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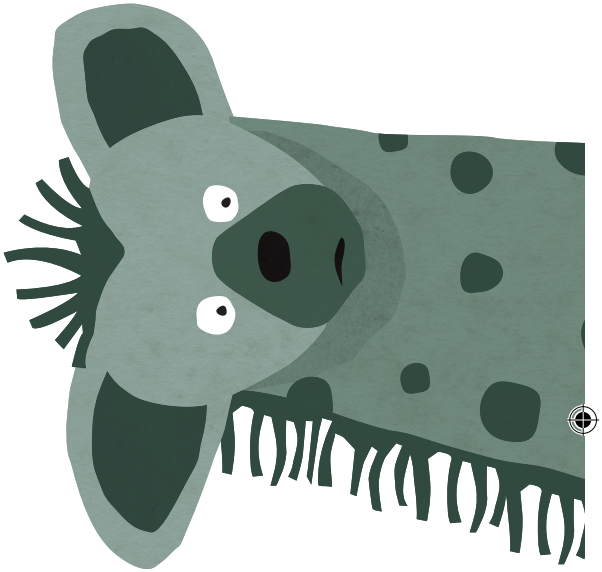

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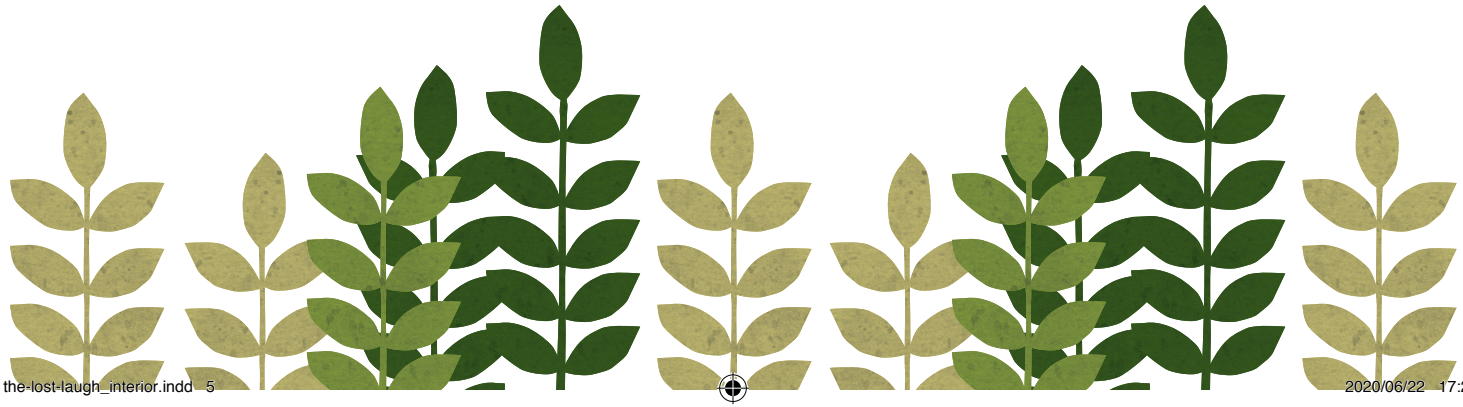

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UMabhadubhadu, impisi, wayephatheke kabi kakhulu. Wayelahlekelwe wuhleko lwakhe.

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“Ngicela ungisize ngithole uhleko lwami, Ndlulamithi,” kucela yena.

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“Angizwa luhleko lapha phezulu mina,” kusho uNdlulamithi.

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“Ngicela ungisize ngithole uhleko lwami, Mvubu,” kusho uMabhadubhadu.

“Angizwa luhleko lapha phansi mina,” kuphendula uMvubu.

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“Ngicela ungisize ngithole uhleko lwami, Ntibane.”

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“Angizwa luhleko

lapha mina.”

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“Ngiyakucela ungisize ngithole uhleko lwami, Nkawu,” kusho uMabhadubhadu.

“Lukulahlekele kanjani?” kubuza uNkawu.

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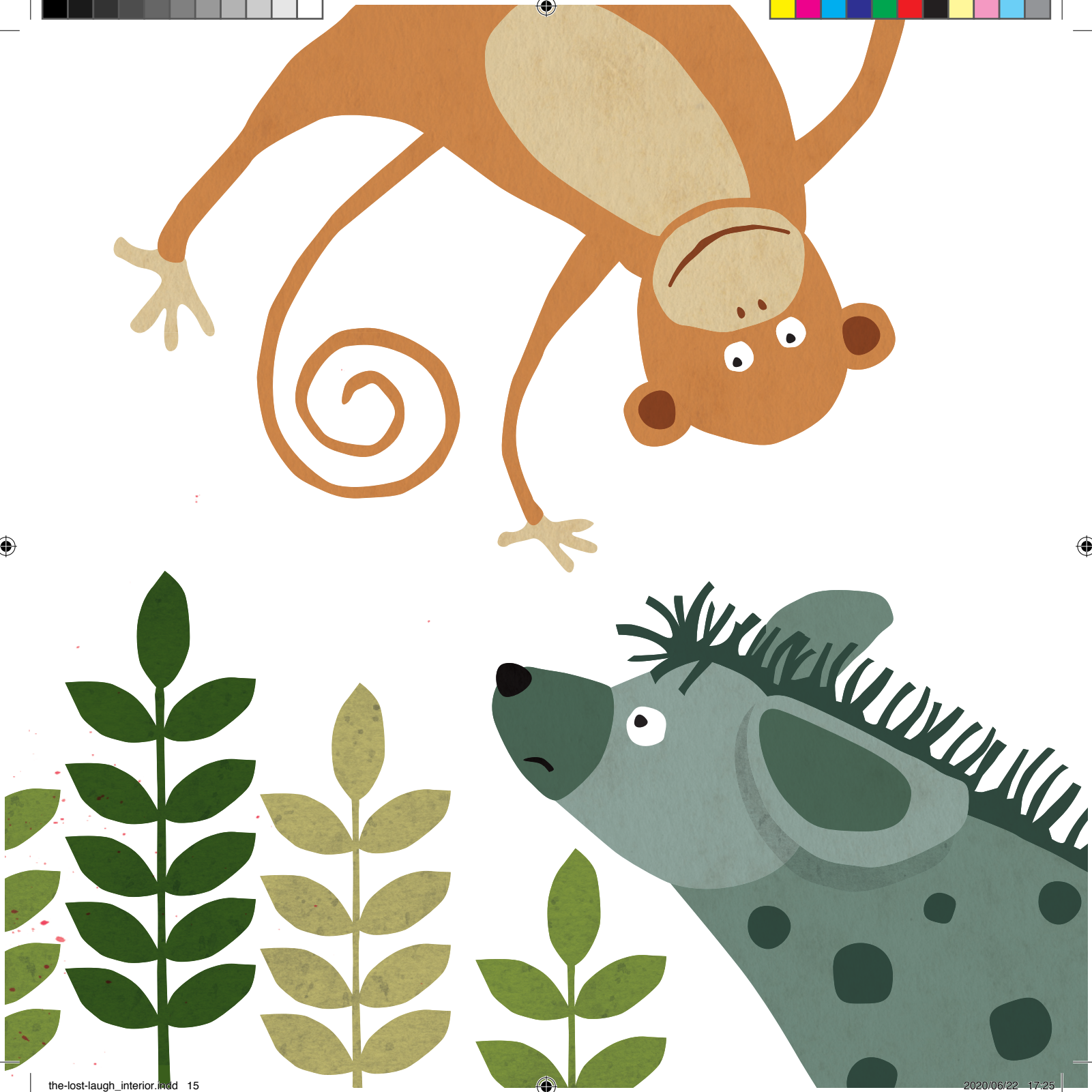

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“Uma ngihleka, uyawabona amazinyo ami amakhulu. Lokho kwenza uwonkuwonke athuthumele,” kusho uMabhadubhadu.

“Emva kwalokho ngaphatheka kabi kwabe luyanyamalala uhleko lwami njalo.”

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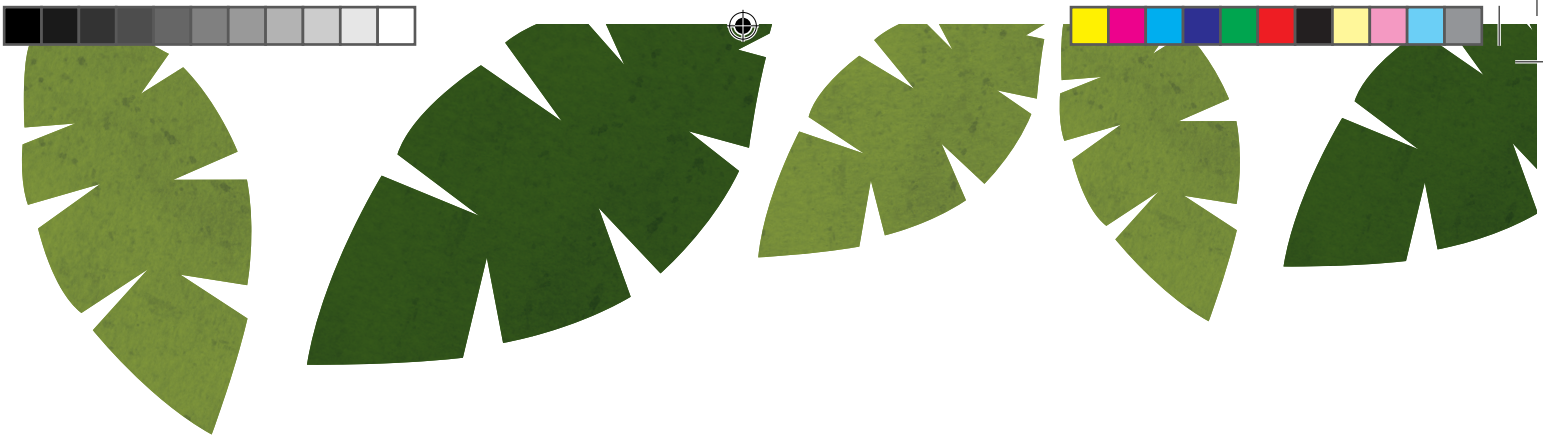

“Akukho lapho
ngingaluthola khona.”

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“Kodwa ubucinga
endaweni engafanele,”

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kusho uNkawu

egxuma ephuma

esihlahleni maqede
ethatha uphaphe.

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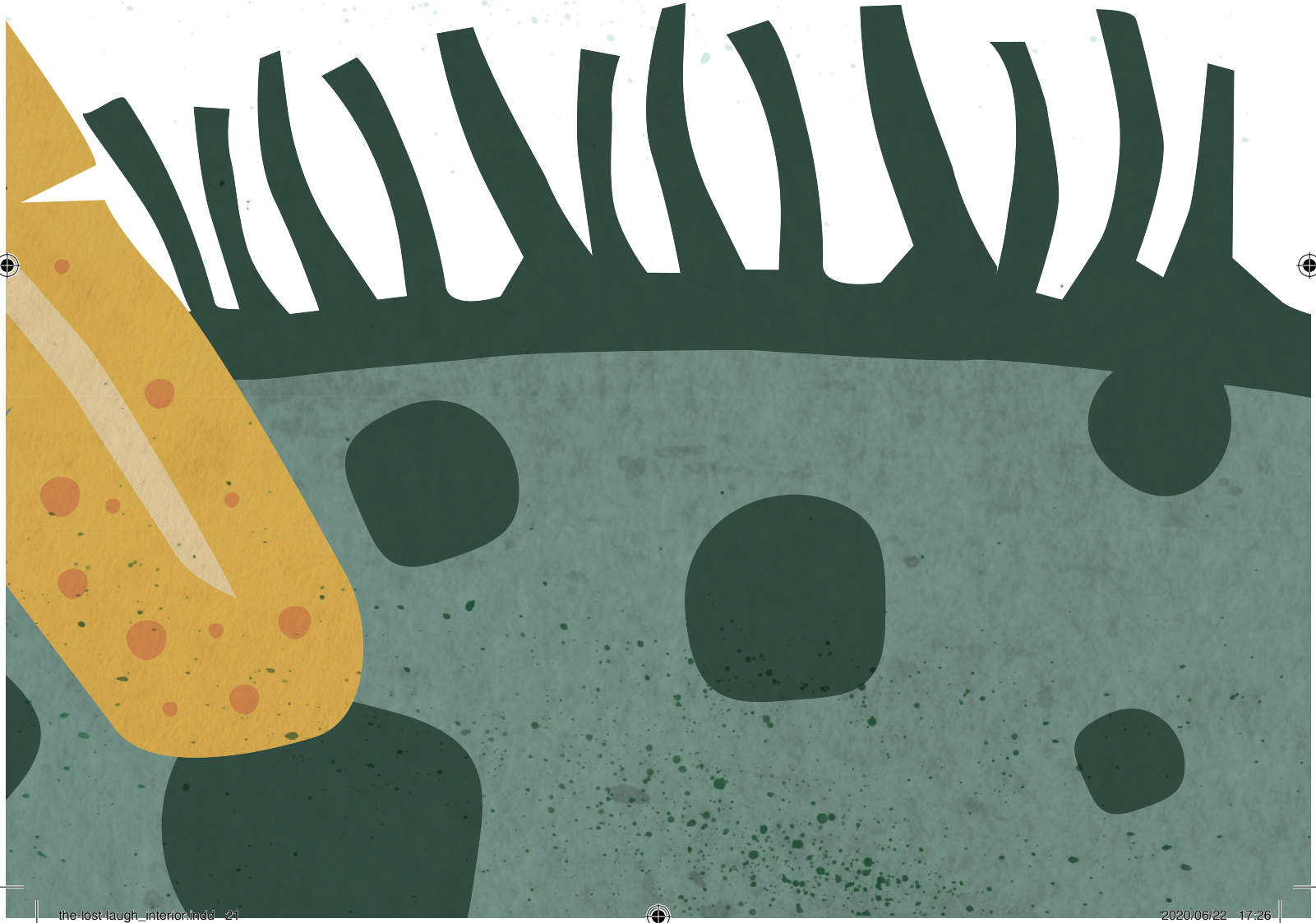
Emva kwalokho wayeseqala ekitaza uMabhadubhadu yonke indawo.



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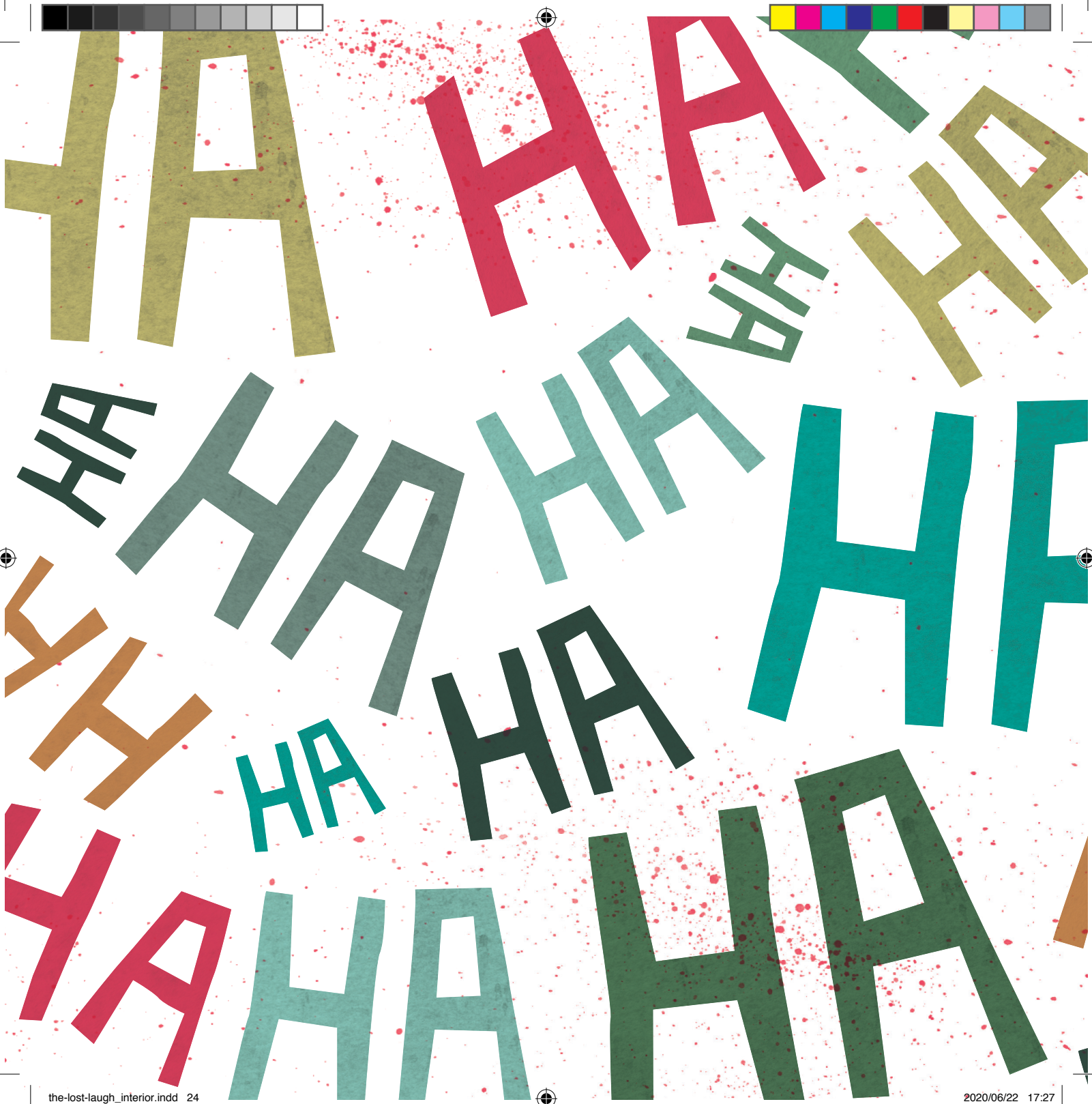
Kancane kancane uMabhadubhadu waqala ukumoyizela, emva kwalokho wahleka kakhulu, uhleko oluzwakalayo.

Wahleka, wahleka waze wagingqika phansi enhlabathini.



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Zonke ezinye izilwane zaqala ukuhleka nazo.

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“Ulutholephi uhleko lwakhe?” kubuza ezinye izilwane.

“Uhleko lwakhe belulokhu lungaphakathi kuye sonke lesi sikhathi. Ngivele ngamenza wajabula lwabe seluyaphuma njalo,” kuchaza uNkawu.

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Zonke izilwane zahleka,
zahleka kwaze nakuzo
kwavela amazinyo azo.

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“Ngeke ngiphinde ngilahlekelwe wuhleko lwami futhi,” kwasho,

uMabhadubhadu

impisi ethokozile.

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