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Bewunesitunge lesikhulu.

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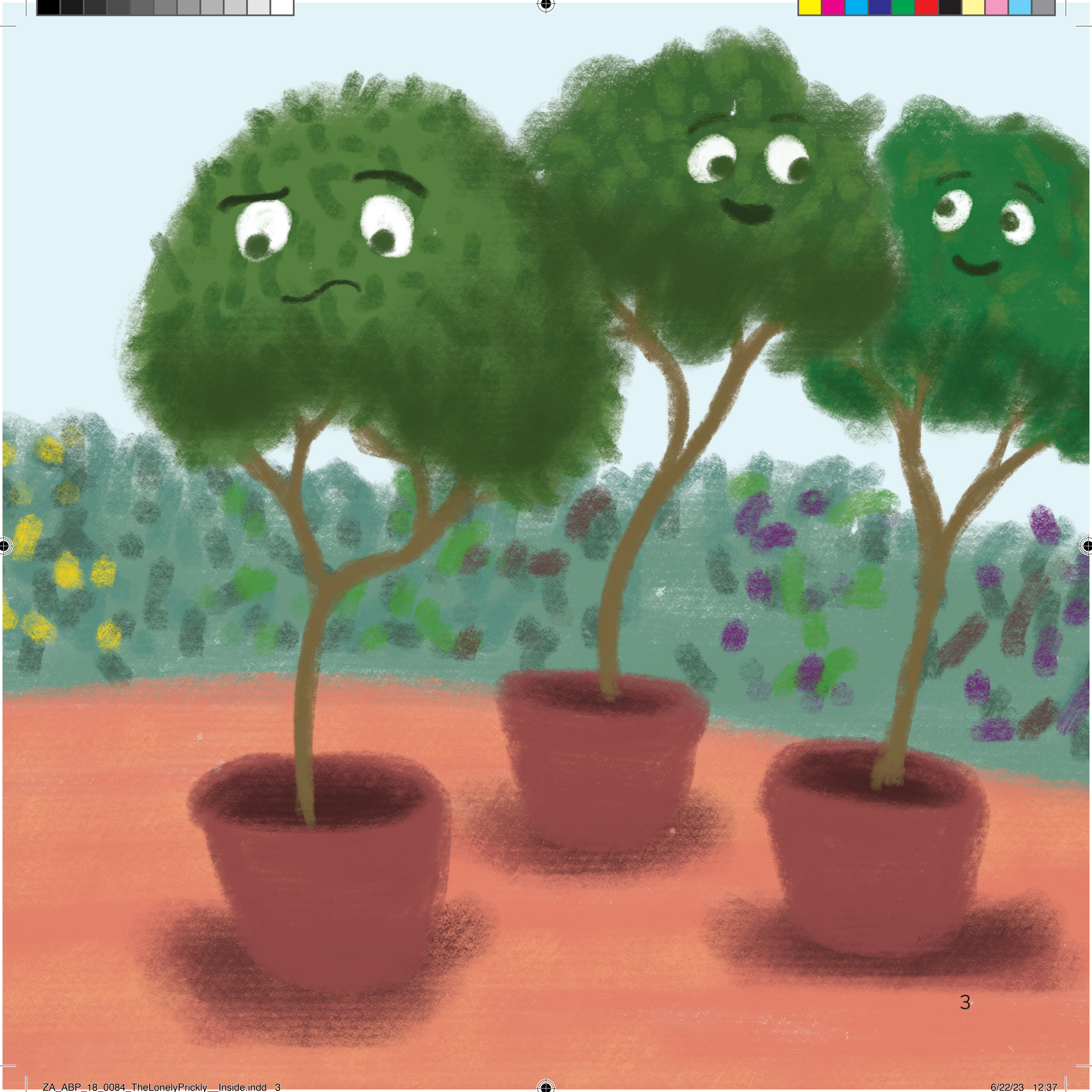



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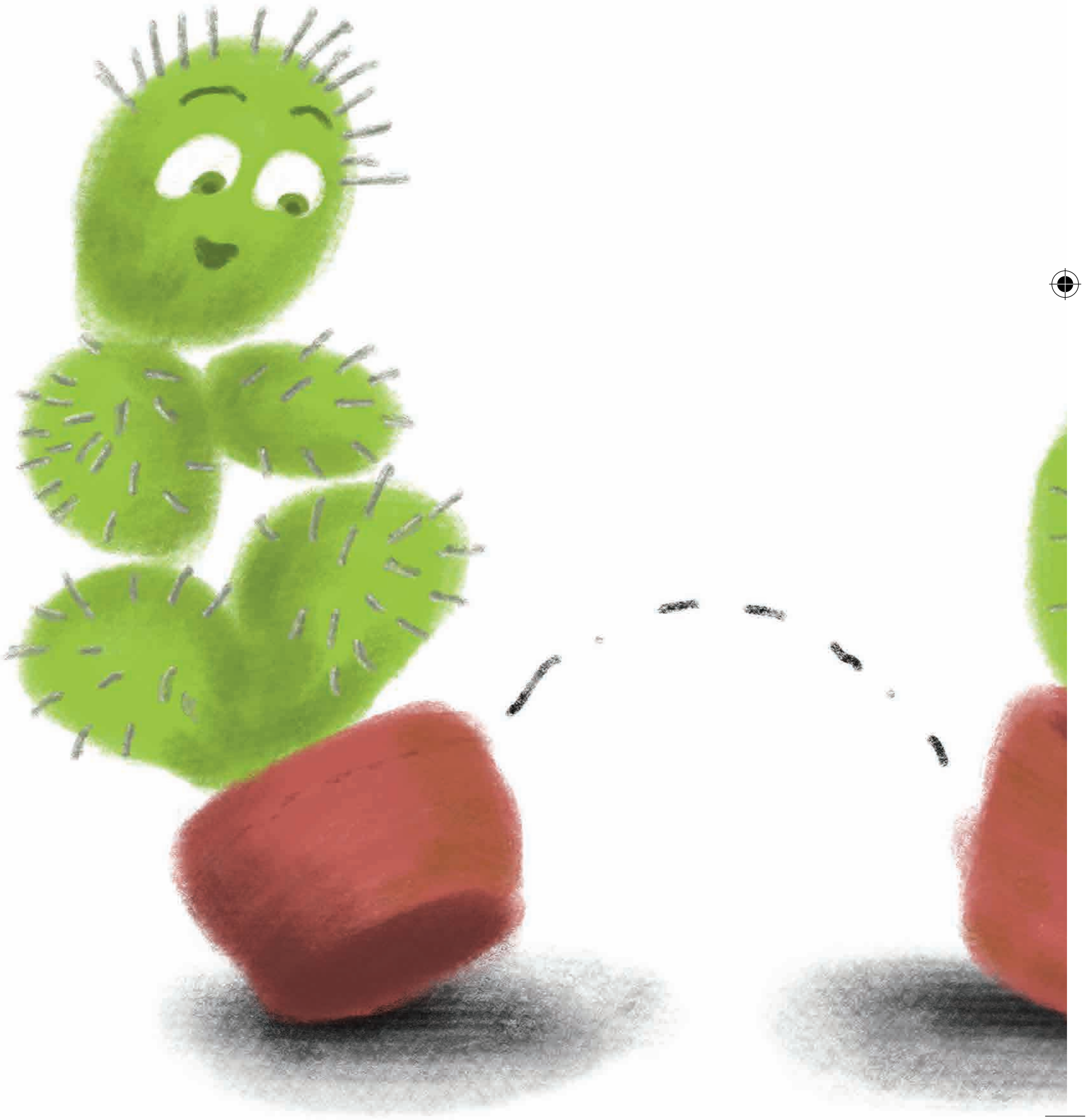



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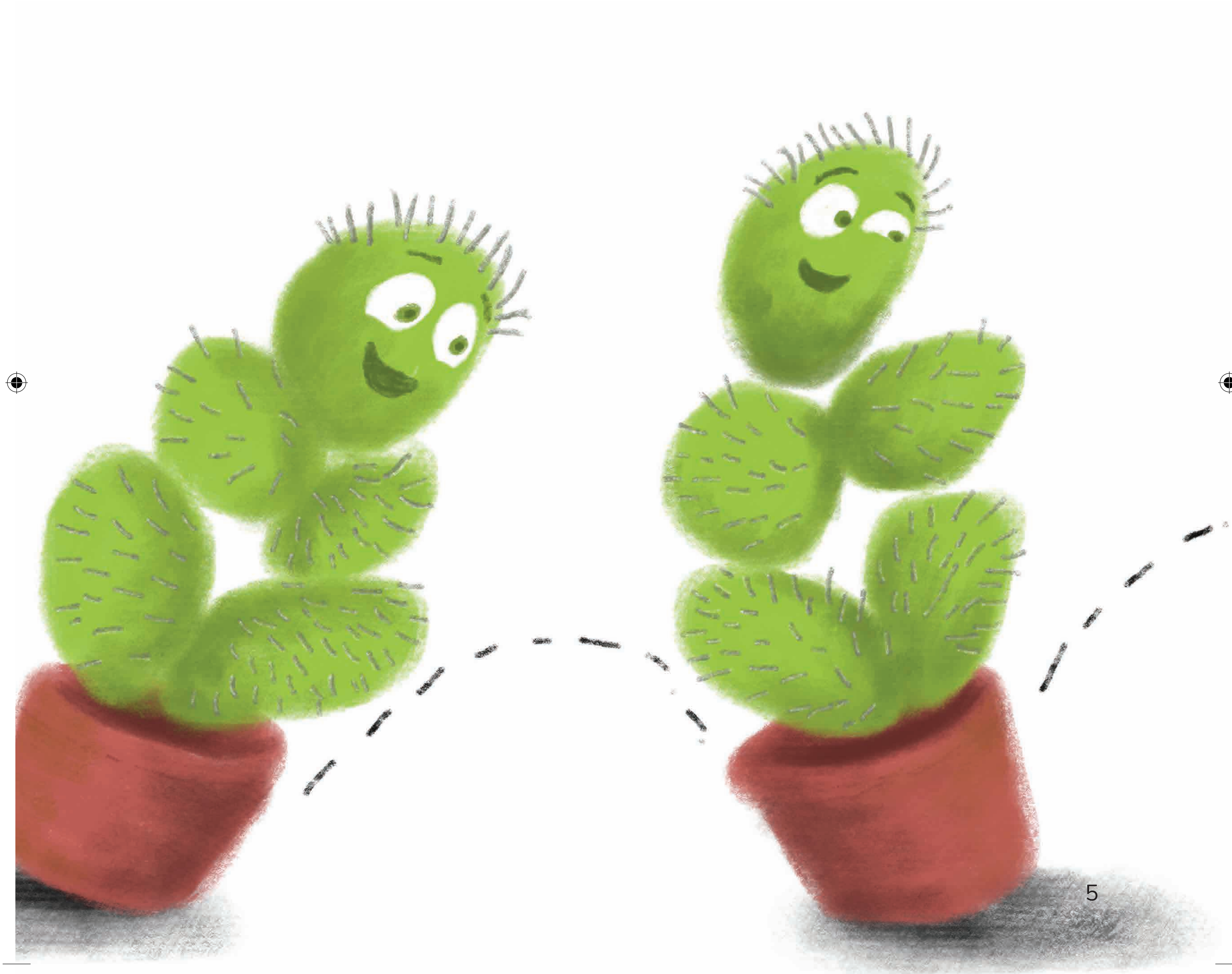



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Wacala wacela sihlahla seMwolintji.

“Angeke ngibe ngumngani wakho nanini,” kwaphendvula sihlahla seMwolintji.

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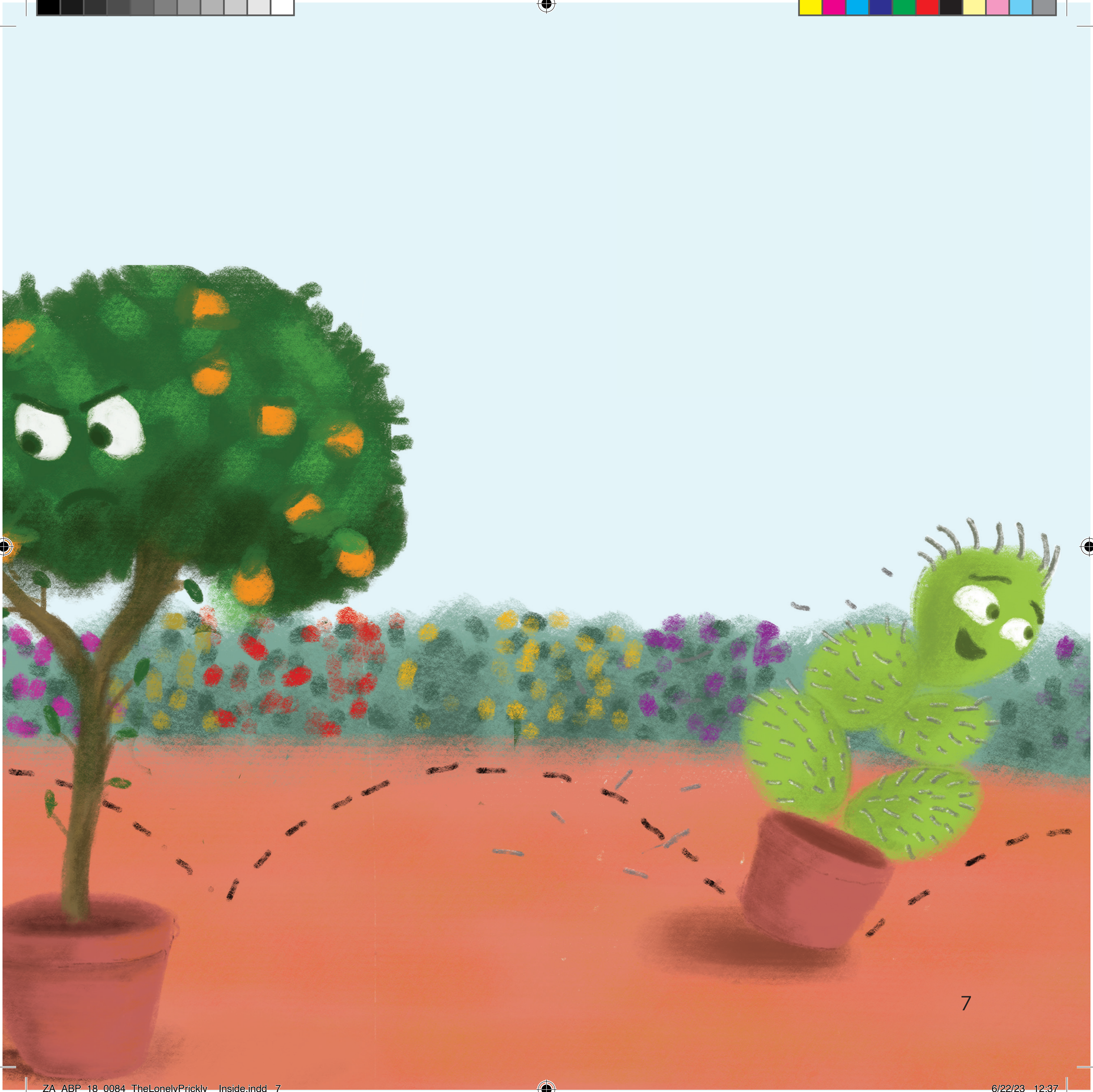



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UMdolofiya waya esihlahleni saBhanana.

“Bangani, angeke kulunge,”
kwaphendvula sihlahla saBhanana.

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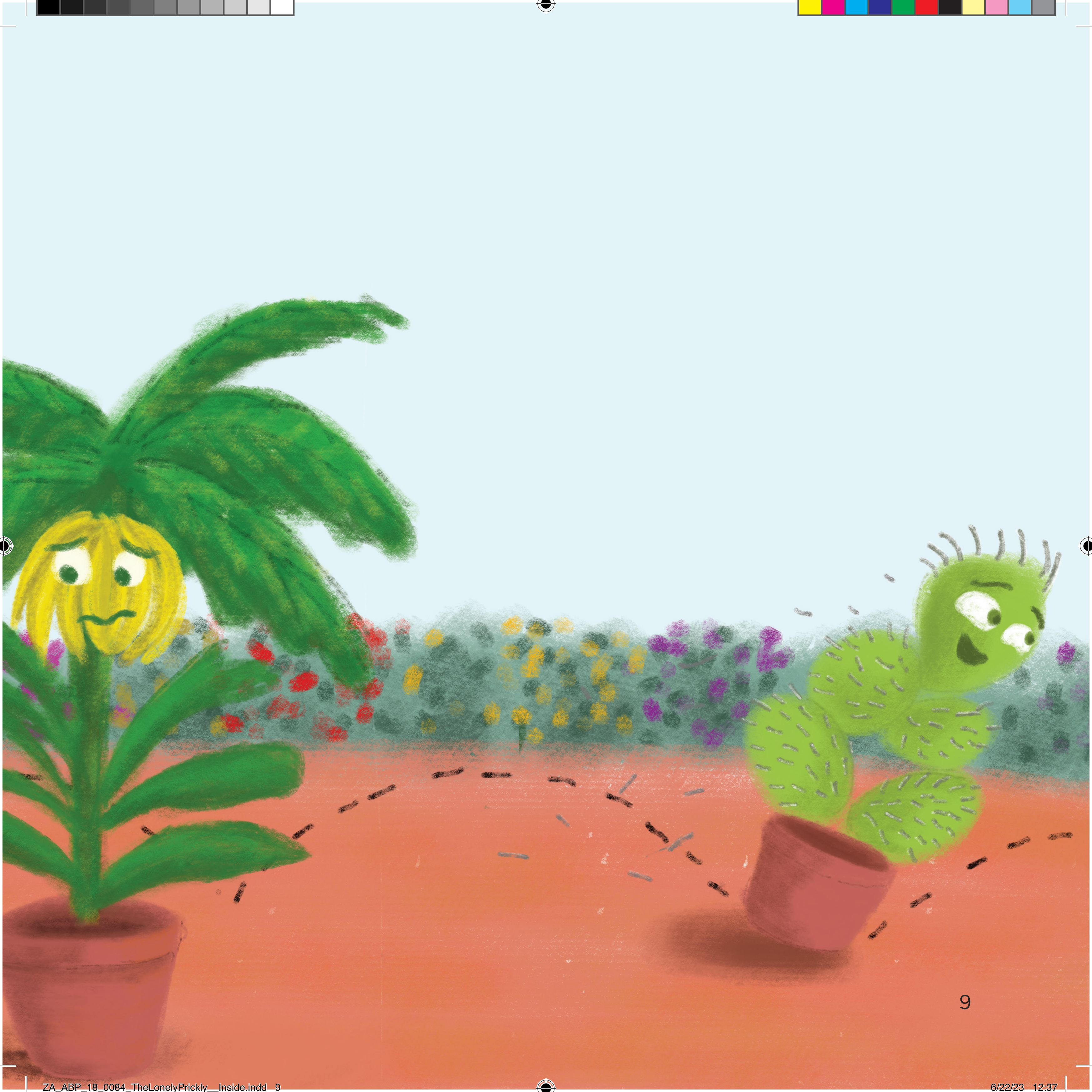



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UMdolofiya wacela sihlahla seMngoza, wabuye wacela sihlahla seMgwava.

Bonkhe abasemukelanga sicelo sawo.

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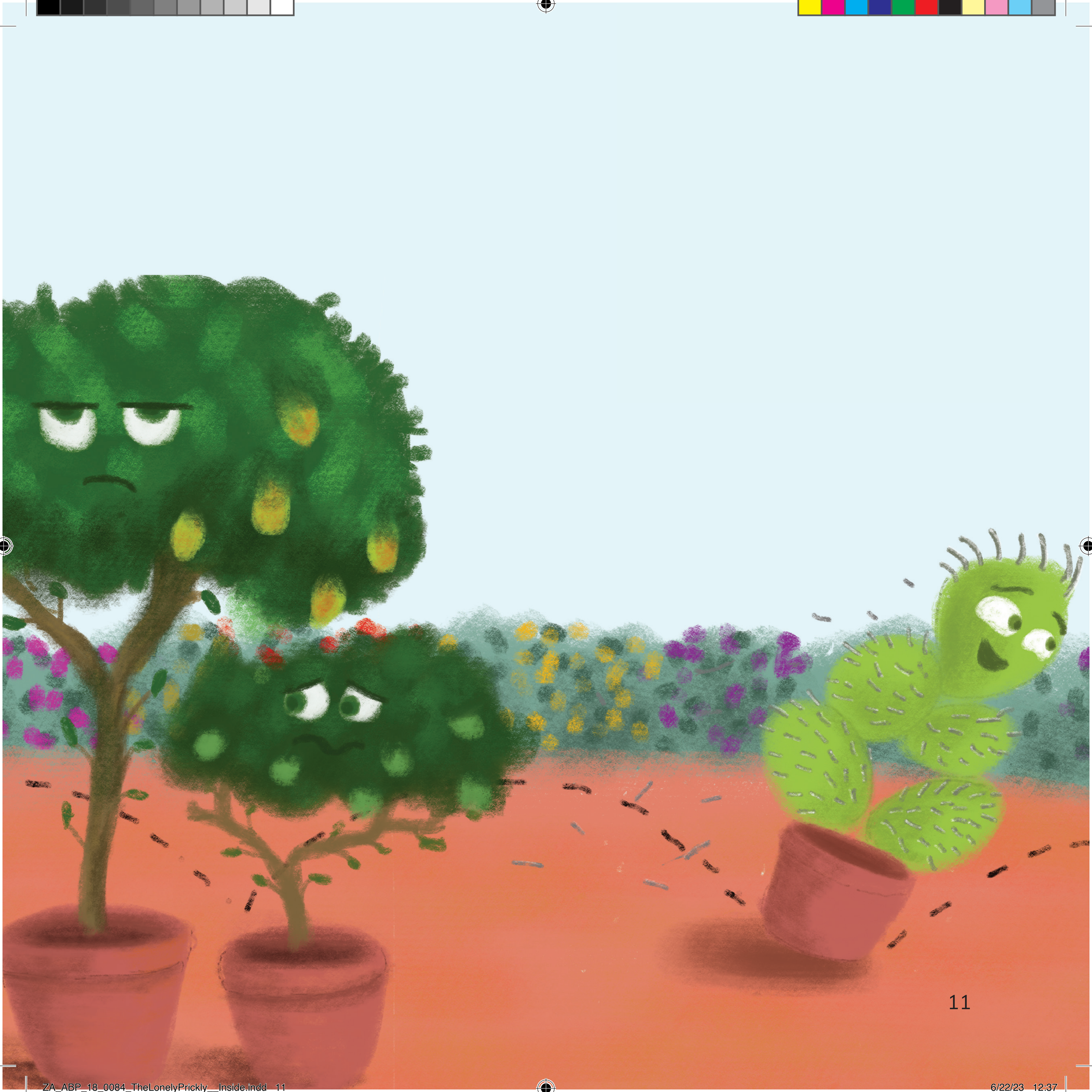
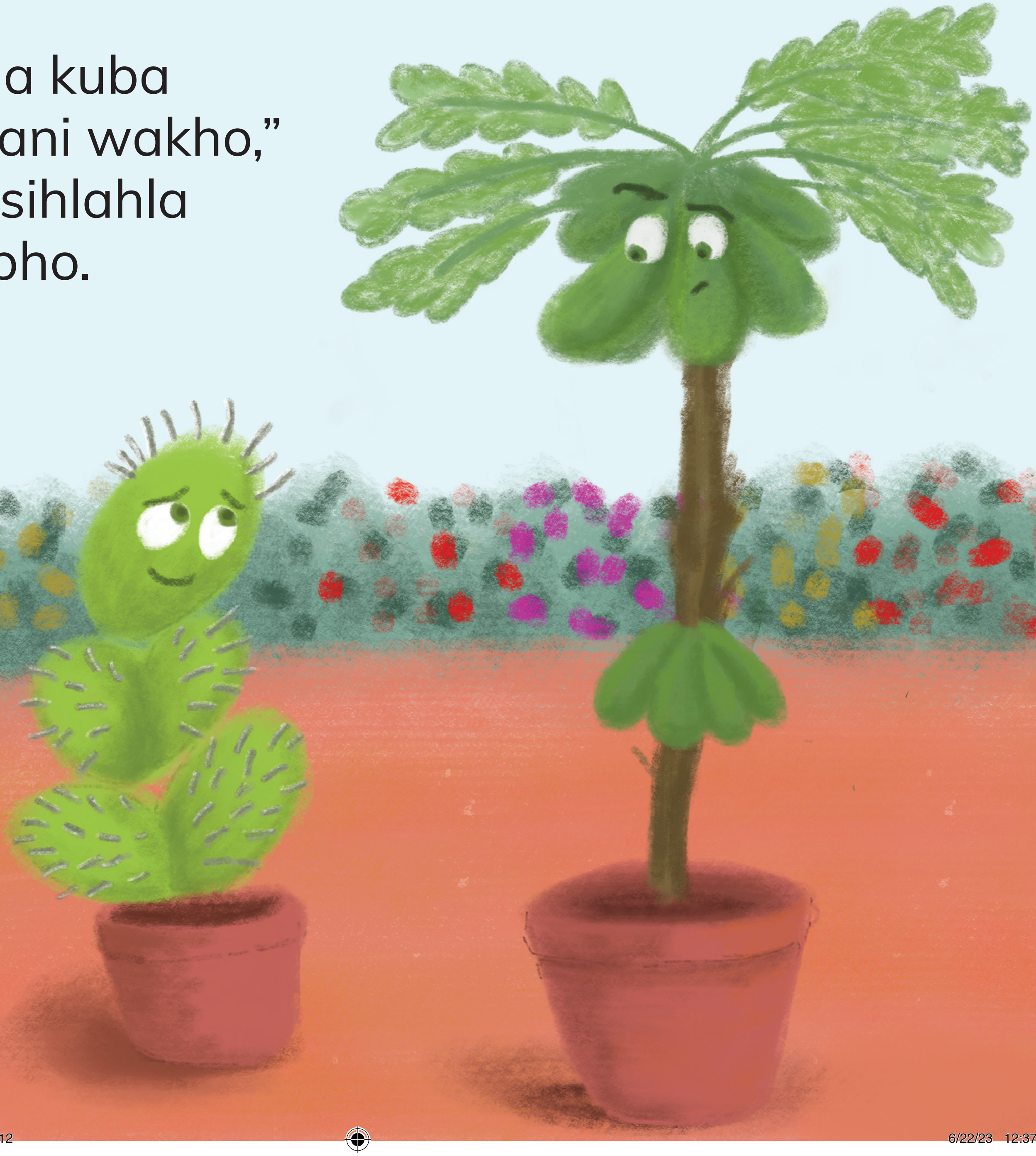


UMdolofiya wavakashela sihlahla seMphopho.

“Akusilula kuba ngumngani wakho,” kwasho sihlahla seMphopho.





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“Tihlahla tetitselo titsandvwa bantfu. Bayasikhulisa basibeke emakhaya abo. Wena, usihlahla sasesigangeni. Wehlukile.”

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“Tsine siyaniselwa njalo, kantsi wena wetayele somiso nelutfuli,” sihlahla seMphopho sachubeka.

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“Ngiyakuvela njengobe unesitunge nje.
Ngaloko-ke ngitawuba ngumngani wakho.
Kepha ungangihlabi!”

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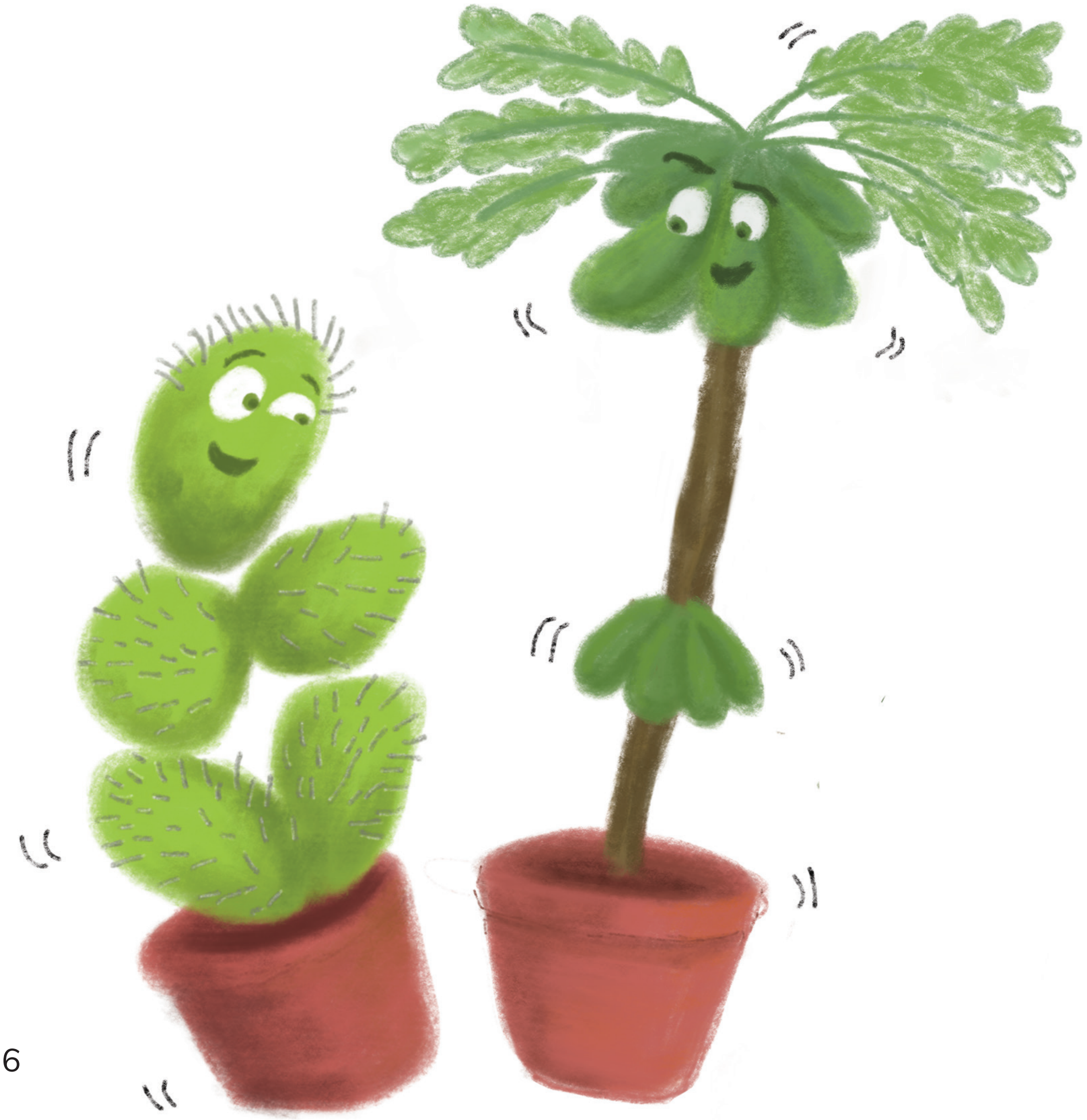



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Kepha linyeva lawo
lahlaba sitselo seliphopho.

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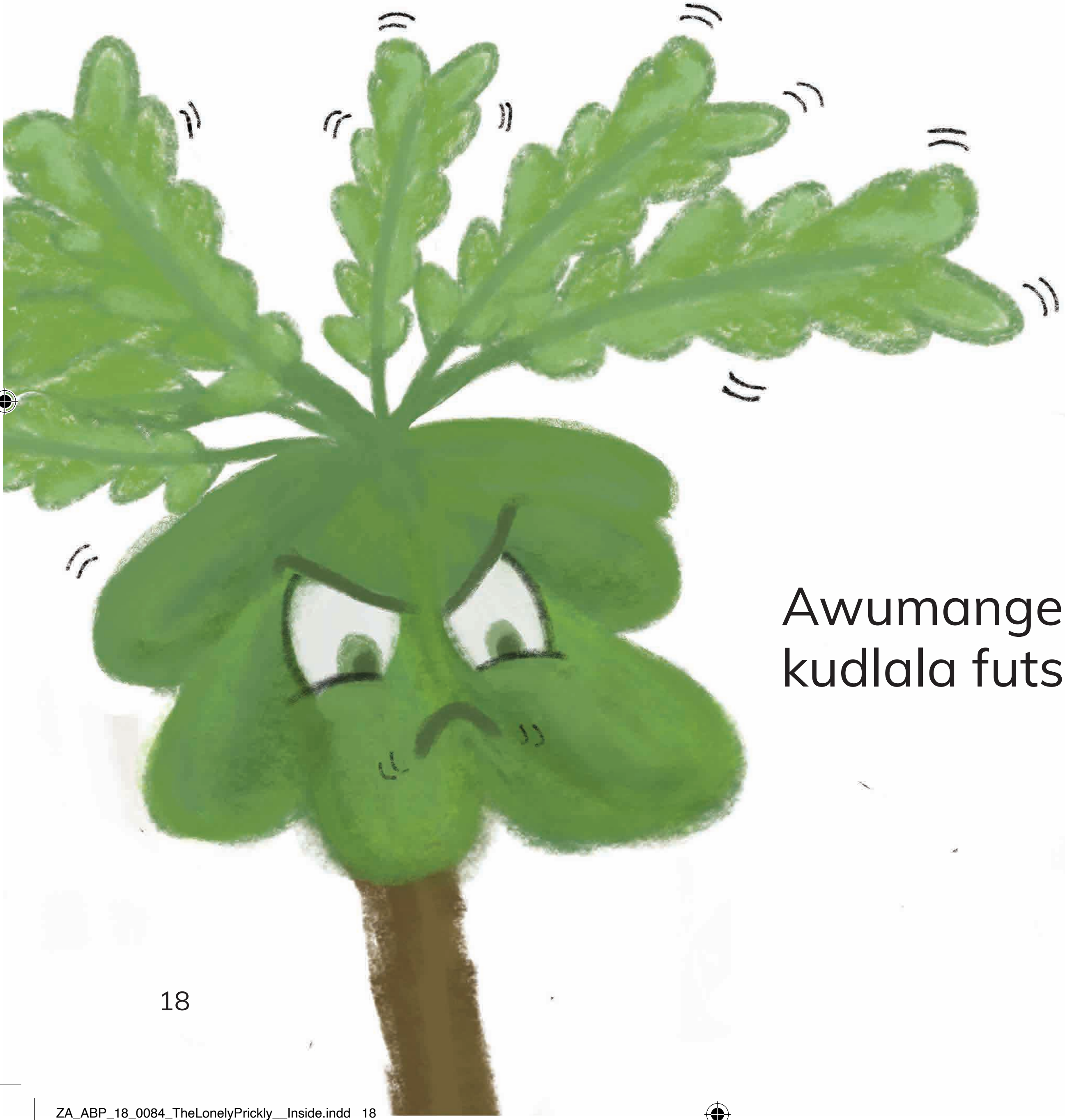
UMphopho walimala futsi wacasuka.



Awumange usafuna kudlala futsi.



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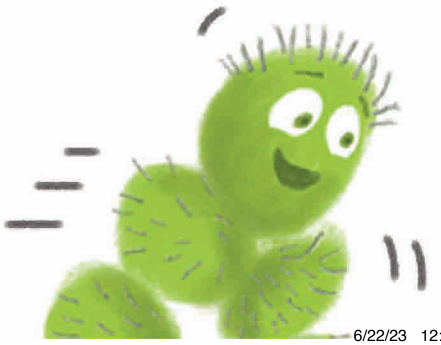
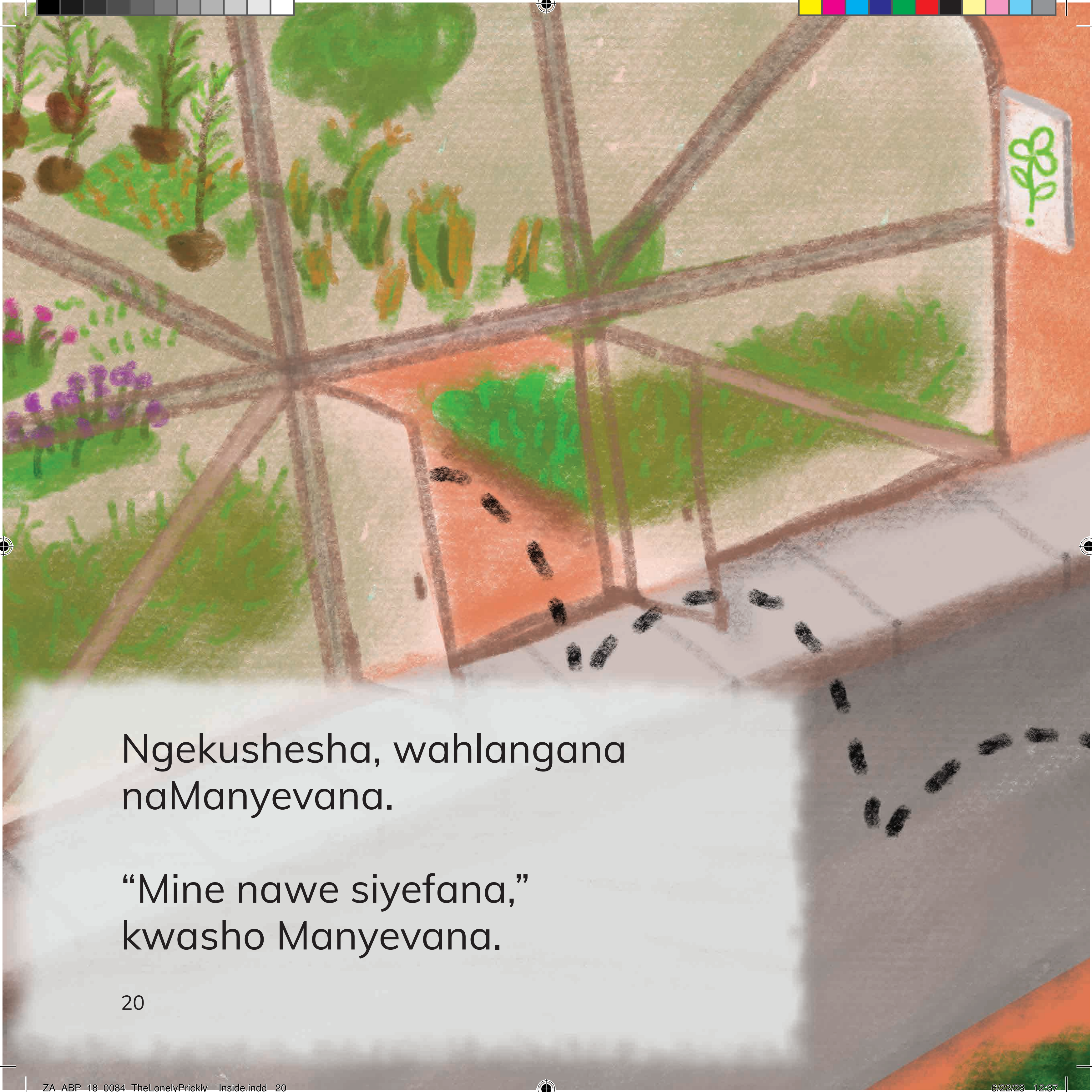
UMdolofiya waphatseke kabi imphela.
Kepha awumange uphelelwe ngemandla!
Wancuma kuchubeka ubuke kulenye indzawo.





Ngekushesha, wahlangana naManyevana.

“Mine nawe siyefana,” kwasho Manyevana.



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“Siyahlabana. Asihambe siyotifunela letfu likhaya lelisha.”



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Bahamba bayobuka leyondzawo. Masinyane, befika esigangeni lesomile.

“Leli likhaya lelifanele bangani labahlabanako,” bamemeta.

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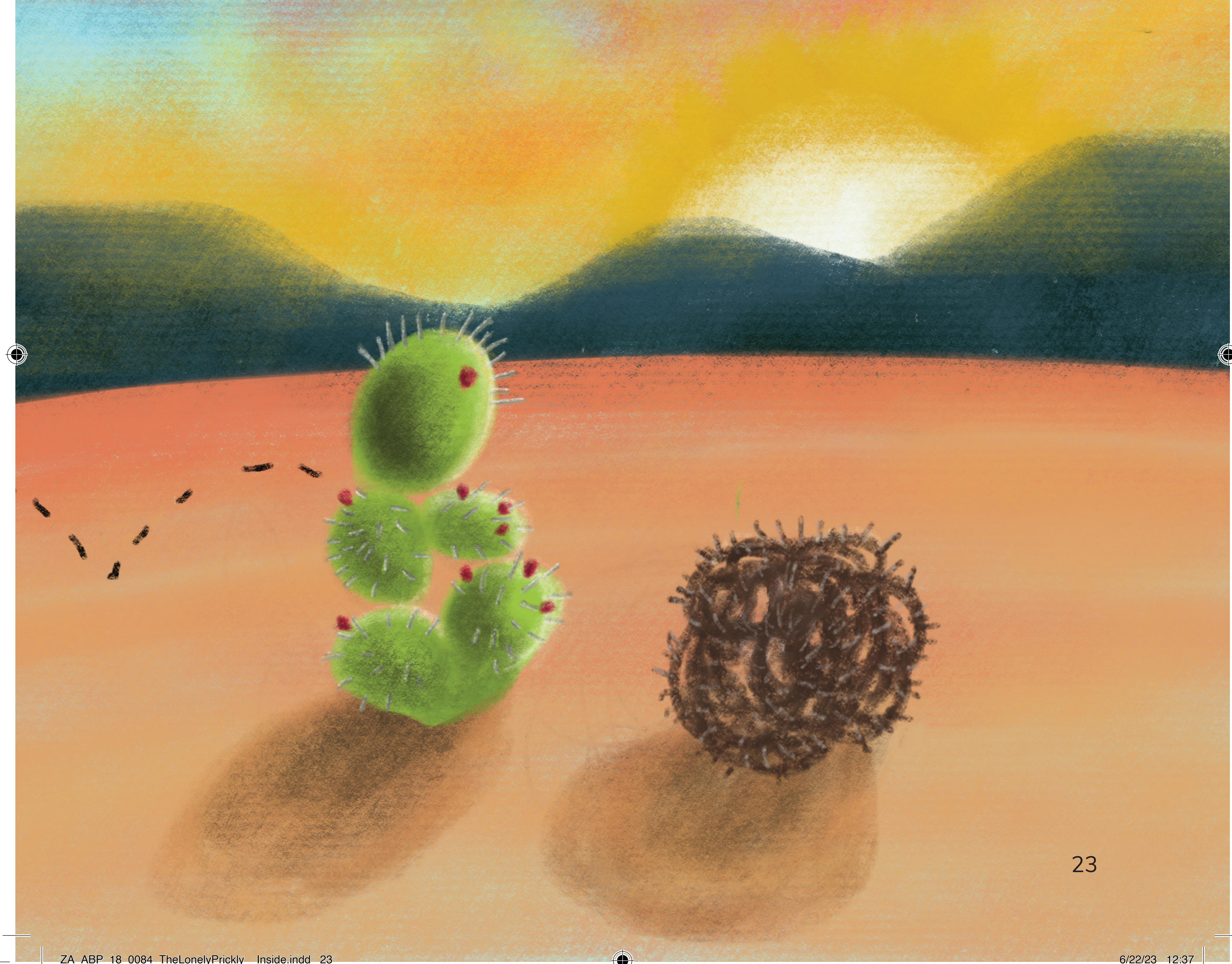
"Sitawuhlala lapha kuze kube phakadze!"





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