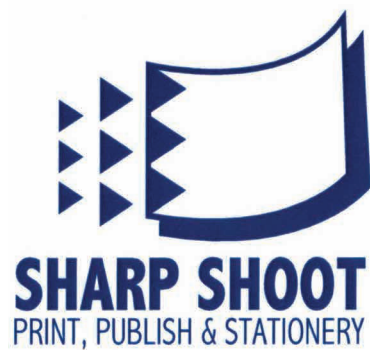




Langutani's Trick

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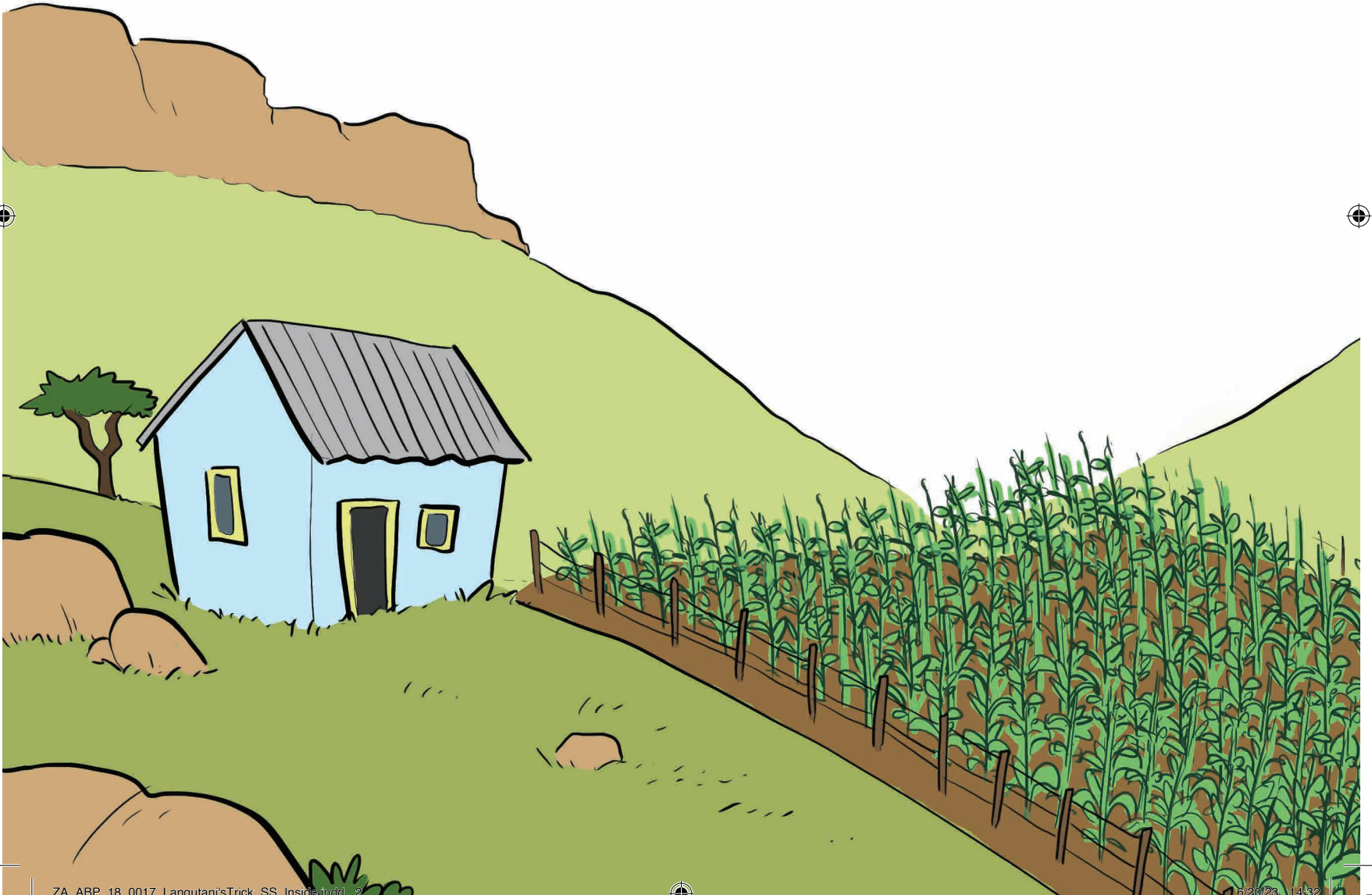
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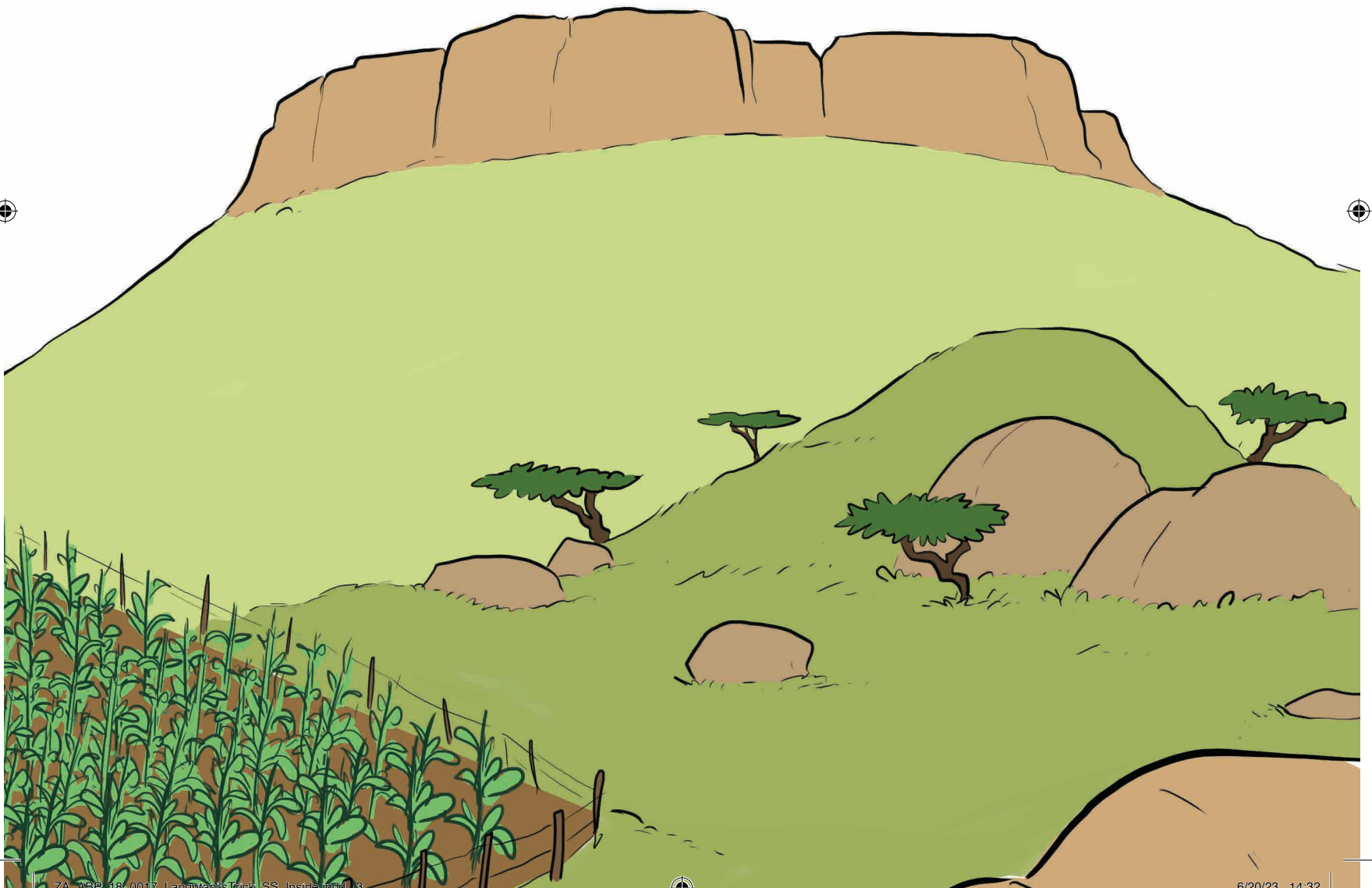
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Langutani and his father lived
near a mountain.





On the mountain lived many **baboons**.





Langutani and his father liked working together in their mealie field.





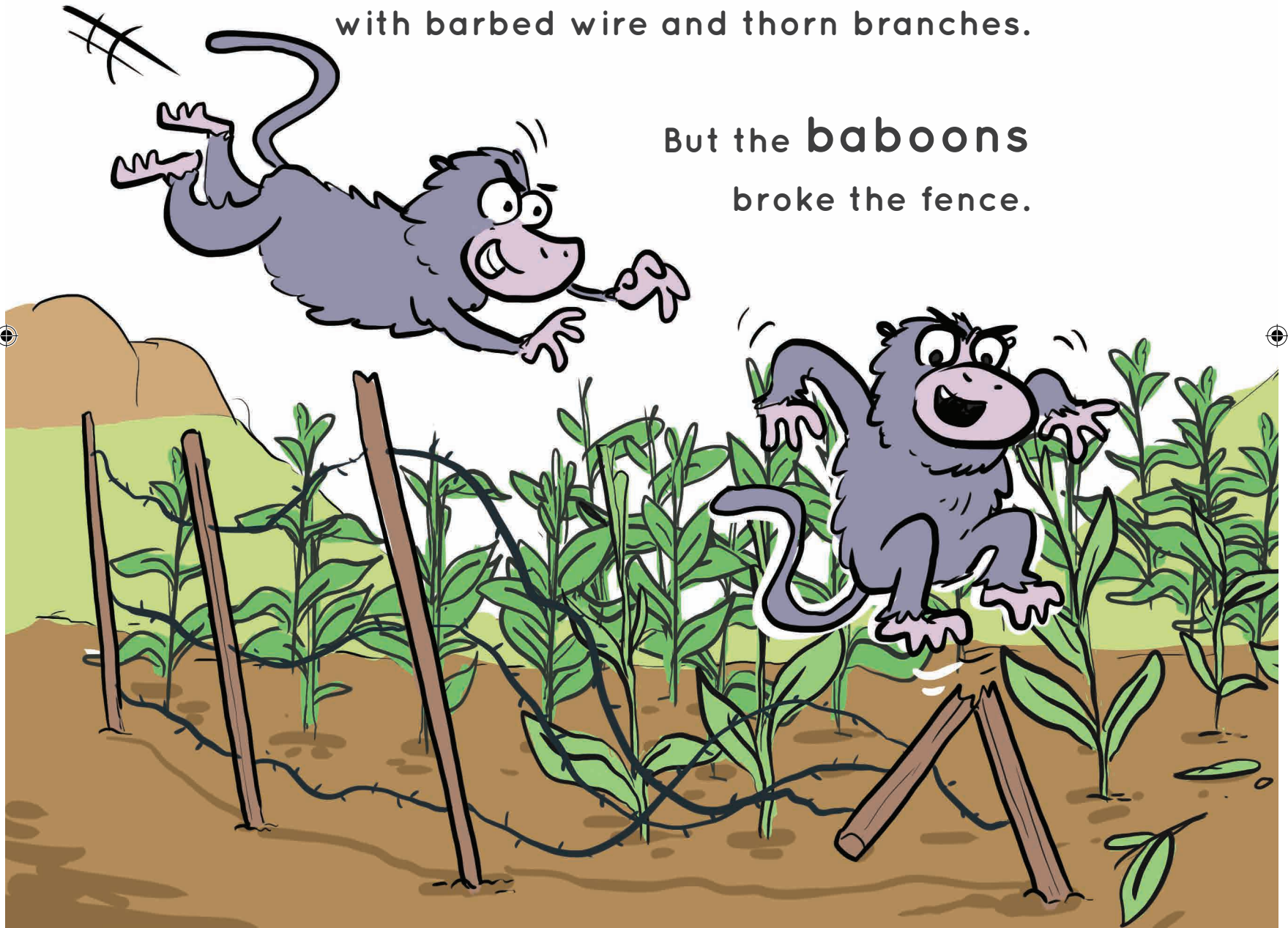
But they were troubled by
baboons.

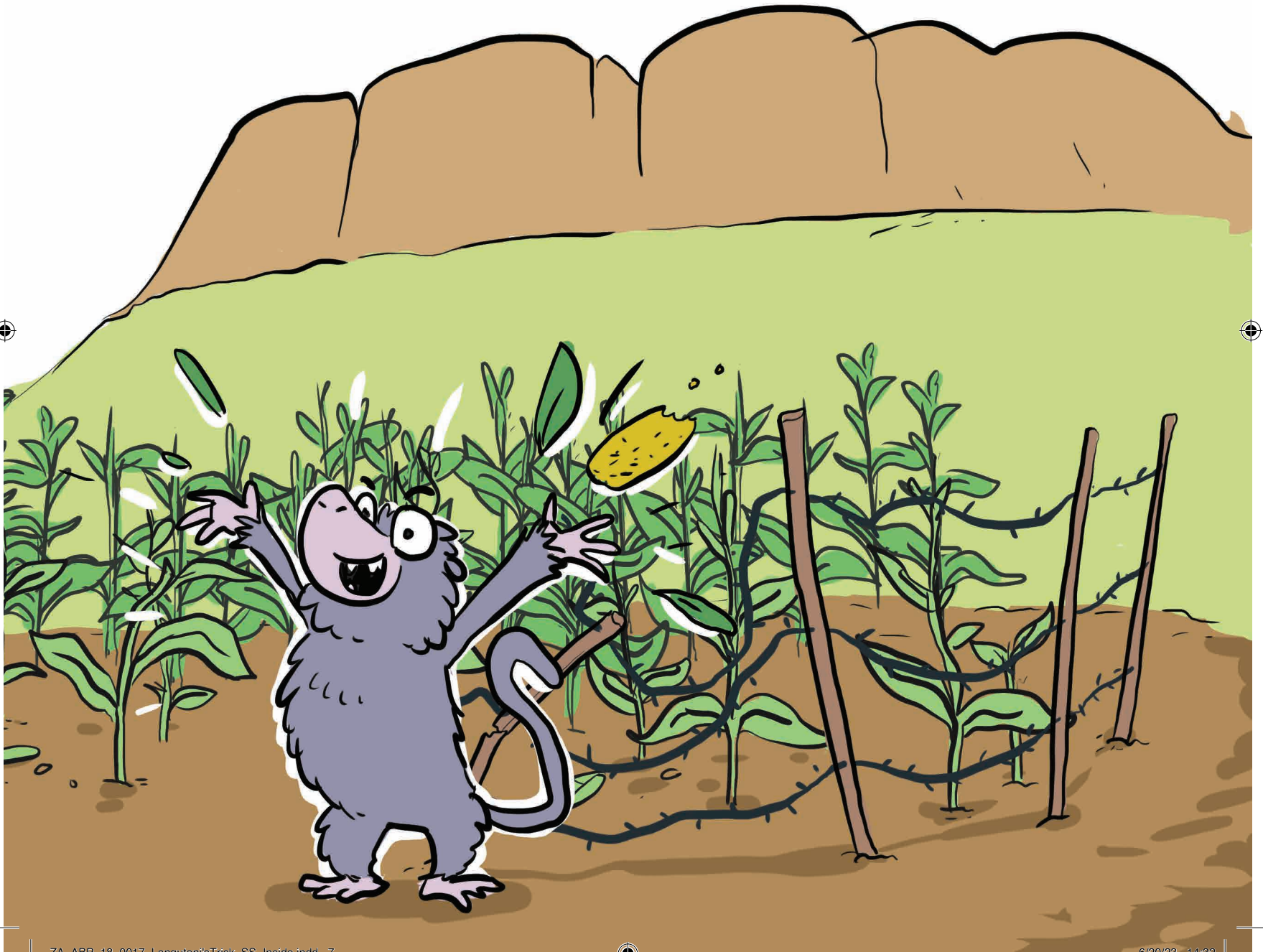




Langutani and his father fenced the field
with barbed wire and thorn branches.

But the **baboons**
broke the fence.







Langutani and his father were frustrated and furious. They needed a **plan**.





They thought and thought.
Then they **thought** some
more.





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They thought all the next day.
That day, they worked so **hard**,





they decided to take a bath after leaving the field.





That night, the **baboons** came.
They destroyed the mealies and took
a bath of their own.





They splashed and **splashed!**





What a mess!

The next day, Langutani and his father were frustrated and furious again. They really needed a plan, and they thought and thought.



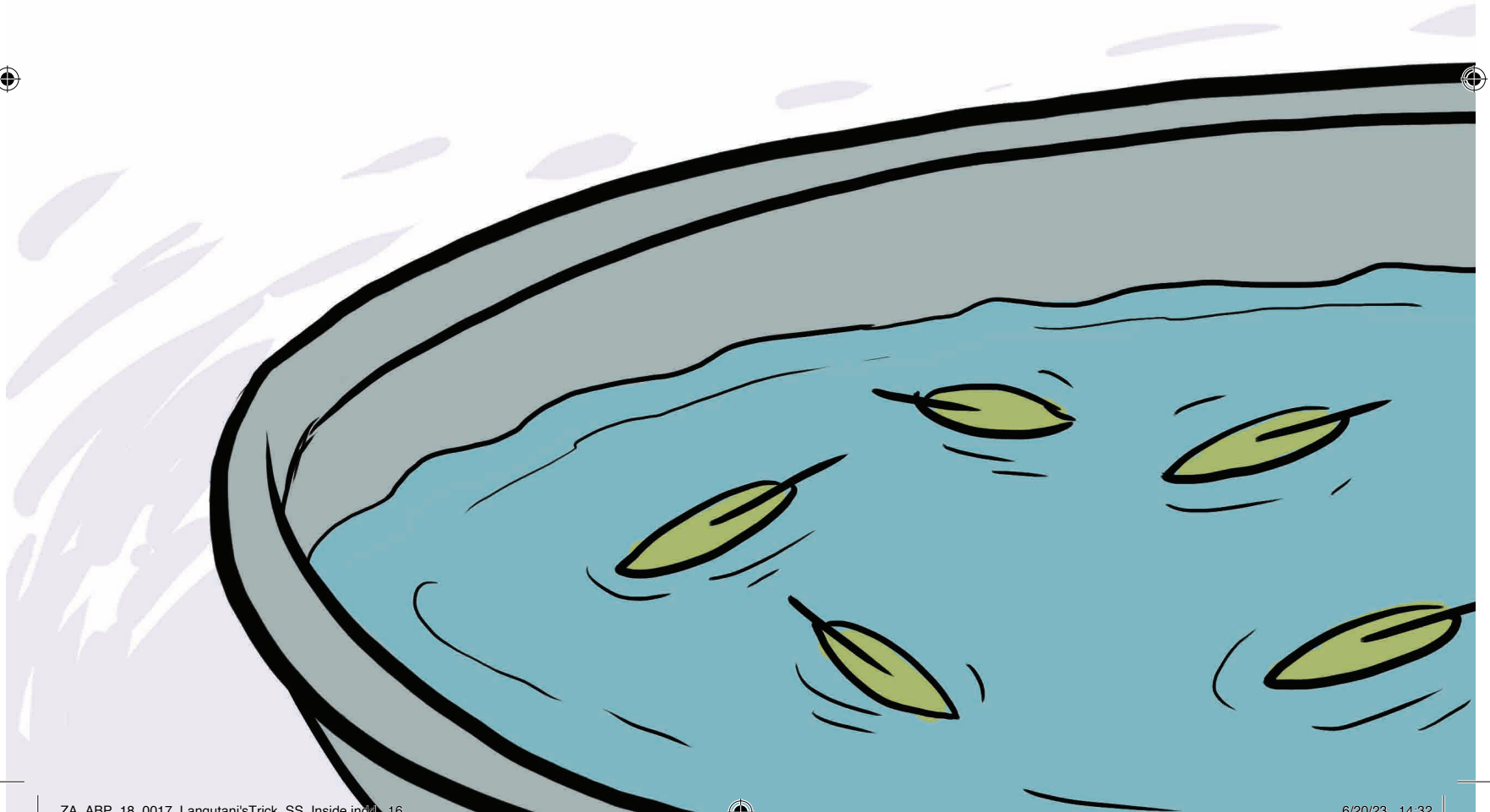


Suddenly,
Langutani had an
idea!





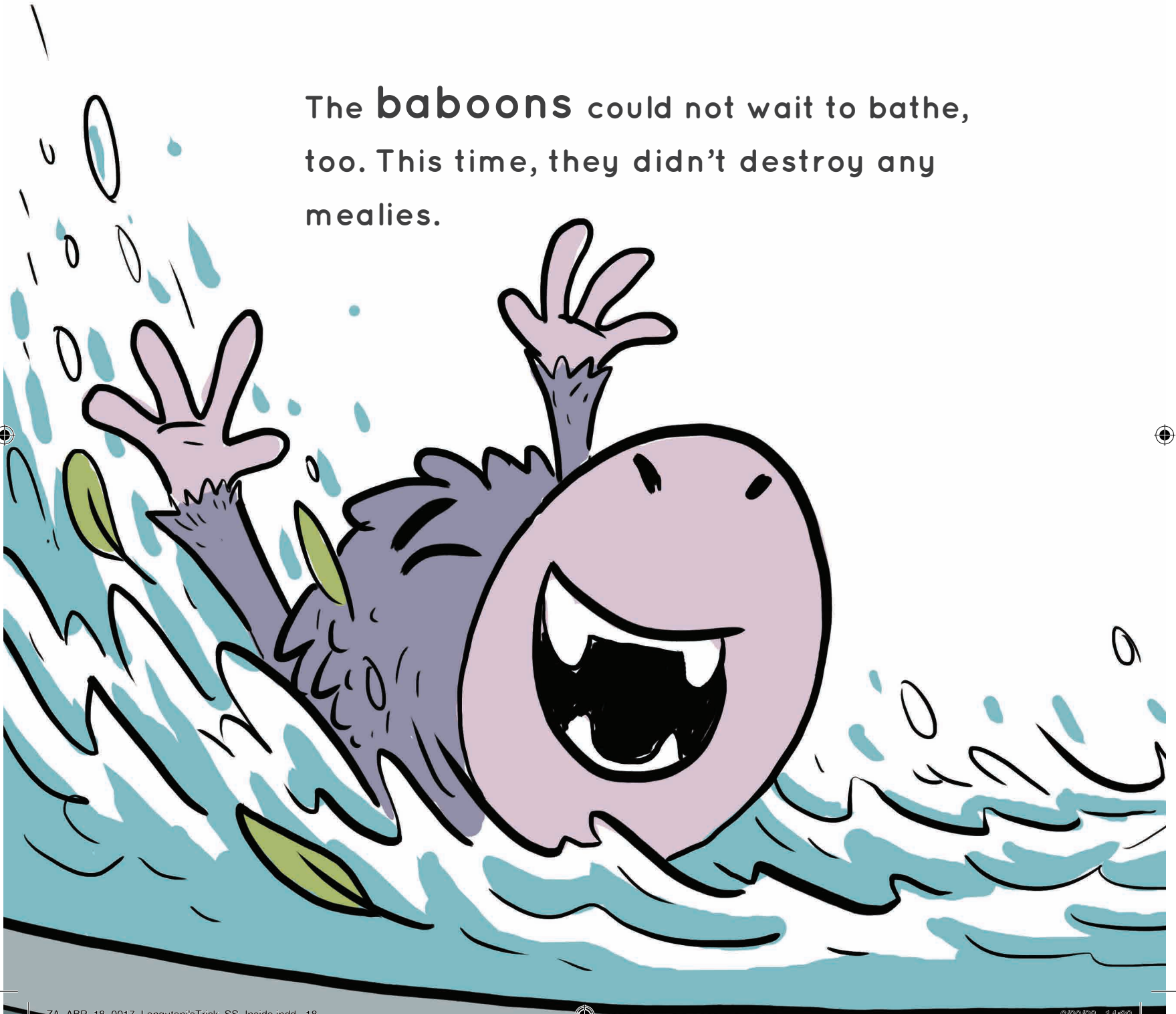
That night, they took another bath.
Afterwards, Langutani put **itching**
leaves in the water. Then, Langutani and
his father left.





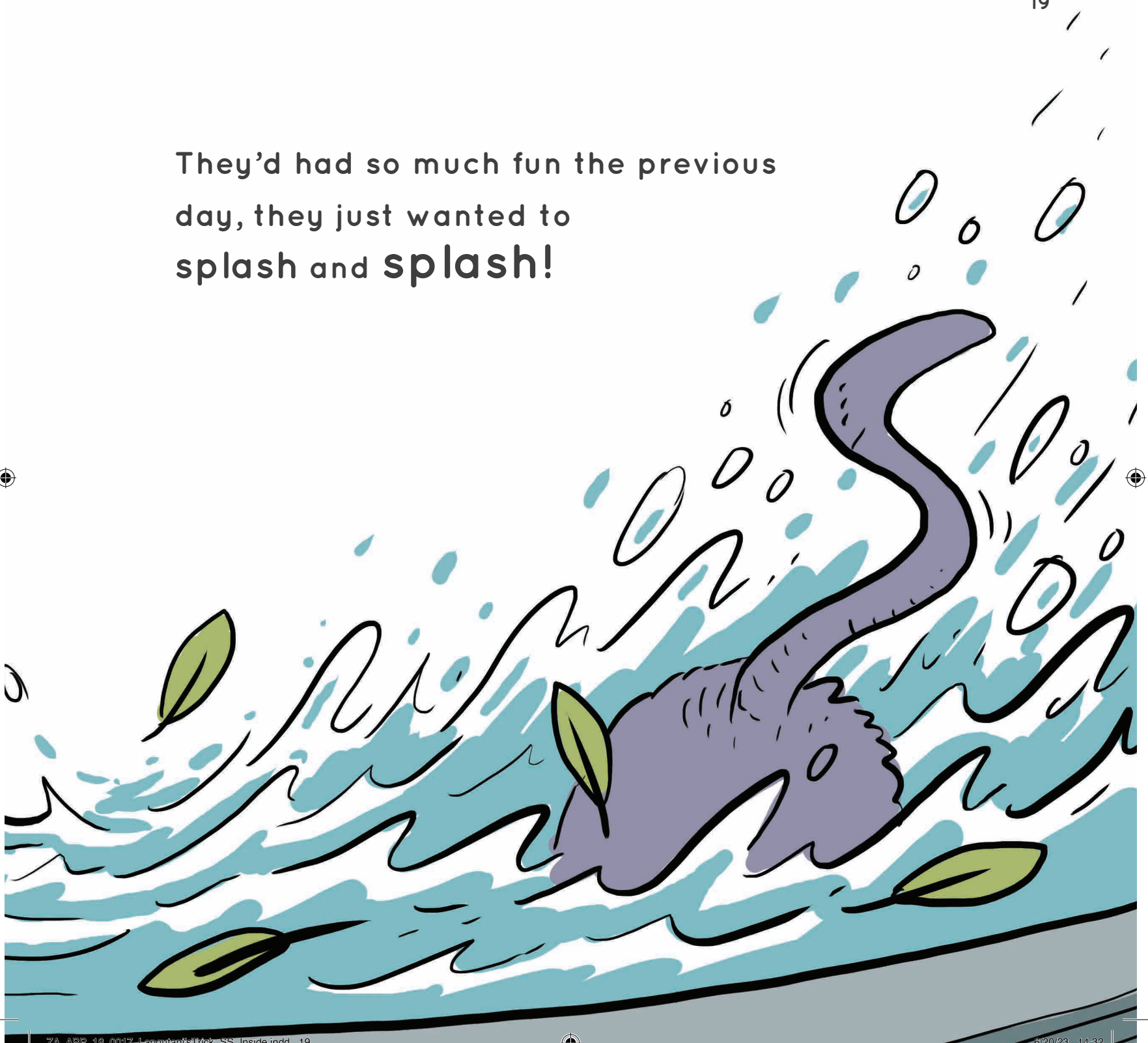


The **baboons** could not wait to bathe, too. This time, they didn't destroy any mealies.





They'd had so much fun the previous day, they just wanted to splash and **splash!**





But now, they were itching!

Scratch!

Splash!

Splash!

Scratch!





Scratch, scratch, **scratch!**





That night, the baboons
left the mountain.





Langutani and his father were never
bothered by those baboons again.





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