

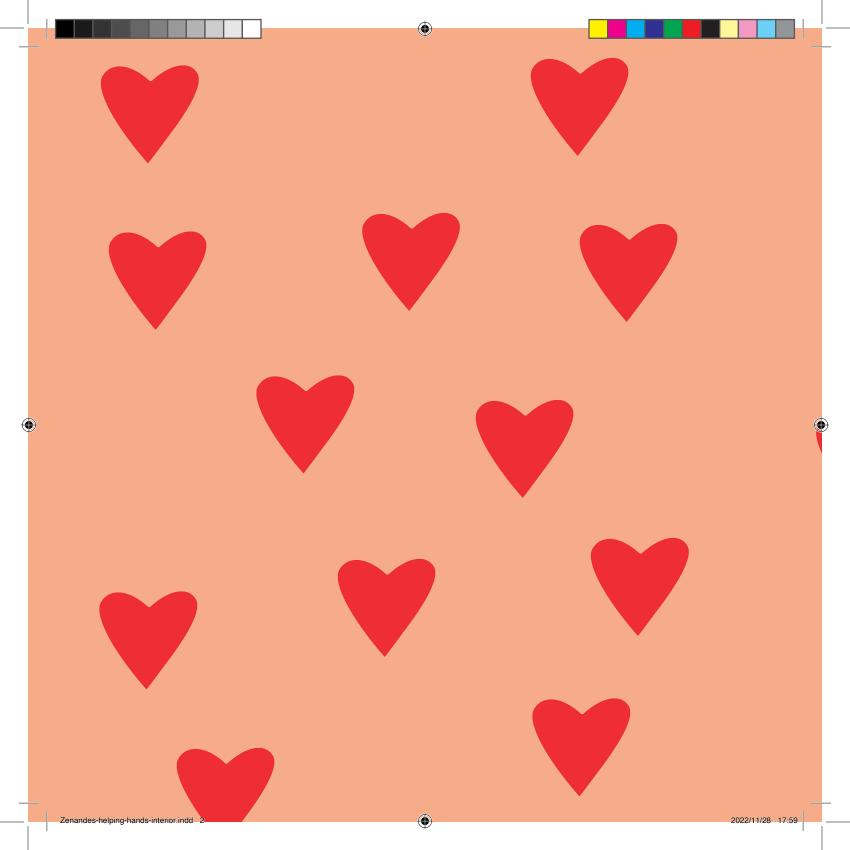
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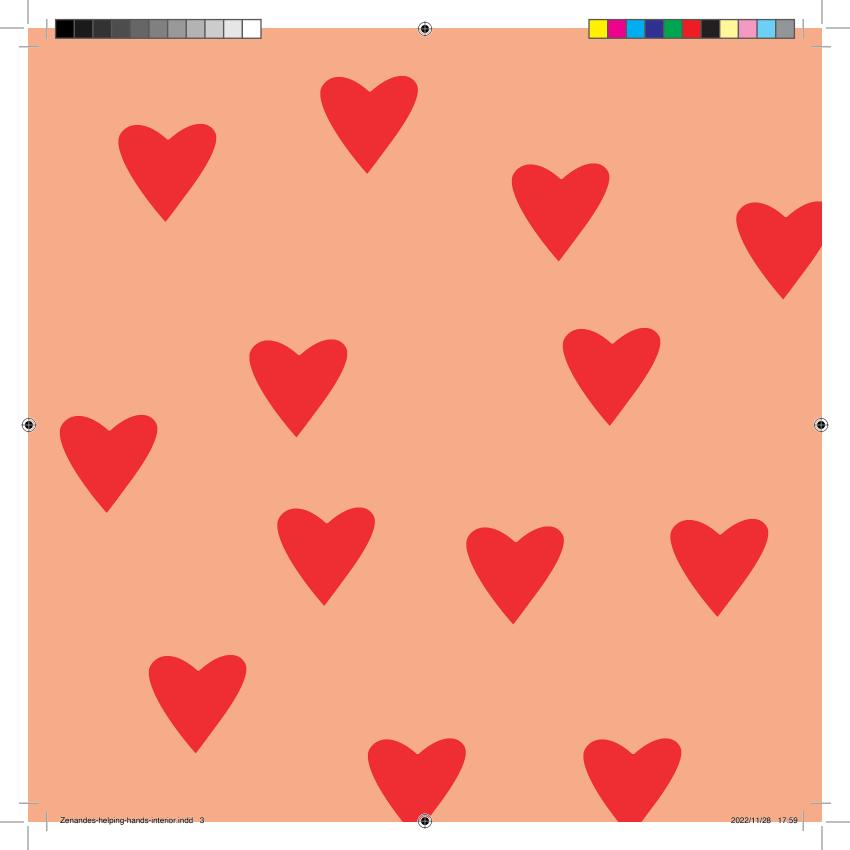
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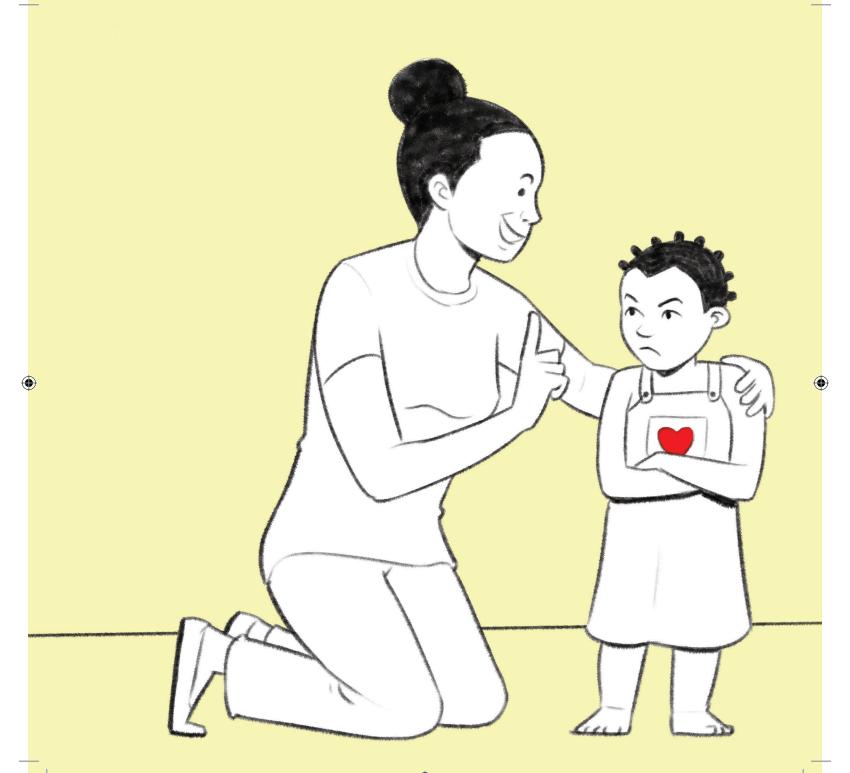


Zenande lives with her mama and brother in Kwamashu.

She loves playing outside with her toys.



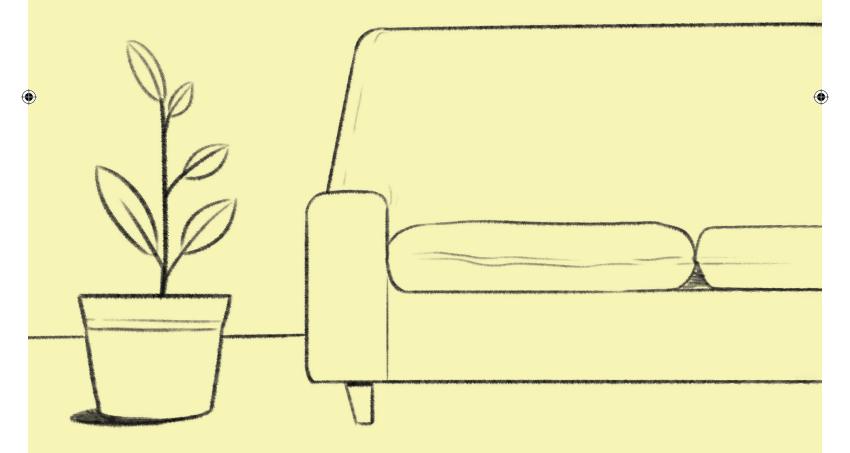




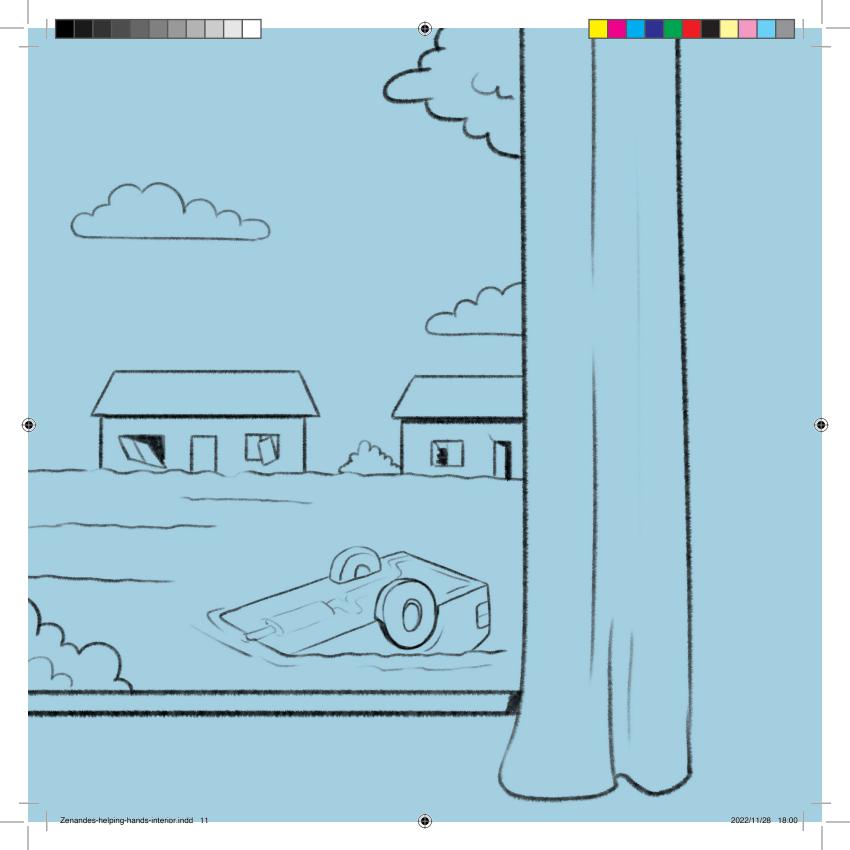
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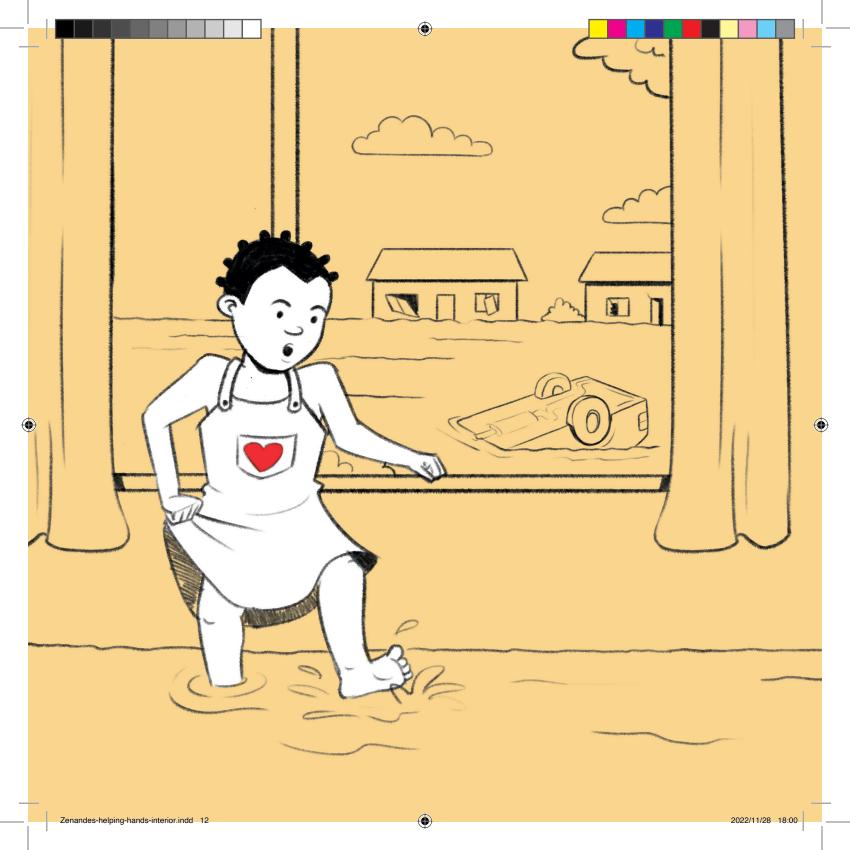
One morning, Mama tells Zenande that she won't be able to play outside.

Zenande is sad.



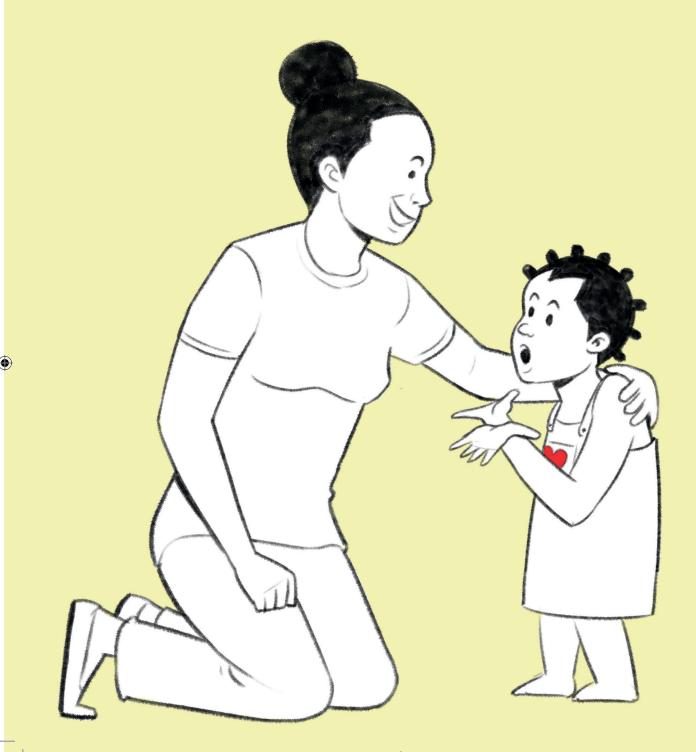






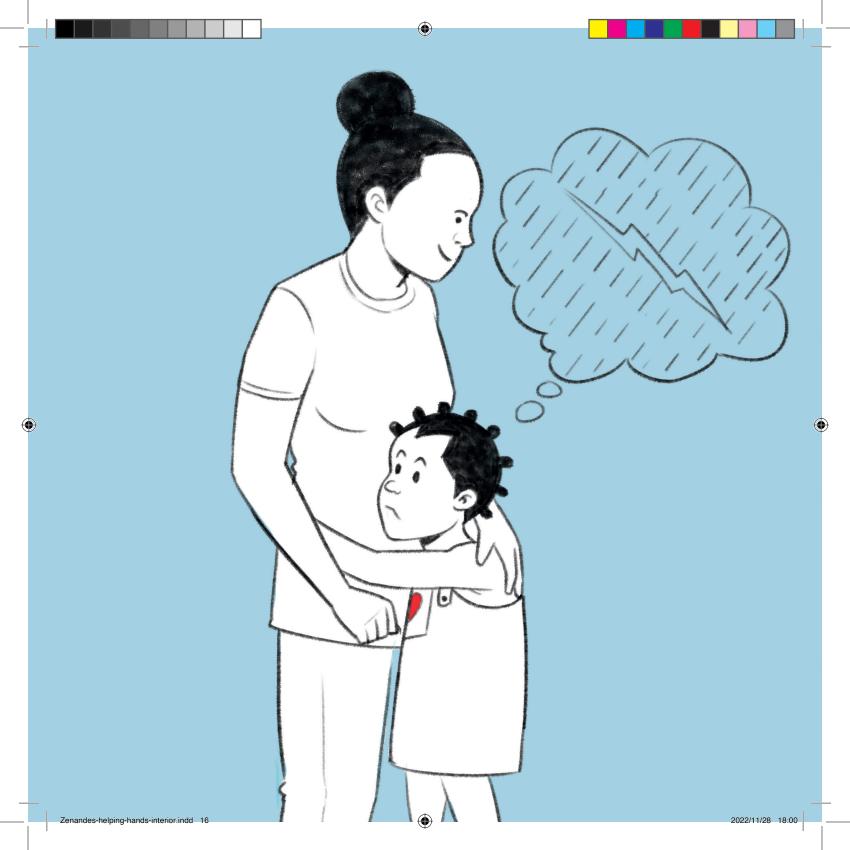
Her house is flooded, some windows are broken, and her favourite mango tree is gone.





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"Mama, what happened?"

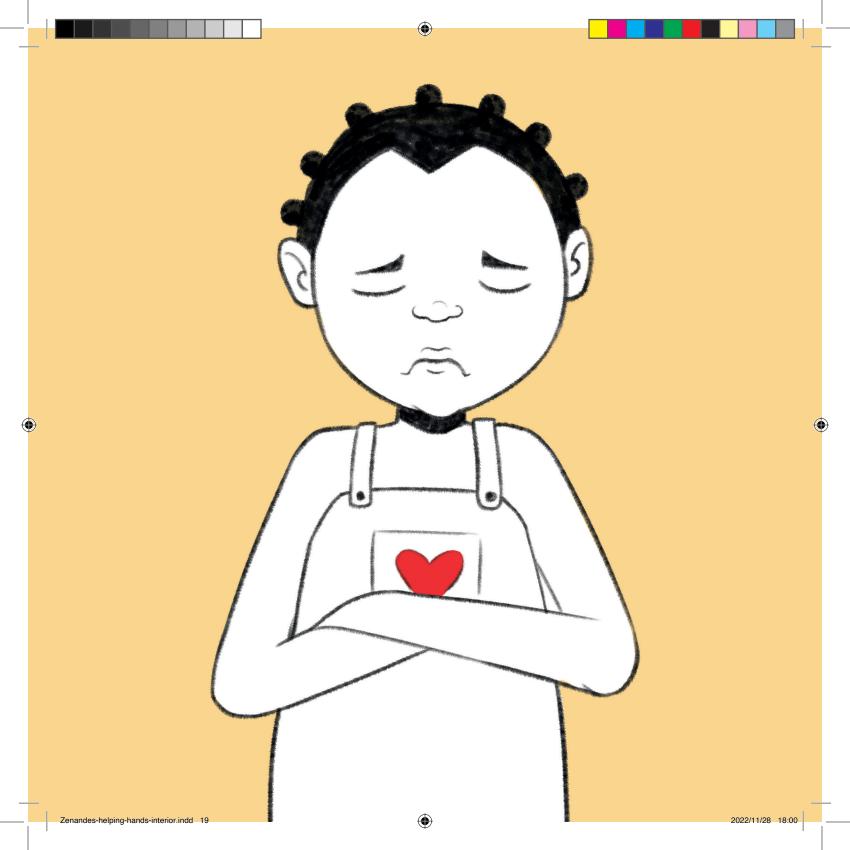


"We had heavy rains last night, so much wind and a lot of thunder," Mama explains.

"Wow!"

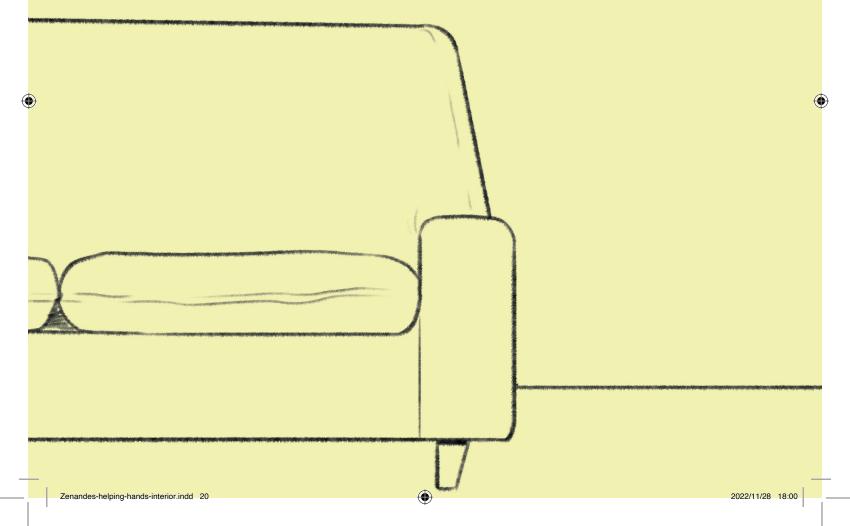
Zenande is confused.

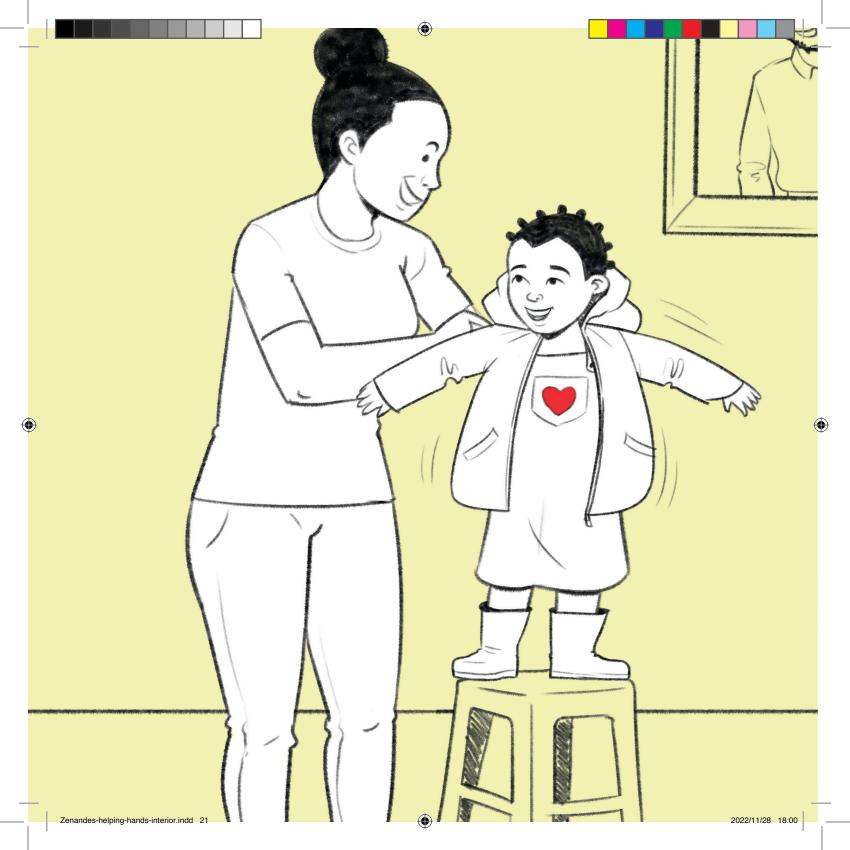
"Does this mean we are never ever getting out of the house?"



"Oh no, mntanami," laughs Mama.

"It is safe to go outside now. Let's go and help Gogo Zondi!"





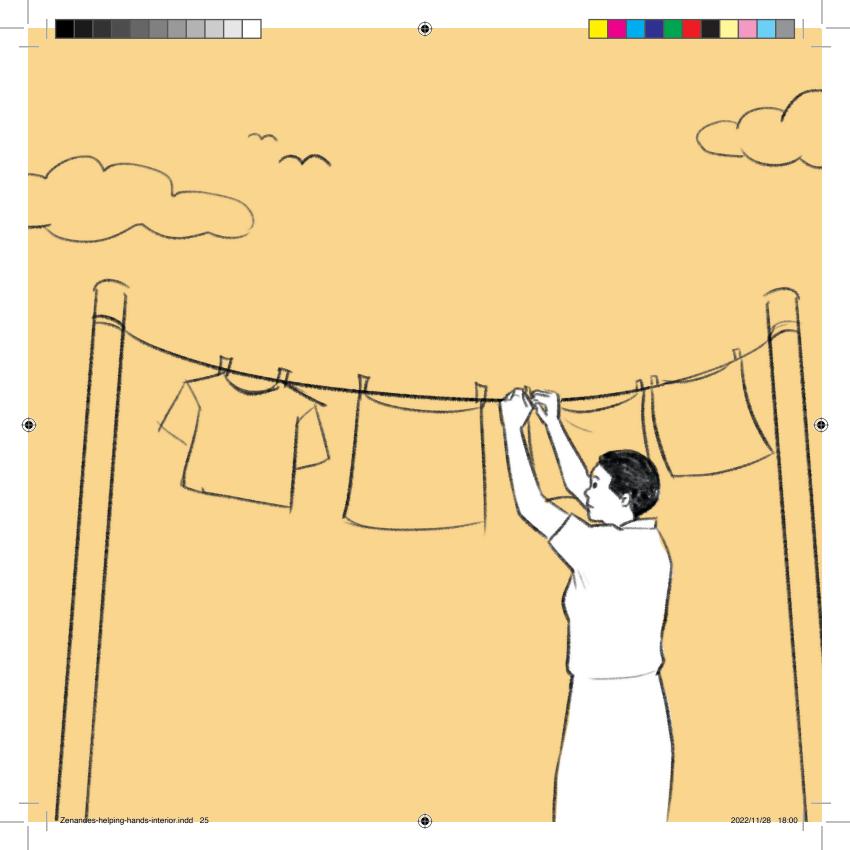




Her face cheers up.



The neighbours are already mopping the floors and drying clothes and blankets outside for Gogo Zondi.



"I bought you some sweets, Gogo," Zenande says.

"You are such a special young girl." Gogo Zondi is smiling.



"I feel so much better with all of you helping me," says Gogo Zondi.

"Helping you has helped me feel better, Gogo!" Zenande smiles.



