



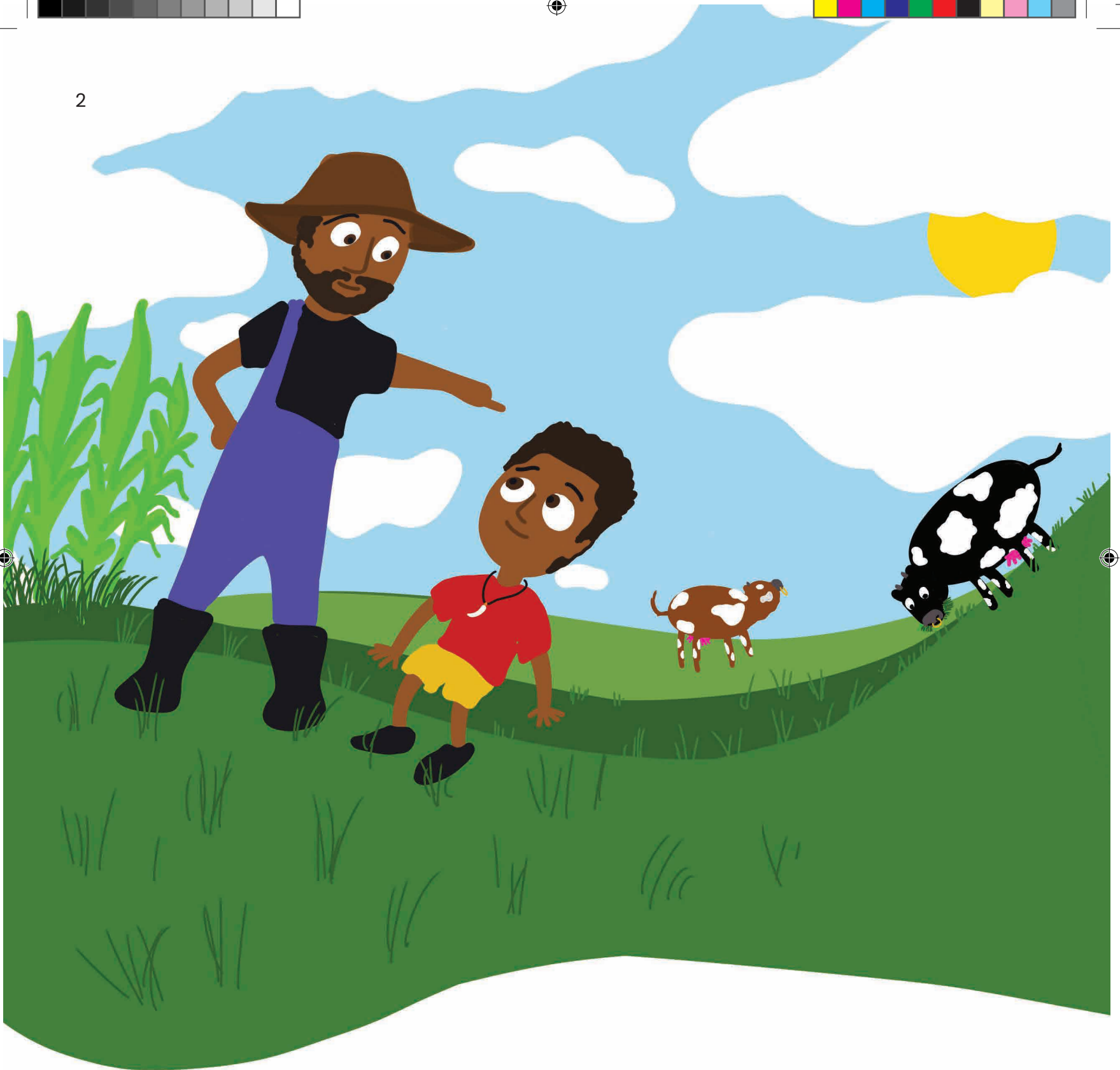
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Cilo ngumelusi lotimisele.

Onkhe emalanga babe wakhe umcwayisa
ngebungoti bemfula iNanda.

“Babe umane uyangetfusa,” kucabanga Cilo.

“Kepha namuhla tinkhomo tomile!
Kumele ngiye entasi emfuleni iNanda,”
kucabanga Cilo.





Emfuleni, Cilo ugcwalisa libhodlela lakhe ngemanti. Tinkhomo tiyacala tiyanatsa.

Yini **leya!**

Kunalokuphatamisa inkhomo lensundvu.



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“Maye babo!”

kumemeta Cilo.

“Ligagasi likhukhula
tinkhomo tababe letimbili.”



Umfula iNanda ubukeka
utfukutsele. Cilo uzubela emfuleni
kute asindzise tinkhomo.



Emanti emfula akhukhulela Cilo netinkhomo
letimbili ngesheya kwemfula.
“Sengikhashane kakhulu angeke ngikwati
kuhlamba ngibuyele emuva!” kukhala Cilo.





“Sengitawenta njani?”
Masinyane weva kudvuma lokukhulu.





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Emva kwesangcotfo,
kwavela uMushi
Wenkhosazana.

“Wentani lapha?”
kubuta uMushi
Wenkhosazana.



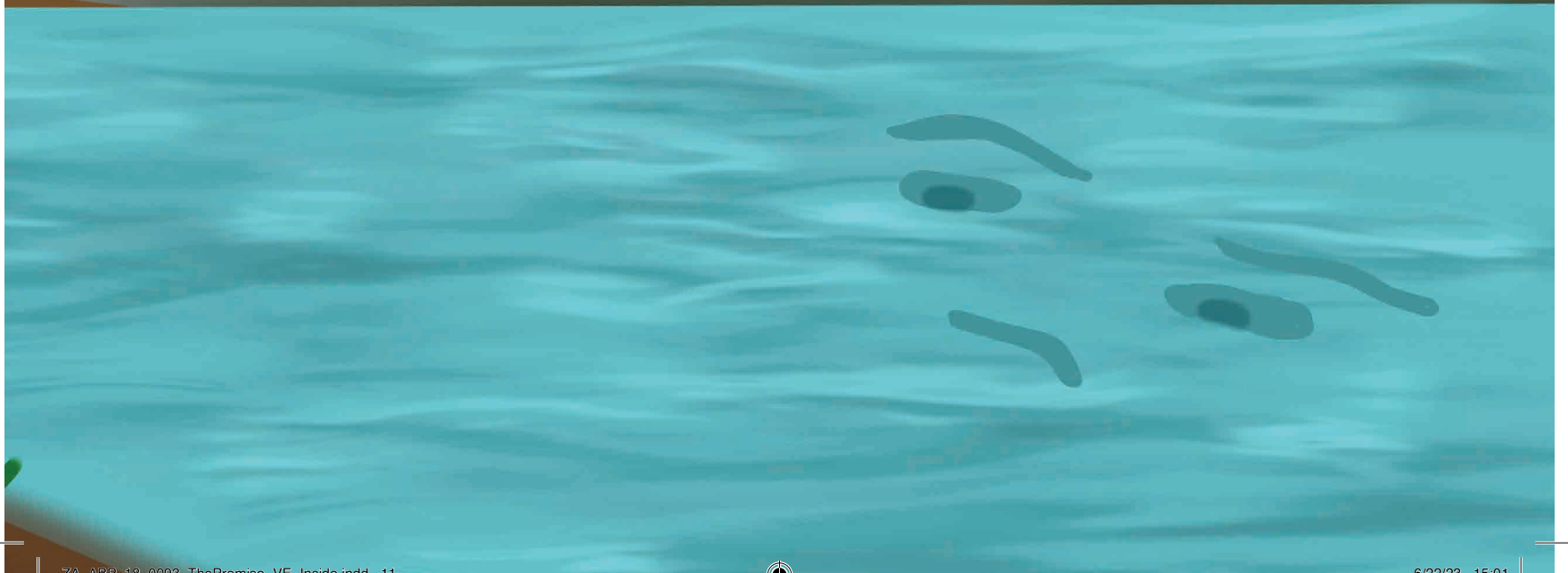


“Ngikhukhulwe ngumfula iNanda,”
kukhala Cilo.

“Awu sitsandvwa,” kusho uMushi Wenkhosazana.
“Ase usho. Ngewani lomgaco?”

Cilo waphendvula ngekutetsemba.
“Ngawuphiwa yinkhosi Nkhanyezi, ngekuba
ngumpetsa kutekudubula lapha eNanda.”

“Ase ugikhombise. Nangabe ungadubula litje
liye ngesheya, ngitakusita kutsi uwele,”
kutsembisa uMushi Wenkhosazana.



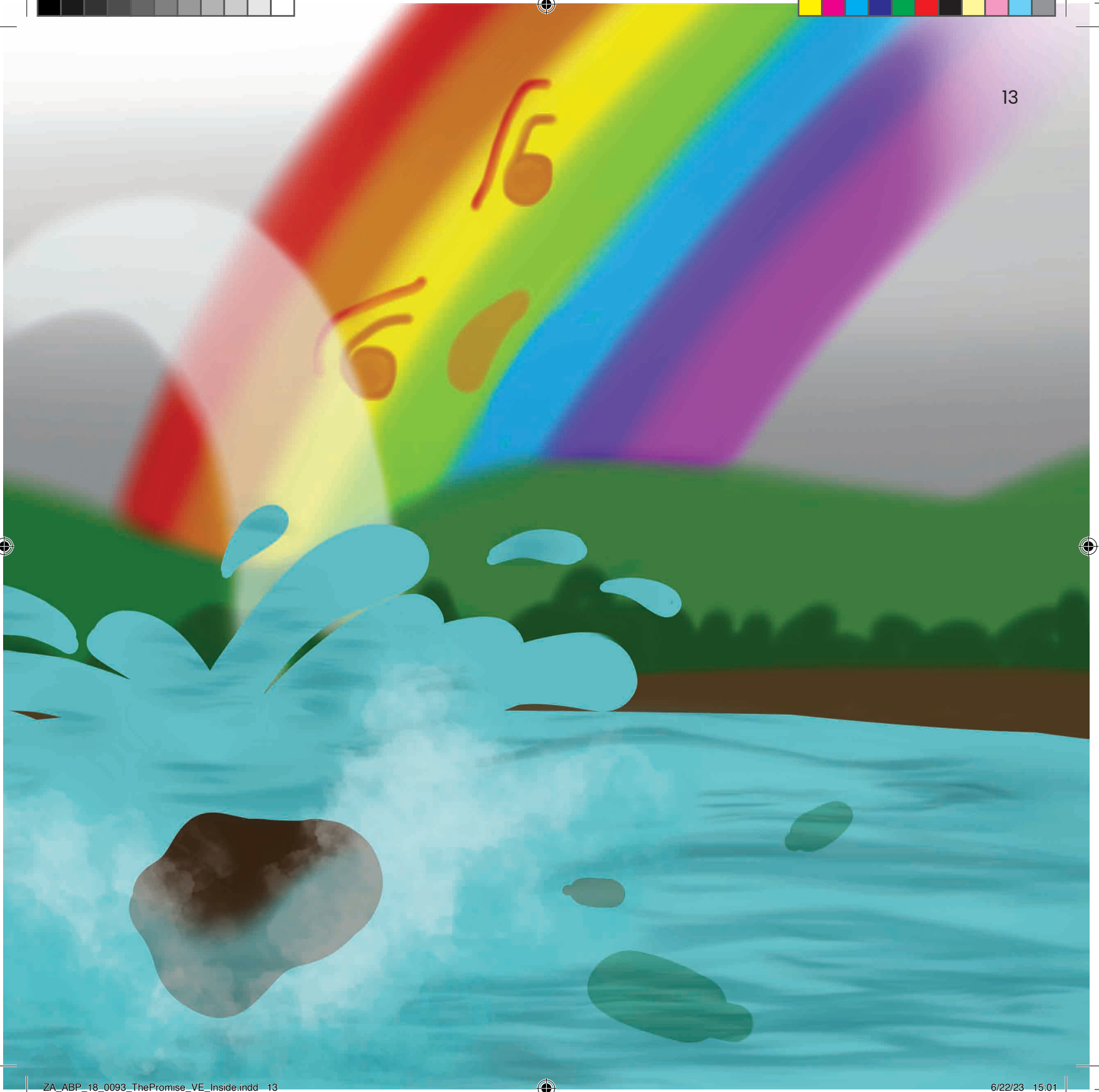
Cilo watsatsa litje. Walifaka esidubulweni sakhe. Waphosa ngawo onkhe emandla.

“Awu nabakitsi!” kumemeta Cilo.

Gcumu! Litje liwela emkhatsini wemfula.



“Awukenti kahle,” kusho uMushi Wenkhosazana, wacedze wanyamalala.





Cilo wacala futsi wakhala. Ngalesosikhatsi
weva livi lisuka emfuleni.





“Ngingakusita, kodvwa bantfu bakini bayangihlupha,” kusho umfula iNanda.



“Usho kutsini?” kubuta Cilo.

“Bantfu bakini ngibasite iminyaka leminyenti.
Nginipha emanti. Nginipha kudla.
Kepha lenikwentako kungiphosela
ngetibi ningingcolise.”



“Manje mine ngingakusita ngani?” kubuta Cilo.
“Kulula,” kusho umfula iNanda.
“Nginike tinkhomo takho!”

“Kodvwa, kodvwa, kodvwa, tinkhomo tababe,”
kuphendvula Cilo atikhalela.





“Ngaloko-ke **ngitawugwinya wena!**”

“Ngiyakucela ungangigwinyi,” kuncenga Cilo.
“Ngiyatsembisa kutsi ngitawusita ngibutse letibi.
Ngiyatsembisa kutsi ngitawutjela bonkhe bantfu
kutsi bangakungcolisi”

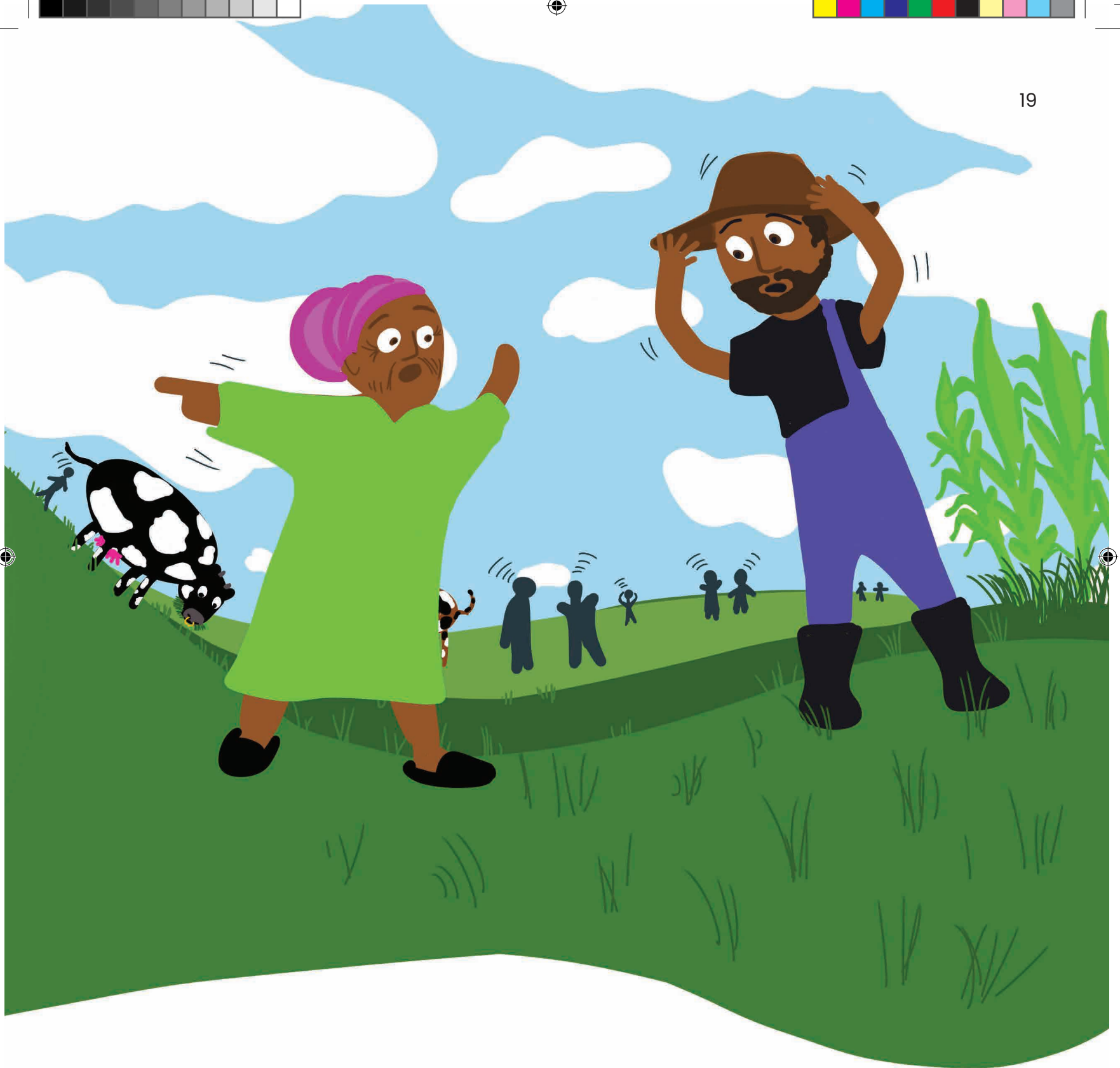
“Angikukholwa mfana!” kusho umfula iNanda.



Emuva ekhaya Cilo uyafunwa.

“Ngiyibonile indvodzana yenu emfuleni
iNanda,” kusho make lomdzala
akhomba emfuleni.

Bagijima bonkhe bantfu baya emfuleni.
Kwevakala umsindvo lomkhulu uchamuka
emfuleni. Intfukutselo yemfula
iNanda yakhula.






Umfula waphuphuma wacondza kubantfu.
Wabakhukhula bonkhe wabaphosa
ekujuleni kwemanti.

“Sisiteni bo! Siyacela kutsi ungasigwinyi!”
Kuncenga bantfu. “Utfukutseliswe yini kangaka?”





“Silahle tibi sabuye sangcolisa umfula
iNanda iminyaka leminyenti,” kumemeta Cilo
ngesheya kwemfula. “Kepha lokwentiwe
ngumfula kusinakekela.”

“Siyatsembisa kutsi sitawunakekela.
Siyatsembisa. Nyalo sisite!” bantfu bayatikhalela.





Kusukela ngalelolanga,
bantfu basigcina setsembiso sabo.





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