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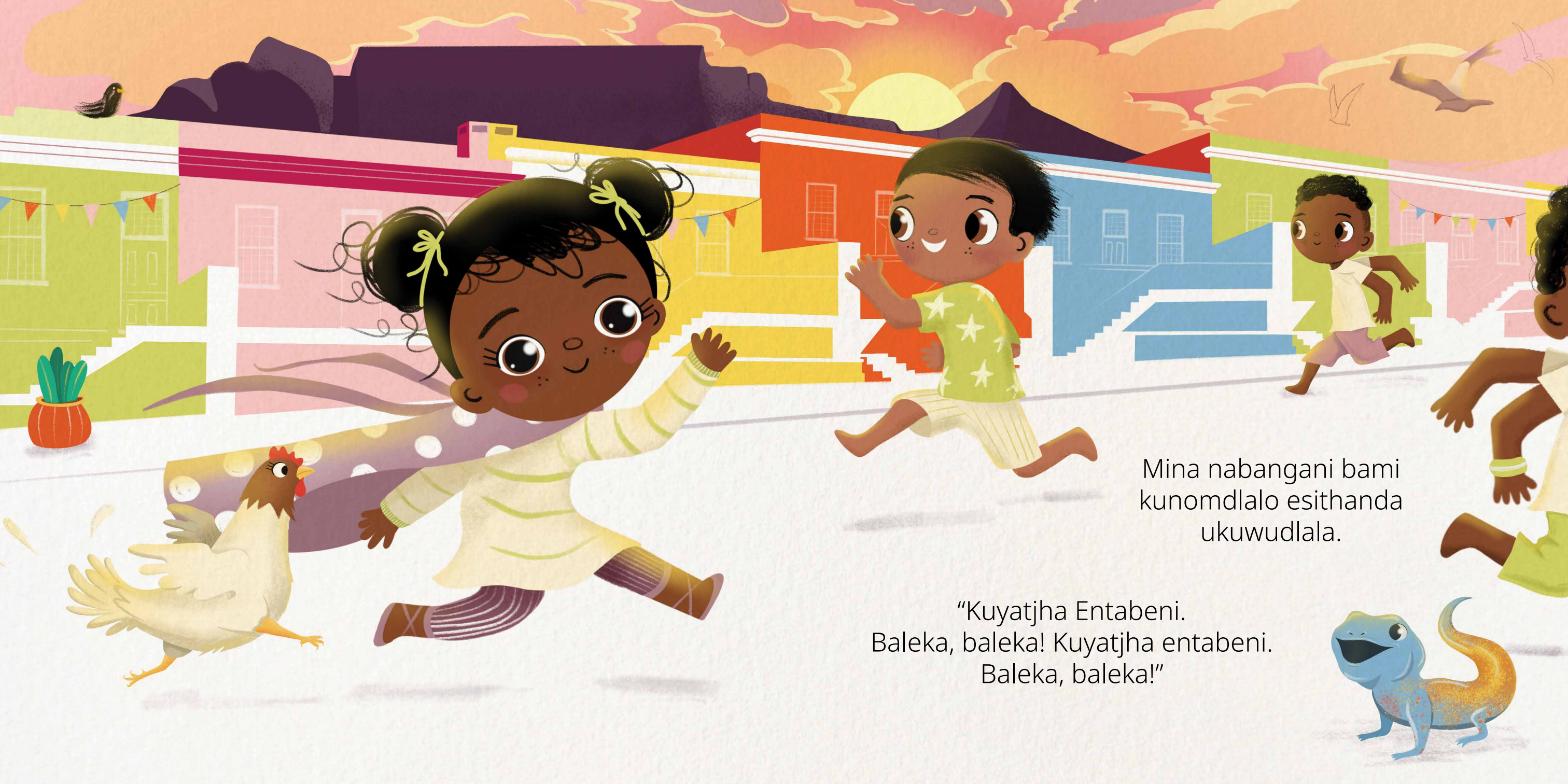
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Mina nabangani bami
kunomdlalo esithanda
ukuwudlala.

“Kuyatjha Entabeni.
Baleka, baleka! Kuyatjha entabeni.
Baleka, baleka!”



Ngelinye ilanga kwatjha kwamambala
entabeni. Kwakumlilo omumbi khulu
owavuthisa bewavuthisa.



Imakhiwo emikhulu yatjha,
iincwadi zatjha, imithi notjani
kwatjha. Abonophehlwana bathela
umlilo ngamanzi neencimamlilo
ezinesibindi zadumuza
ngamaphayiphu wamanzi.



Abantu babaleka kwamambala.
Badobha iincwadi neenkhwama zabo
babalekela intuthu namalangabu.



Ngemva kwamalanga amathathu abuhlungu,
amalangabu wokugcina aphela.

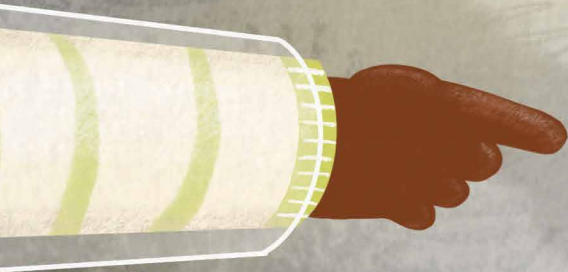
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Imikhuphukela yentaba yayinzima.
Nasikhamba entabeni, sasibona amatje
namahlathi atjhileko kwaphela.

Sasidane khulu.





Bekube ngelinye ilanga ... kwabonakala
okubovana kuvela hlangana nokunzima.

"Qalani, qalani. Khuyini lokhuya?"





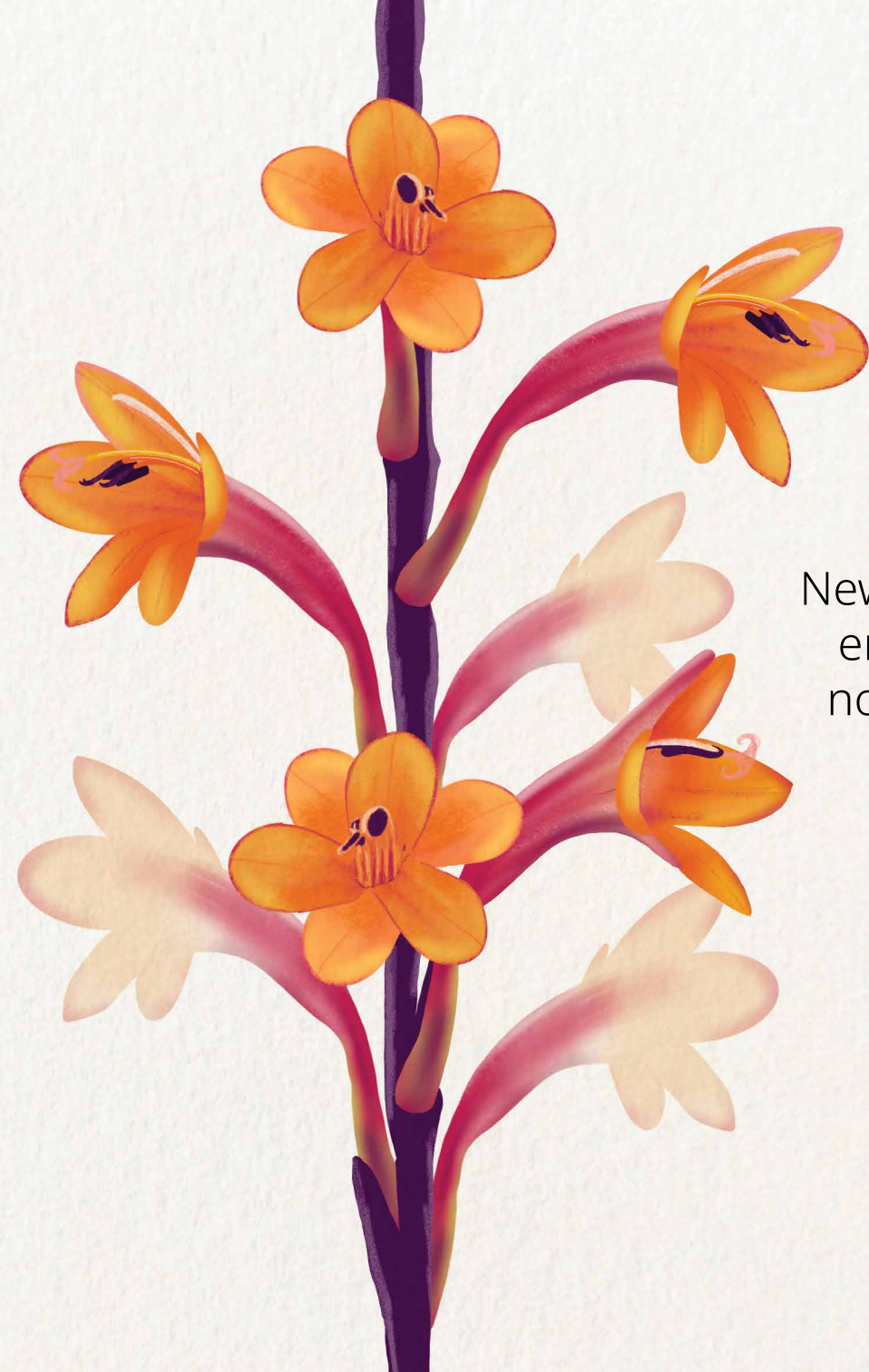
Okubovana lokhu kwakhula,
kwakhula bekwaba
mlidlwana
wamathuthumbo
amahle wamalili,
amade begodu
akarisa
ngeempuputlwana emihle
ebovu yamathuthumbo.

Kwaba mathuthumbo amakhulu abovu,
athuthumba hlangana namakari ahlazana
njengeentaba-mlilo. Khabe afana namatjhubhu
adege abovu anokusamevana asarulani,
namaqembe amakhulu abovu.

Amaqatjhazana wokuhlazana amila
intaba yoke, atjhugulula okunzima
akwenza kwababutjani obuhlaza.



Kwase kuba nemitjhana yama-asparagasi evuleka emachibaneni amanzi ngemwa kwezulu.



Newatsoniya ede
enoku-orentji
nokubukhobe.

Msinyazana intaba
yembeswa ziintjalo ebesele
sineminyaka singasaziboni.



Intaba izele ngepilo etja!



