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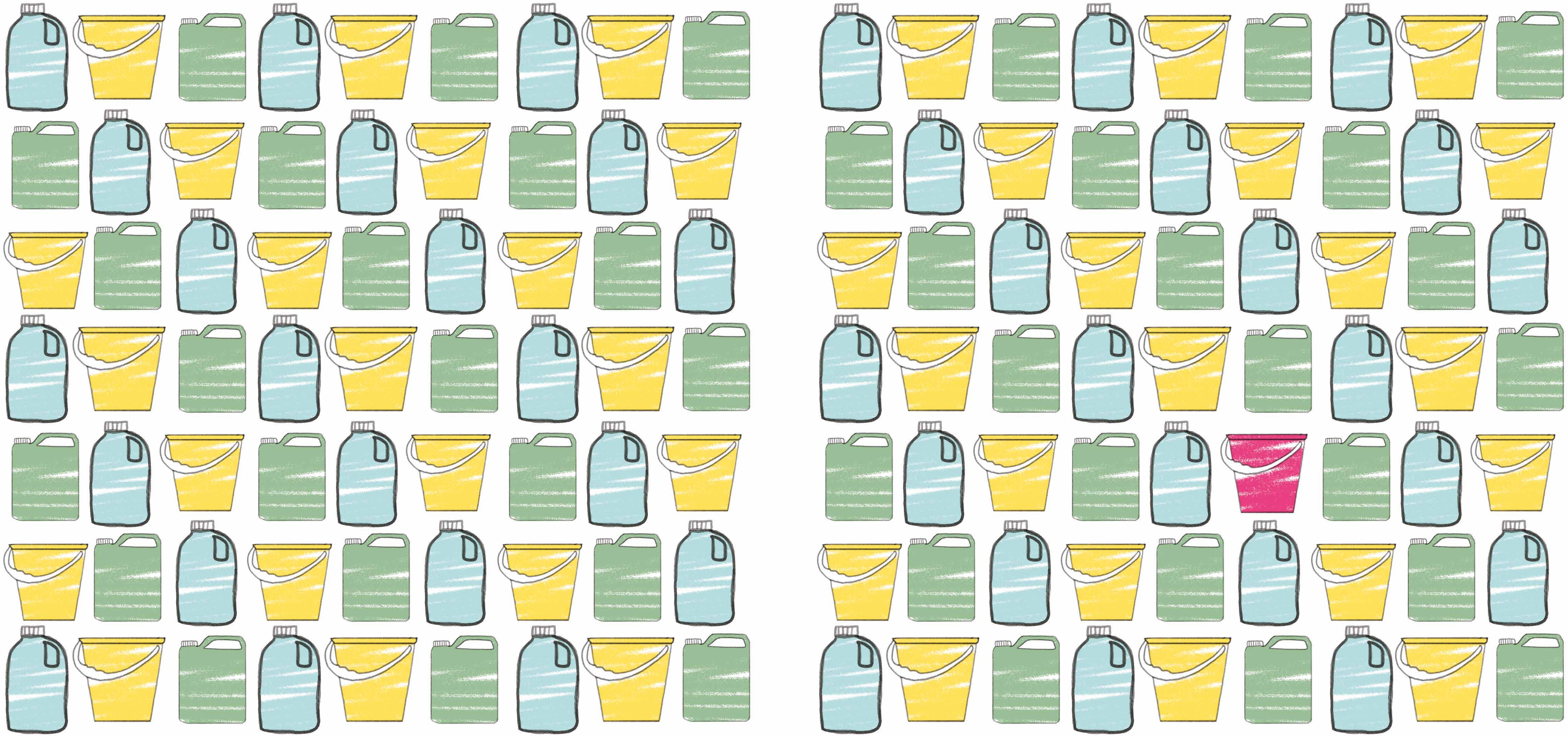

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U-Oluhle uvuka ekuseni kakhulu. Ujabule kakhulu ngokuyokha amanzi.

“Woza Mama, kufanele sibe abokuqala namhlanje,” kusho yena.

Endleleni bahlangana noNathi

no-Unathi.

Nabo baya empompini bahamba

nomama wabo.

U-Oluhle nabangani bakhe

bayadlala ngenkathi abantu

abadala bekha amanzi.

“Oluhle, ibhakede lakho ligcwele,”

kusho uMama.

Ekhaya, u-Oluhle uyageza.

UMama uya emsebenzini ngenkathi u-Oluhle esele noKhulu.

Ntambama uKhulu uyaqala ukupheka isidlo sakusihlwa. Udinga amanzi engeziwe. Ubiza u-Oluhle ukuze baye empompini.

“Khulu, angilitholi ibhakede lami.

Sengilifune yonke indawo,”

kusho u-Oluhle.

Ngempela uKhulu amsize ukulifuna,

kodwa ibhakede alitholakali ndawo.

UKhulu acabange isu.

Athathe ibhodlela elingamalitha ama-2 ekhabetheni bese elanda upende namabhulashi okupenda.

UKhulu wenza ibhakede

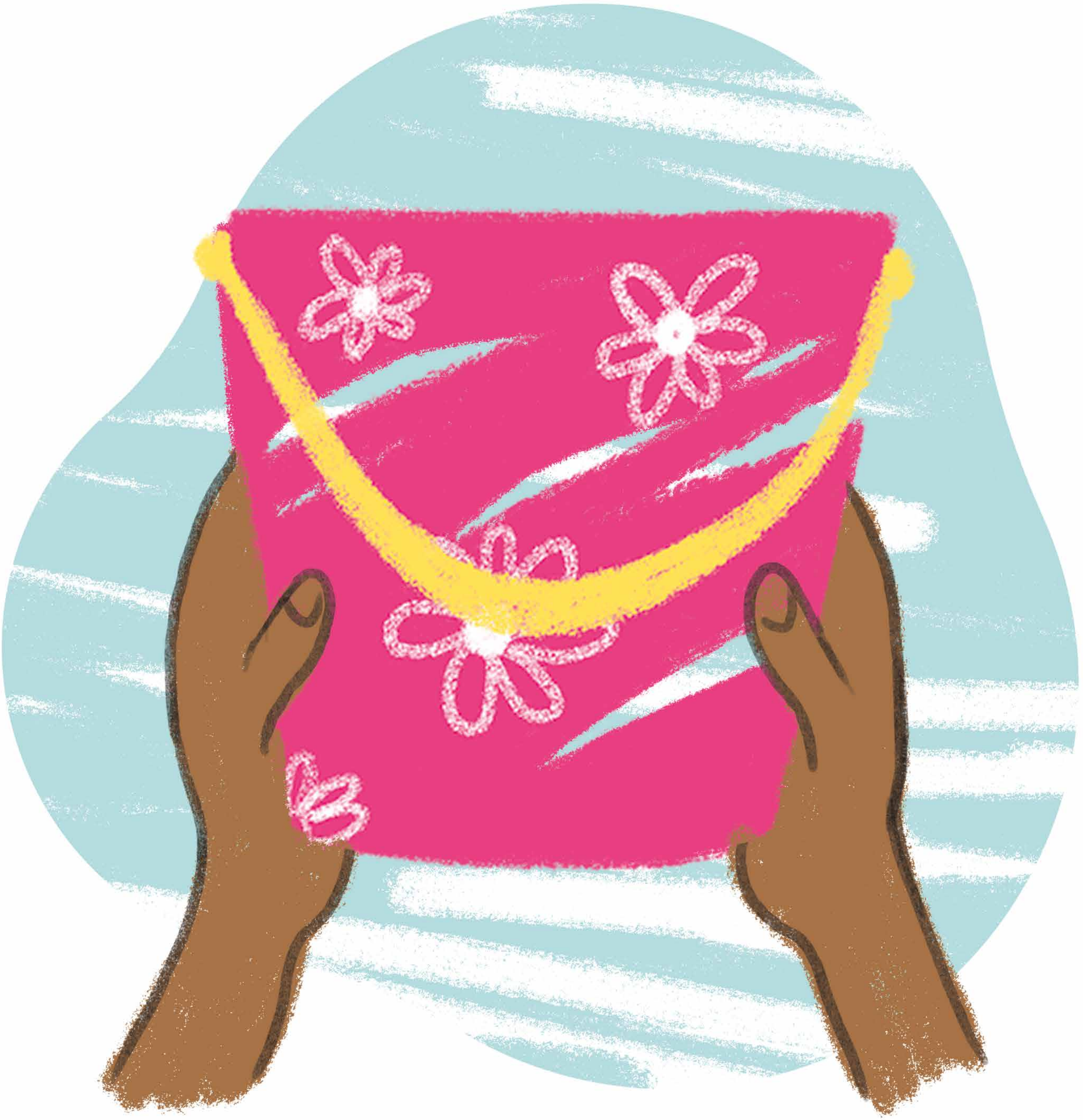
ngebhodlela lamanzi.

Ulipenda libe umbala ophinki.

“Nali ibhakede elakhiwe

ngezinsalela esezisebenzile,

Oluhle!”



“Ngiyabonga, Khulu,”

kusho u-Oluhle.

Usejahe kabi ukuya empompini

nebhakede lakhe elisha elenziwe

ngezinto esezisebenzile.

Ngakusasa kwafika u-Unathi noNathi kuKhulu bephethe amabhodlela amabili.

“Khulu, sicela usenzela nathi amabhakede enziwe ngezinto esezisebenzile?”

UKhulu upenda amabhakede
abo ngombala ophuzi noluhlaza
okwesibhakabhaka,
okuyimibala abayithanda kakhulu.
UNathi no-Unathi bajabula kakhulu.
No-Oluhle ngokunjalo uyajabula.

Abangani sebelangazelele
kabi ukubukisa ngamabhakede
abo amasha.

"Singaya empompini manje?"
bayabuza.