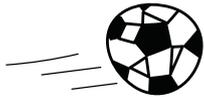
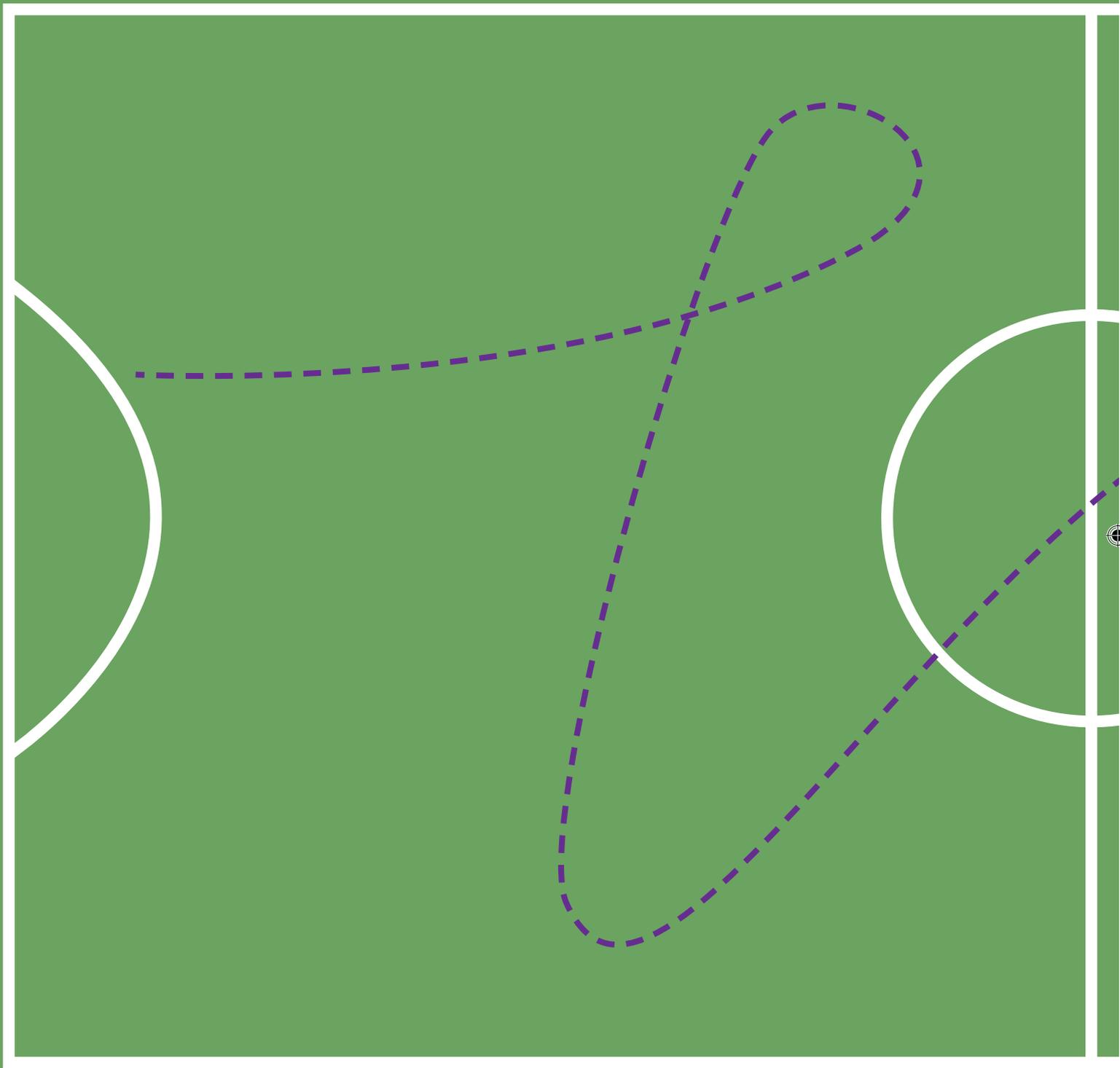


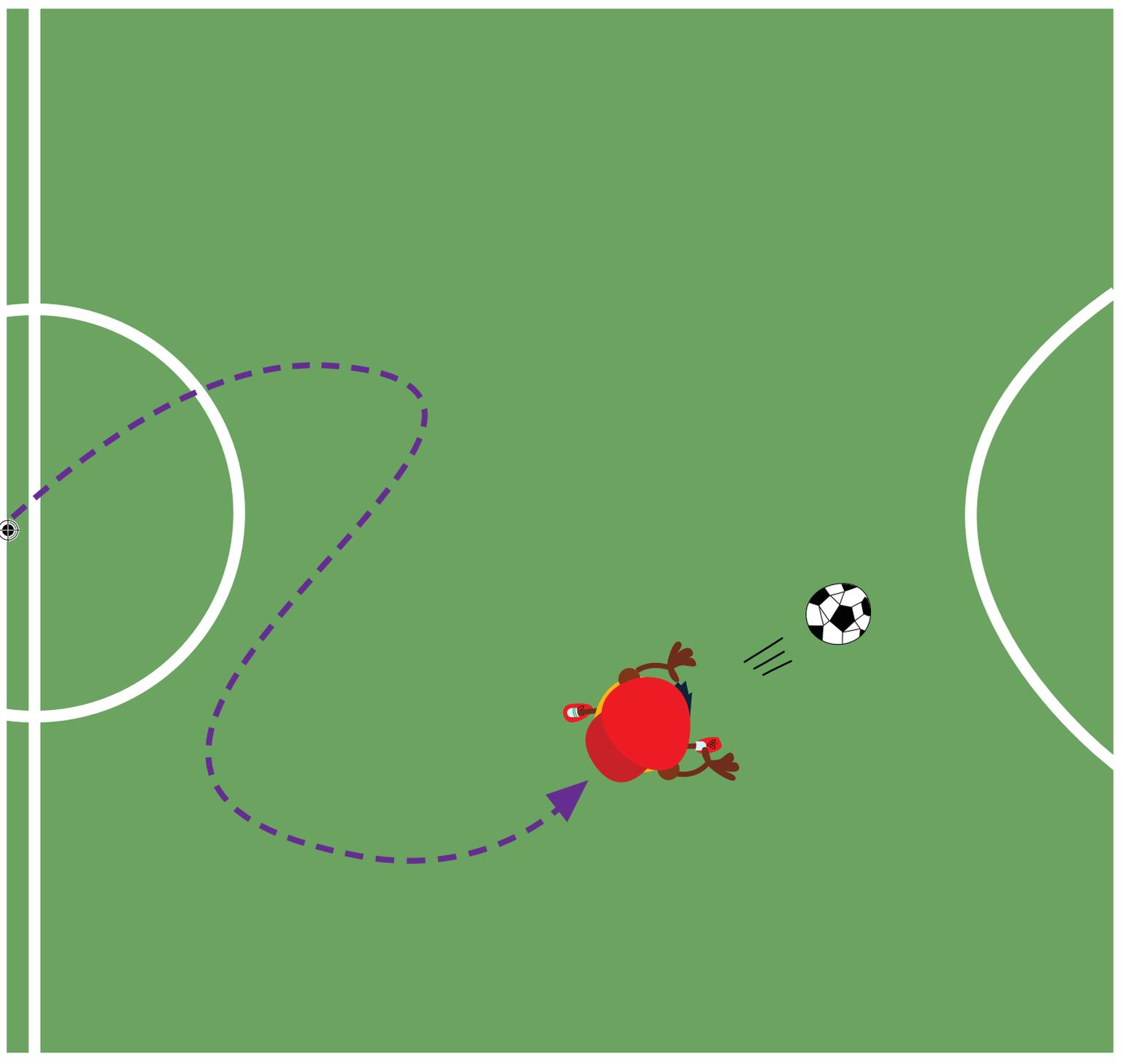


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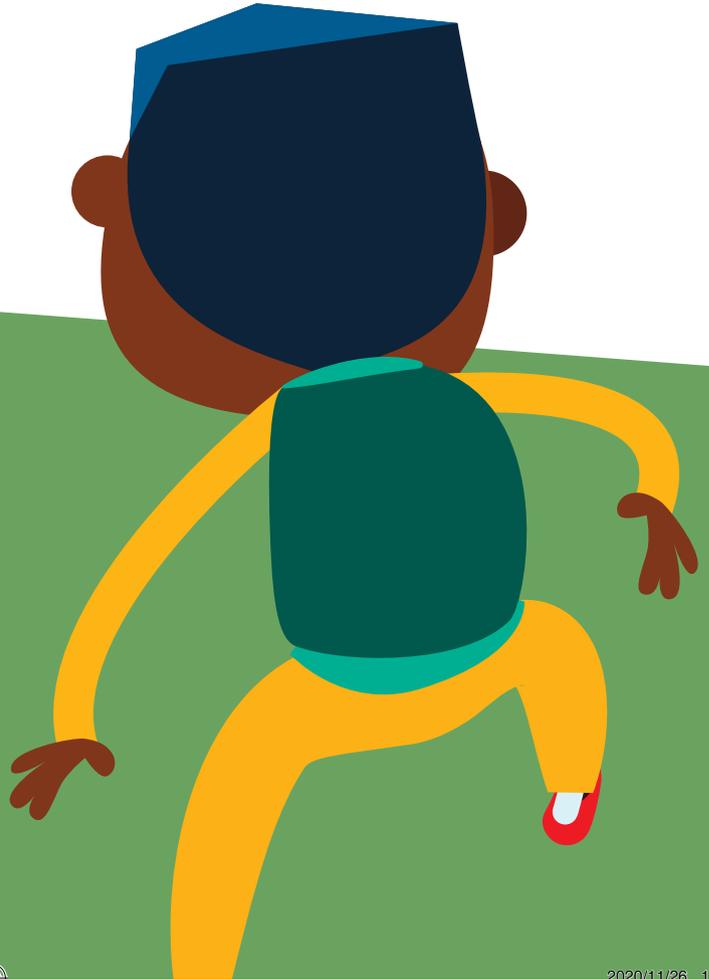


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UYapo uyakuthanda ukudlala ngebhola
yakhe ekhatywayo!

Usoloko ezama amaqhinga okubaleka
nebhola eyikhaba kancinci notata wakhe.
Itsamaya, ukuteka kanti ...





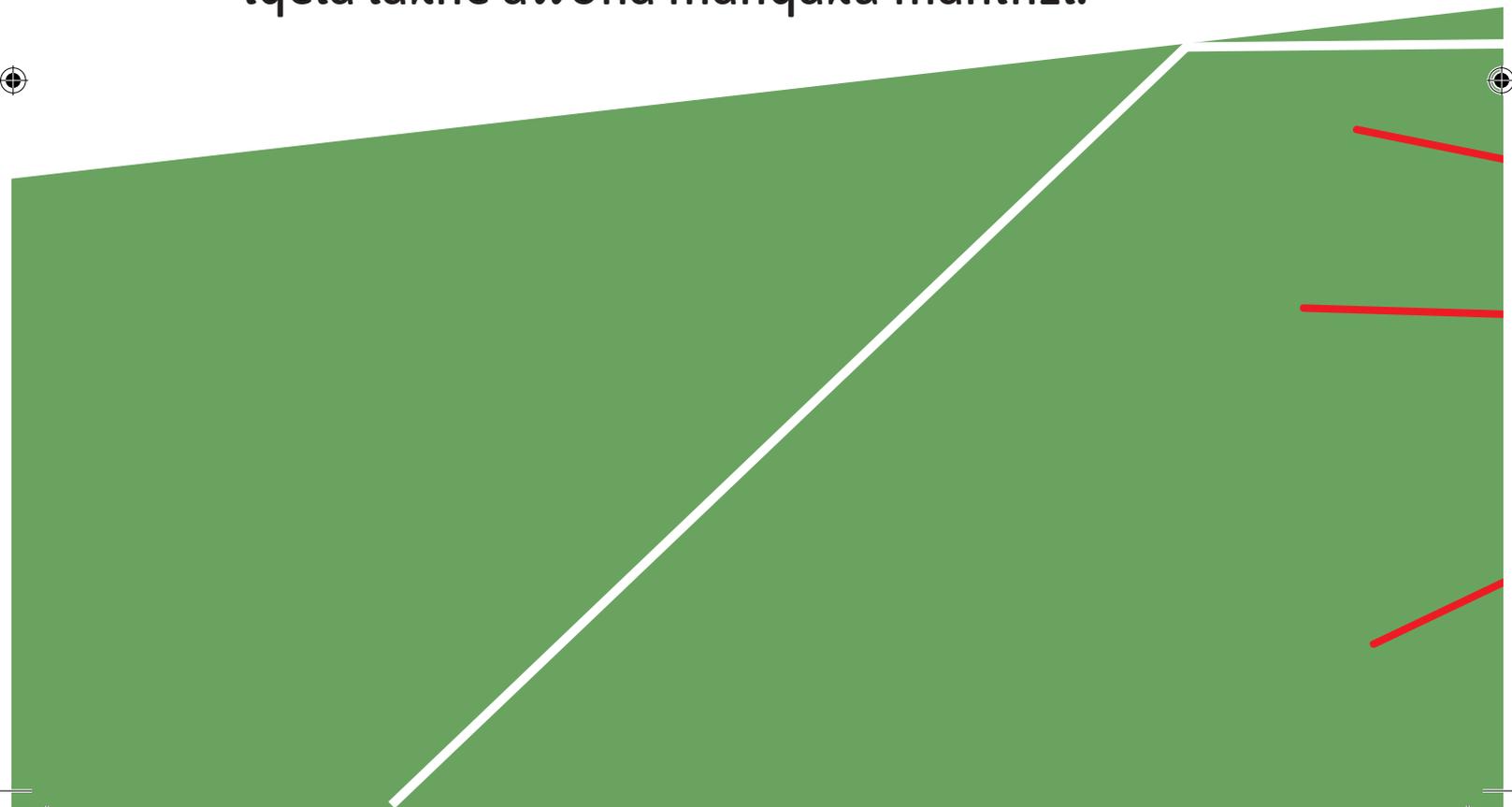
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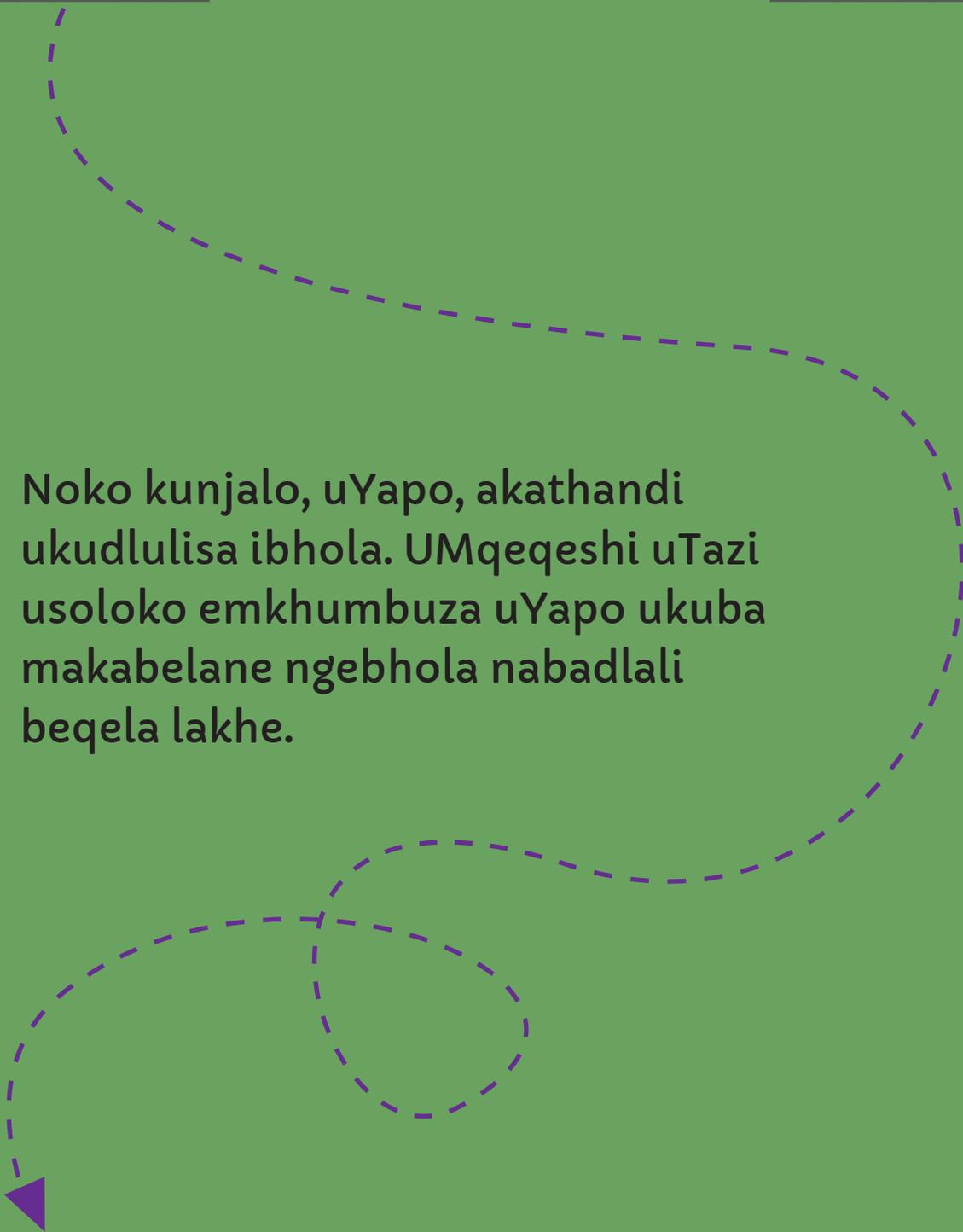
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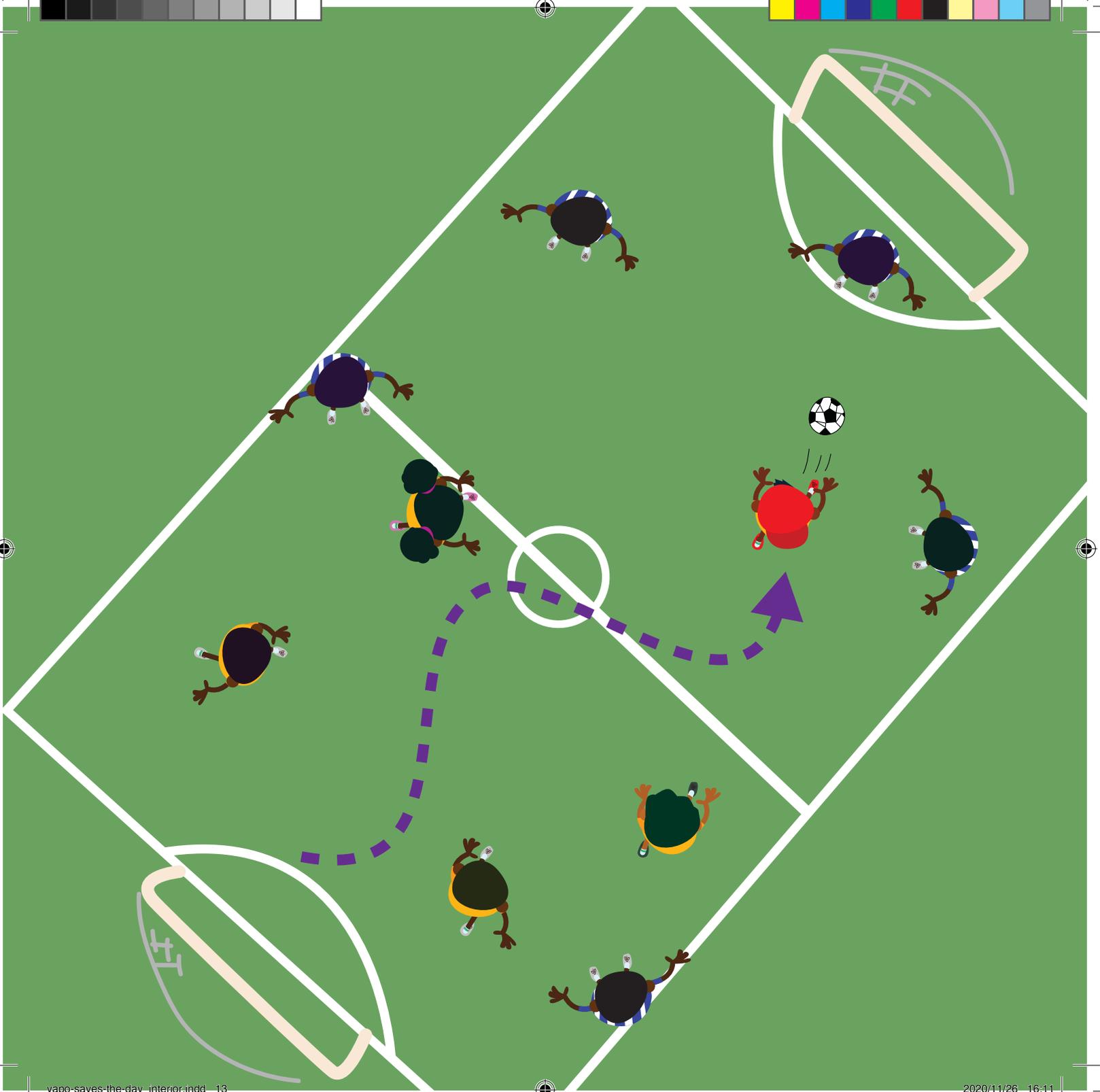






Noko kunjalo, uYapo, akathandi ukudlulisa ibhola. UMqeqeshi uTazi usoloko emkhumbuza uYapo ukuba makabelane ngebhola nabadlali beqela lakhe.







Ngenye imini, iTino Football Club yayidlala neKuma Football Club. UYapo wazama amatyeli amaninzi ukufaka inqaku kodwa iqela leKuma lalomelele kakhulu.

Ngexesha lekhefu, iKuma yayikhokhele ngo2 – 0.

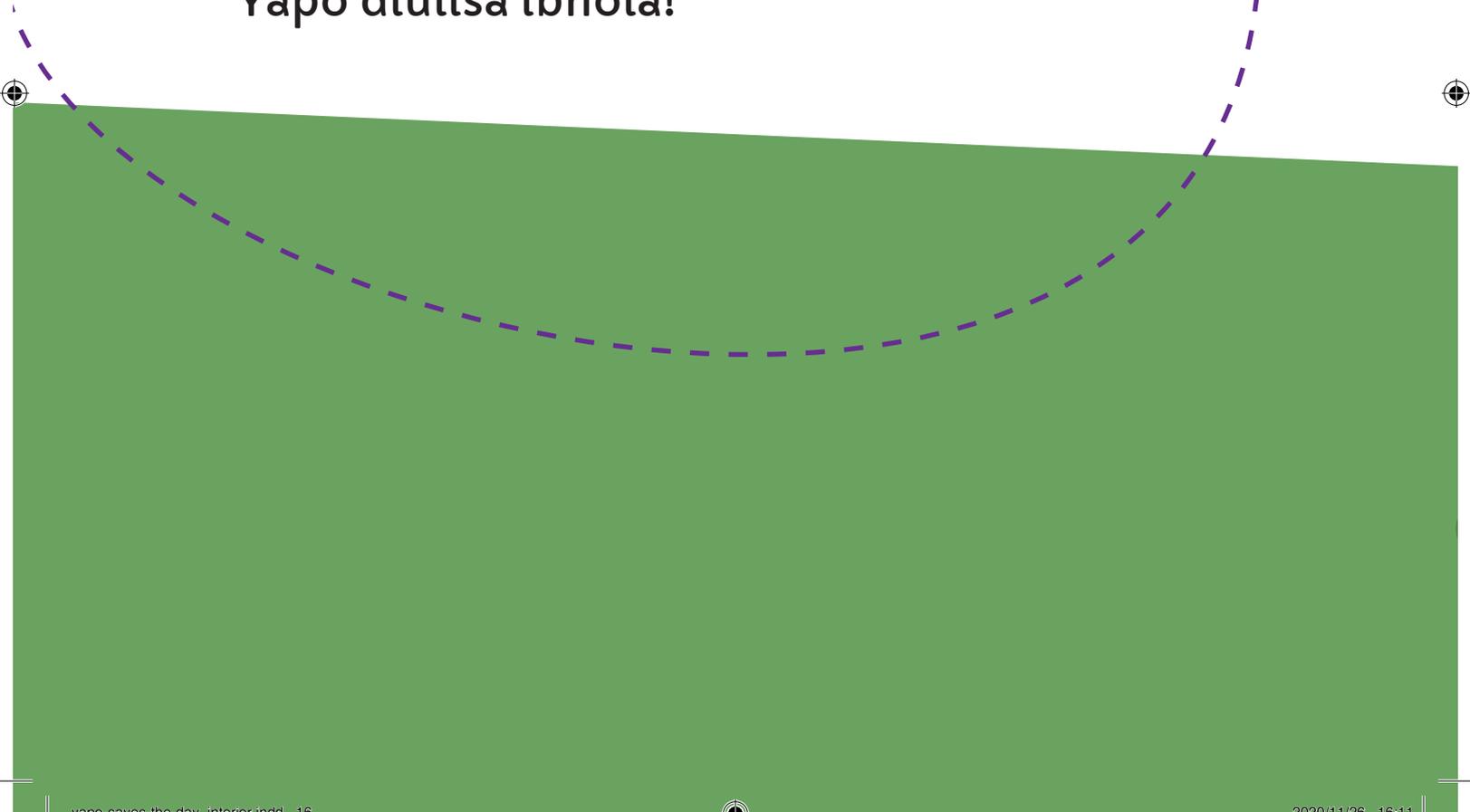






UMqeqeshi uTazi wathetha
kabukhali neqela lakhe, 'Dlalani
kunye kwaye dluliselani ibhola
nakubani na okhululekileyo!

Yapo dlulisa ibhola!







Kwathi xa kuqala isigaba sesibini somdlallo, uYapo wahlaliswa ebhentshini. Abeqela lakhe babezoyikisela ukudlala ngaphandle kwakhe, kodwa bakhumbula ukuba maze badlale kunye.

UNat wafakela iqela iTino inqaku lokuqala.





‘YHEEEEEH!’ zahlahlamba izihlwele.

Ngemizuzu emithathu phambi kokuba uphele umdlalo, uLindi wafakela iqela inqaku lesibini!

‘LADUMA!’
bakhwaza.





UMqeqeshi uTazi wabiza uYapo ukuba
abuyele emdlalweni, 'Umdlalo ngoku
ngu2 – 2. Sigoduse, kwedini!

Khumbula ukudlala nabanye abadlali beqela!







ULindi wakhabela ibhola
kuNat, owayidlulisela kuYapo.

UYapo wayikhupha phakathi
kwabadlali ababini belinye iqela
ibhola wathi xa eza kuyifaka
emnatheni, wabona omnye umdlali
weKuma ebaleka esiza ngakuye.



UYapo wabona uLindi elandela
kufutshane, wakhumbula
uMqeqeshi uTazi waza
wayidlulisela kuLindi
ibhola.

ULindi waguqukela
ngasemnatheni, waze
wayikhaba ngakumbi!





‘INQAKU!’

wakhwaza uMqeqeshi uTazi.

Izihlwele zeTino zahlokoma
ngovuyo njengoko abadlala
noLindi babaleka ukuyomanga!





UYapo wonwaba kakhulu ukuba iqela lakhe liphumelele 3 – 2. Kodwa wayenodano kuba engafakanga nqaku..







‘Ndivuyisana nani ngokubuya ngamandla
kanje!’ walincumela ngolonwabo umqeqeshi
iqela lakhe.

‘Wenze kakuhle, Yapo, ngokudlulisela ibhola
kuLindi.’



‘Usenokuba awufakanga nqaku namhlanje,
kodwa ngokuqinisekileyo uncede iqela
lakho ukuba liphumelele. Wenze kakuhle,
nyana!’ wancuma uTata, njengoko
babehamba kunye begoduka.





