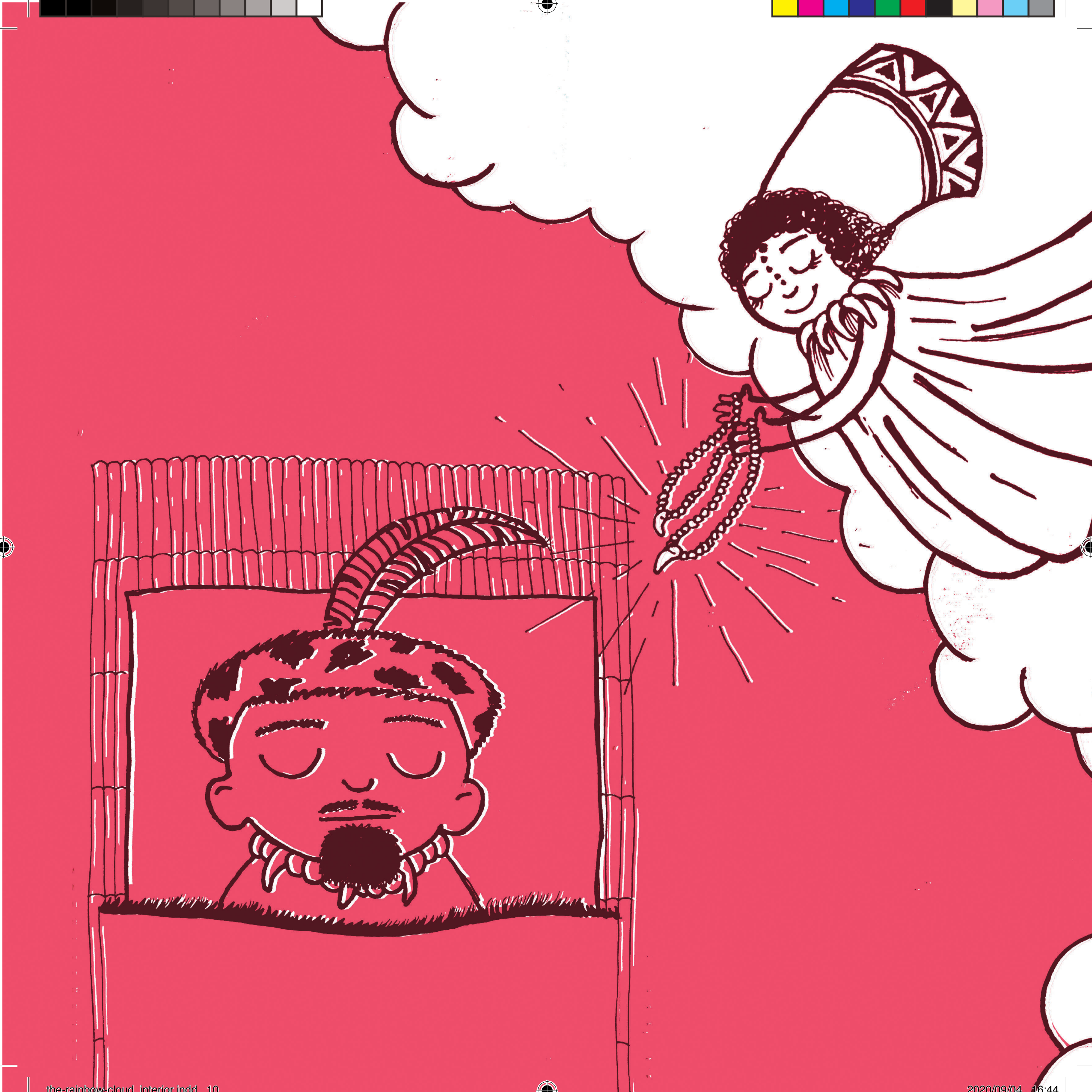

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Ngobunye ubusuku, xa yayisalele ikumkani, kwafika igqirha ephupheni.

“Izithixo zisivile isicelo sakho yaye ikumkanikazi iza kufumana amawele. Elinye liya kuphatha isizwe samaZulu yaye elinye liya kuba nemilingo,” latsho igqirha.

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Azalwa amawele uMkabayi noMmama kodwa ikumkanikazi yakhalela uMkabayi kuba umthetho wawusithi iwele elizelwe kuqala kufanele linikelwe kwizithixo.

Inkosi ngokubona usizi lwekumkanikazi, yathi, “Ukususela namhlanje, xa amawele ezelwe, bobabini abantwana baya kuphila.”

Abantu babhiyoza kodwa asingabo bonke ababonwabele umthetho omtsha wekumkani.

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Amantombazana amancinci akhula kakuhle. Ngenye imini uMkabayi walwa ngeentonga wayoyisa inkwenkwe eyayixhaphaza abanye abantwana.

“Hamba umke, ntombazanandini eqalekisiweyo!” yatsho inkwenkwe.

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“Buya, Mkabayi!”

UMkabayi wakhala waza wabaleka wayokungena ehlathini apho kwakuhlala iziporho ezoyikekayo uHornhead noLongtom.

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UMmama wema ethe cwaka waza wawavala amehlo akhe.

Umanyano lomlingo oluphakathi kwamawele lwakhokelela uMmama kudadewabo.

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"Akukho mntu ufuna ukudlala nam, ndiqalekisiwe!" wakhala uMkabayi.

"Ndifuna ukudlala nawe," watsho uMmama.

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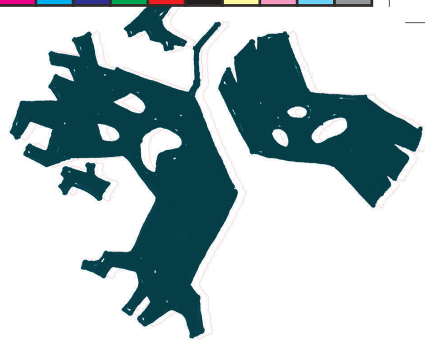
"Siza kuba nesidlo esimnandi sangokuhlwa namhlanje Longtom," watsho uHornhead.

UMkabayi wachola intonga.

"Awuna kukwazi ukubulala iziporho ngentonga!" Wahleka uLongtom.



“Kunjani ngesi?” watsho uMmama, ephakamisa isandla sakhe.

Iindudumo zagqekreza waza umbane wabetha iziporho, ngexesha ilifu lomnyama likhusela amantombazana.

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"Ukwenze kanjani oko?" wabuza uMkabayi.

"Ngolwaa hlobo ububethe ngalo laa nkwenkwe!" watsho uMmama.

Amantombazana agoduka onwabile, esazi ukuba nantoni na eyayinokwenzeka ayenokukhuselana.

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