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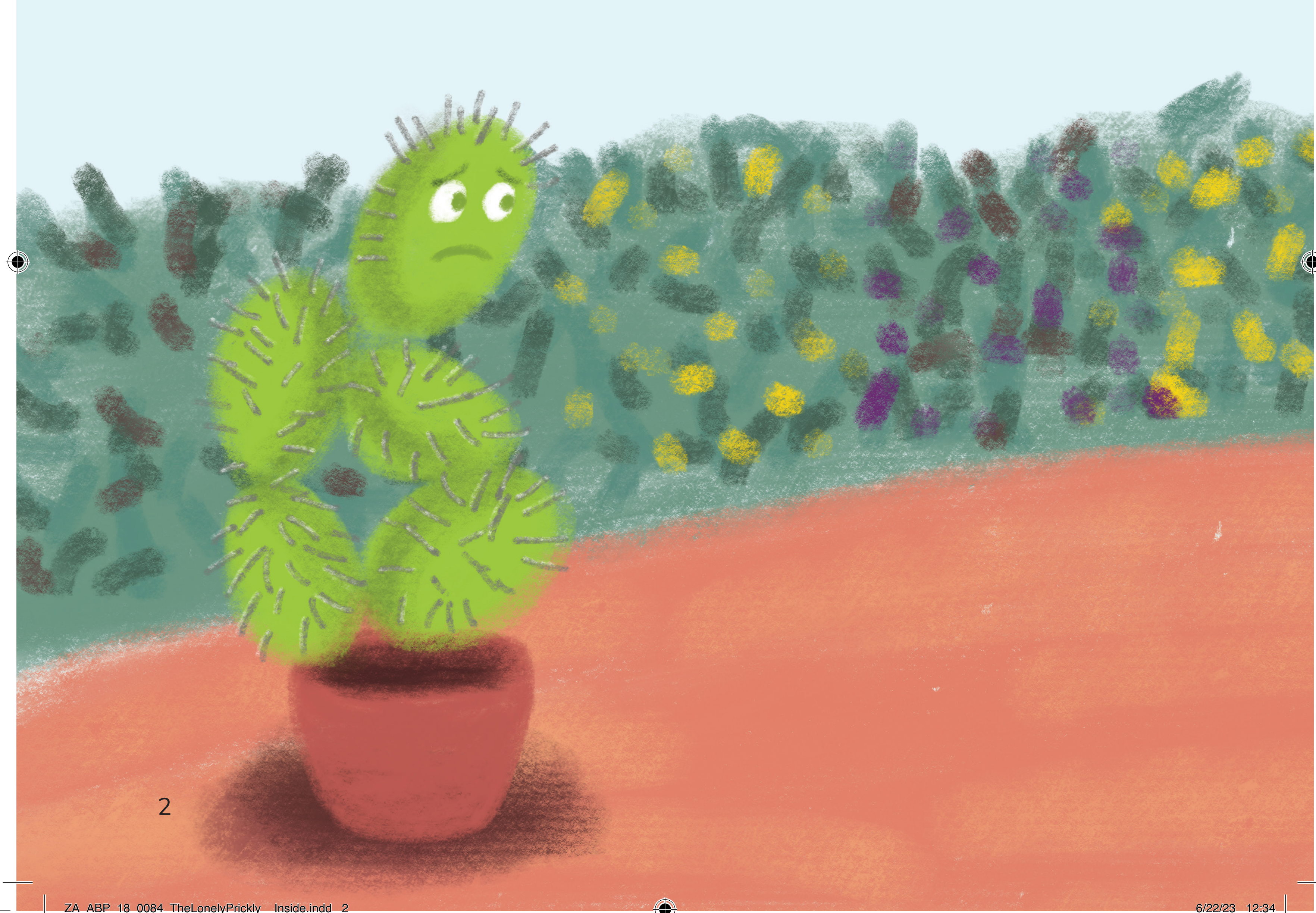

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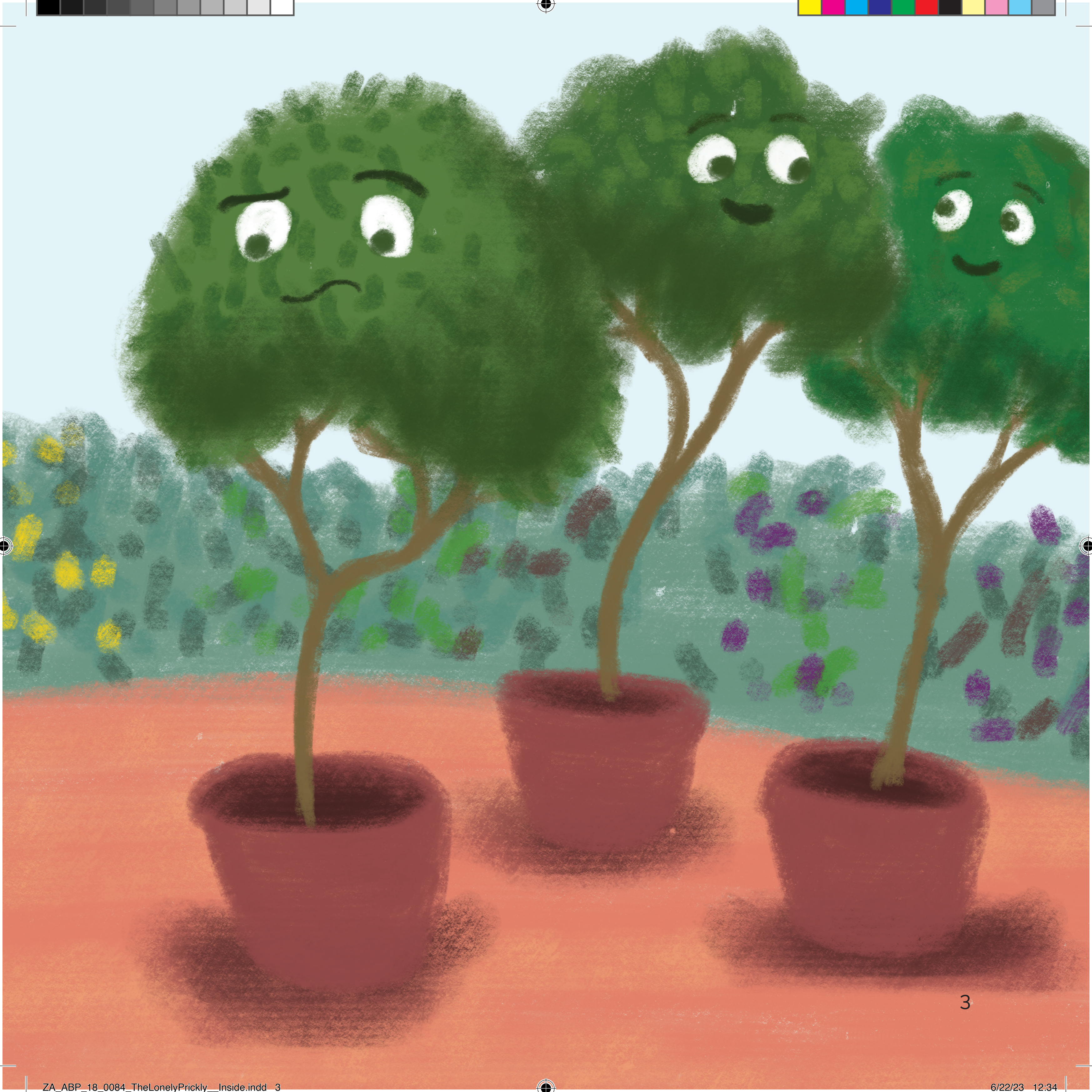

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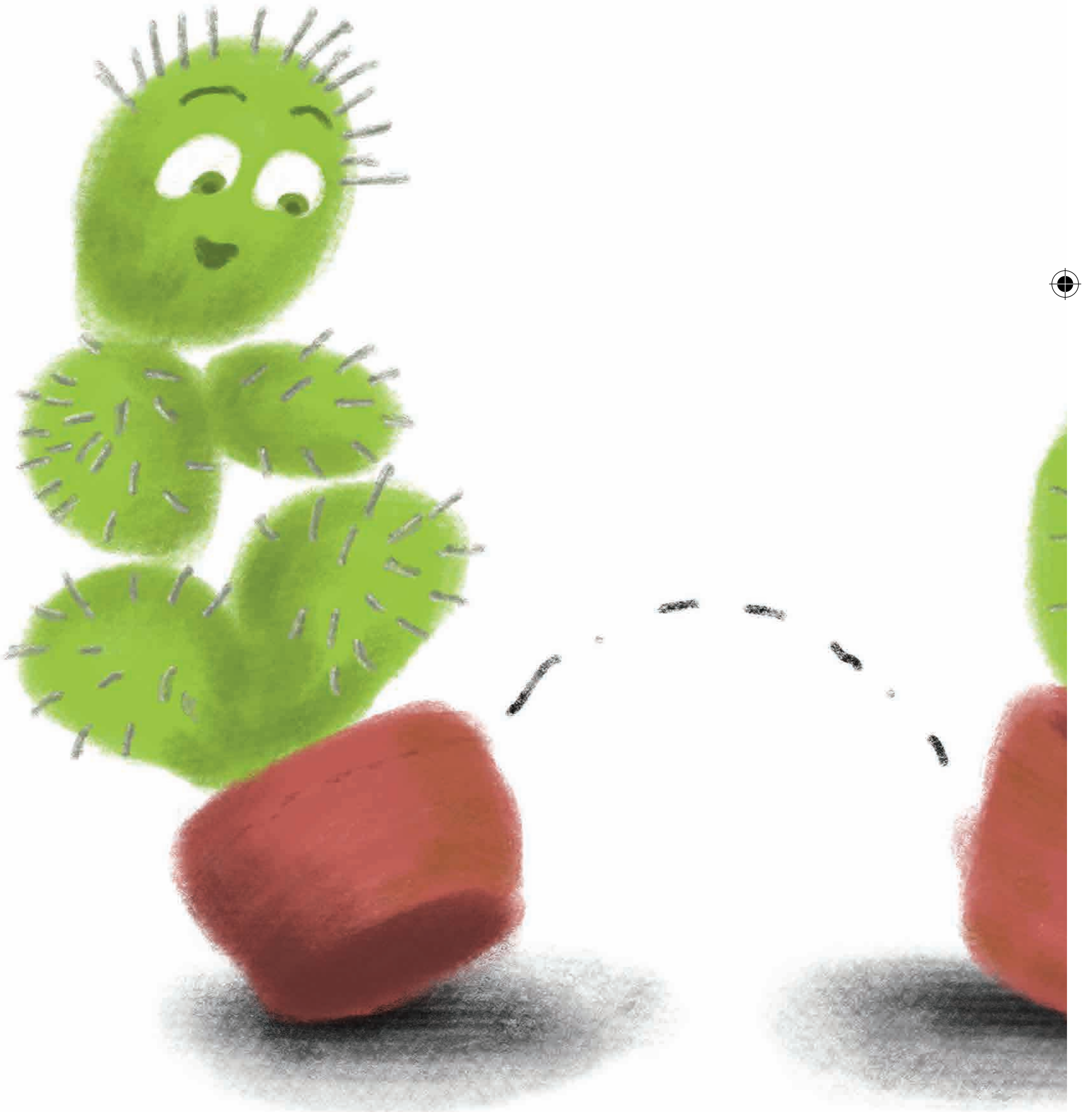

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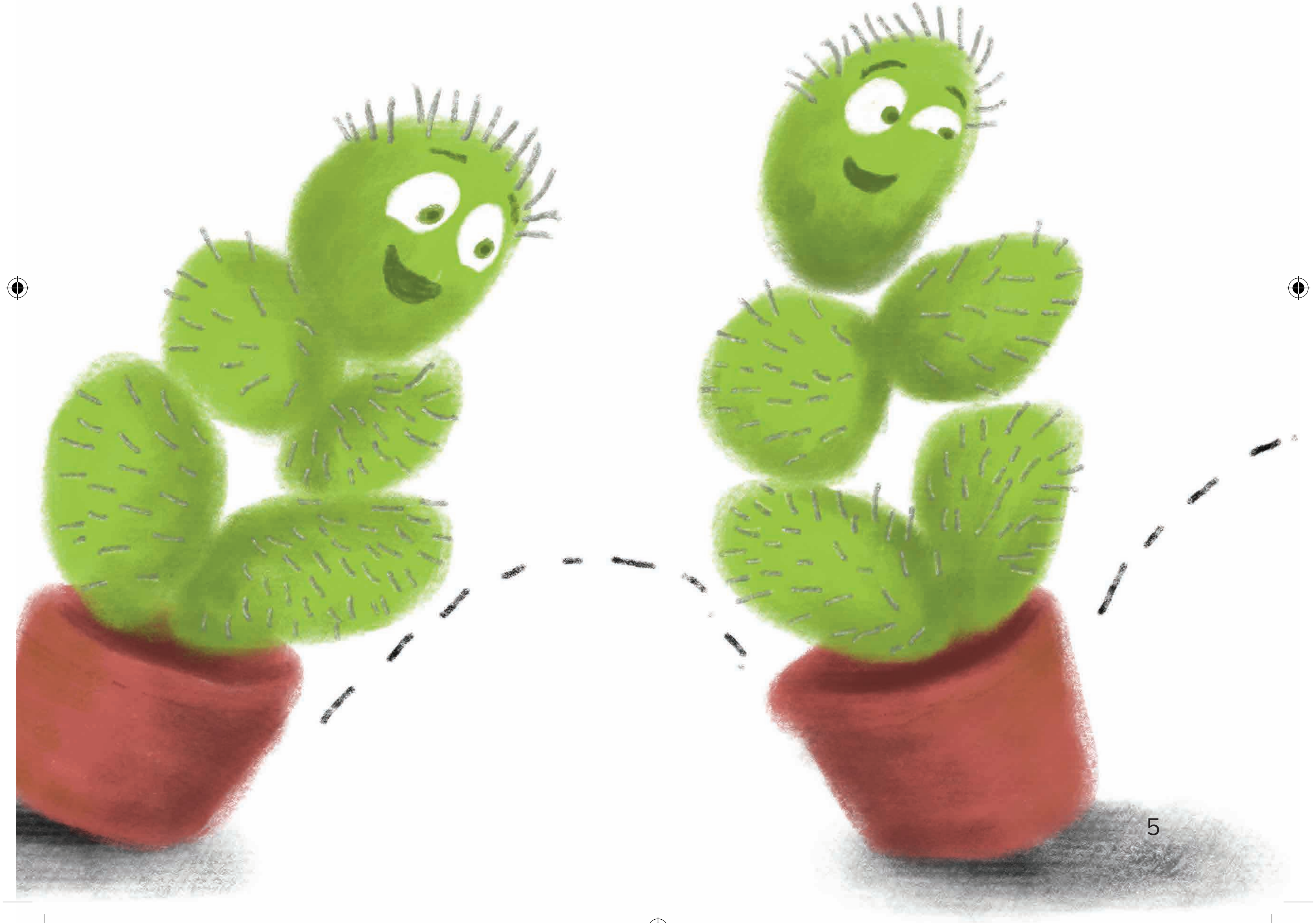

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Waqala ngokuya esihlahleni samawolintshi.

“Angisoze ngaba ngumngani wakho mina,” kusho uMwolintshi.

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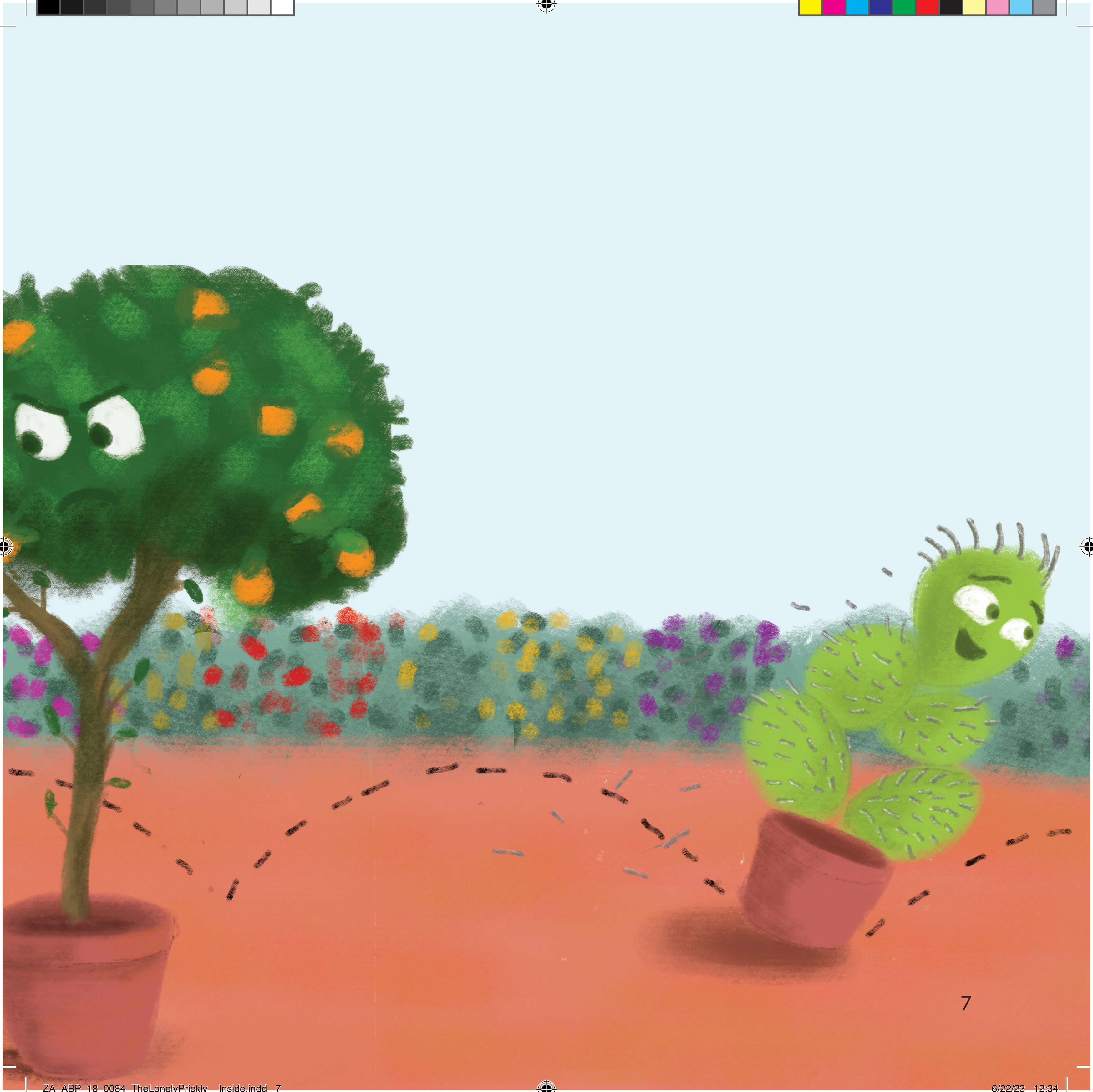
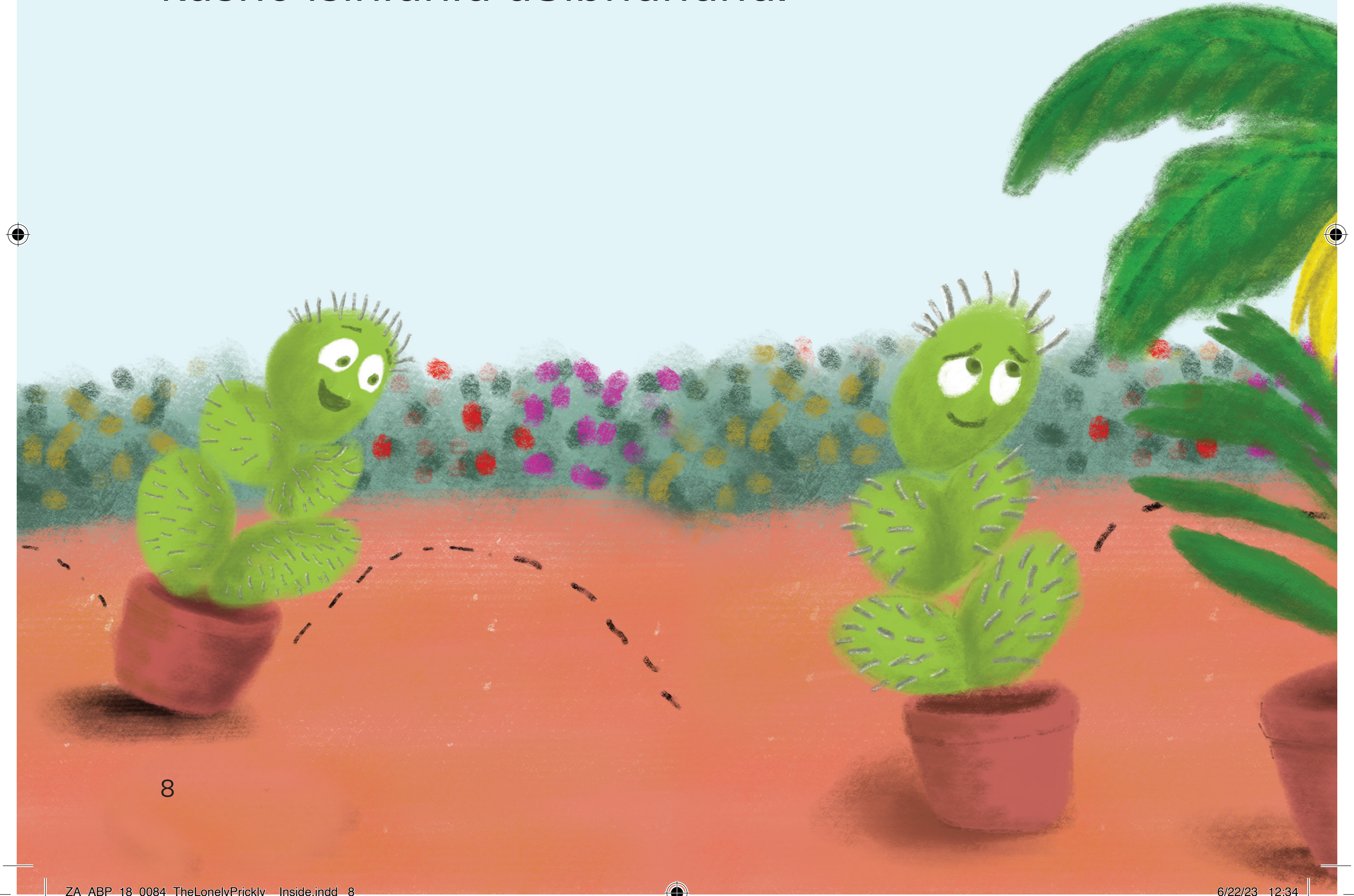


Wasuka lapho uMdolofiya waya esihlahleni sikabhanana.

“Ayikho indlela yokuthi singaba ngabangani, kusho isihlahla uSibhanana.”



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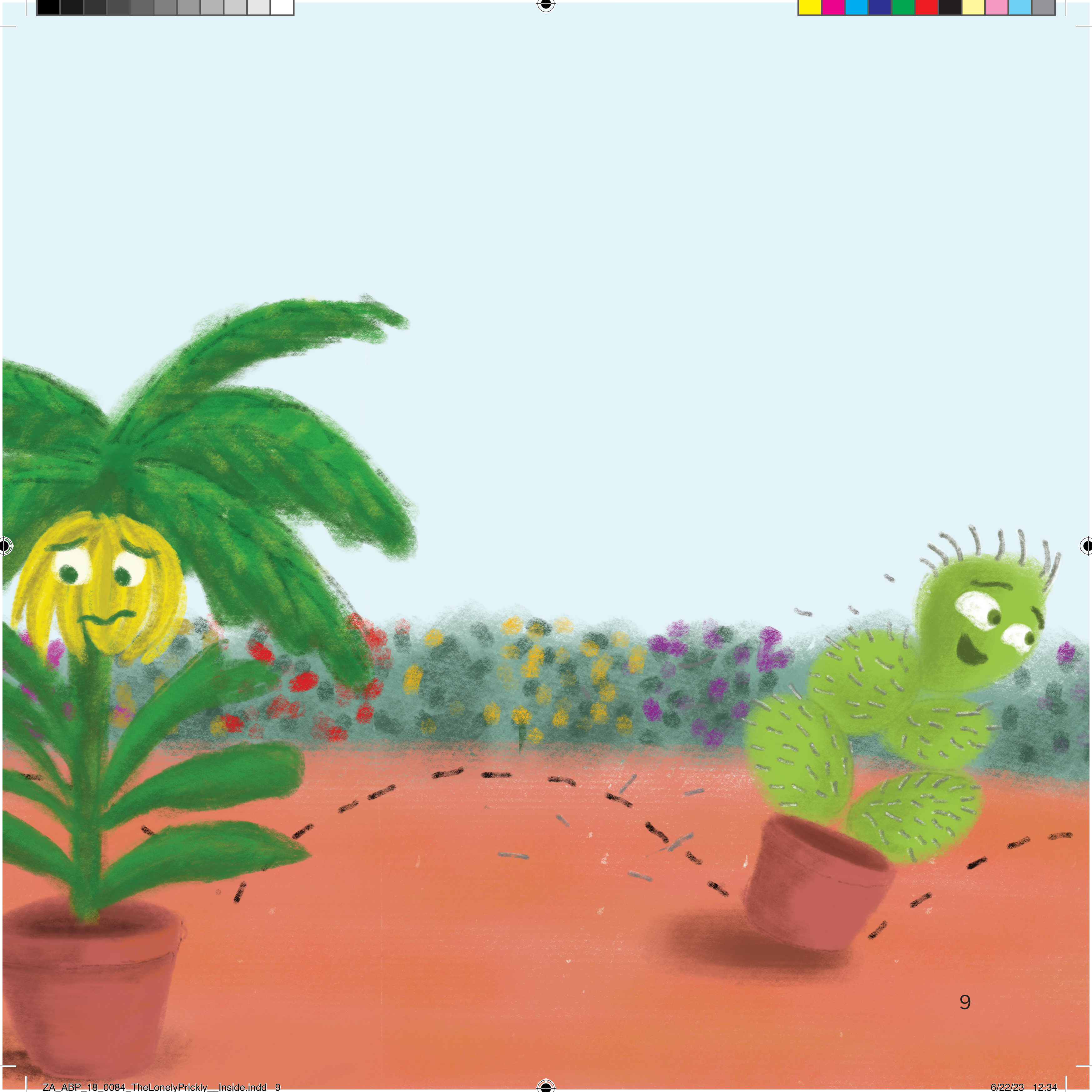

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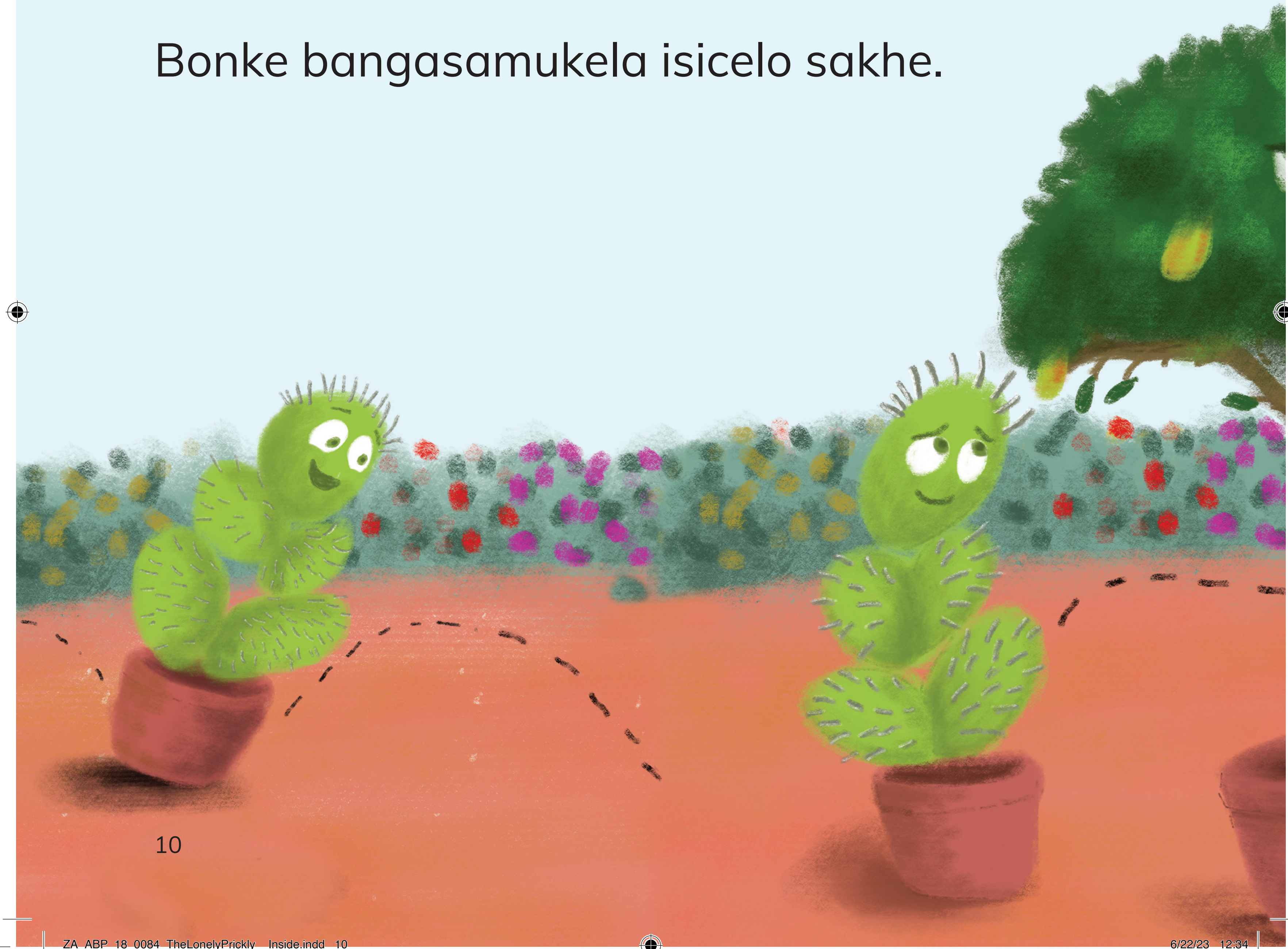
Bonke bangasamukela isicelo sakhe.



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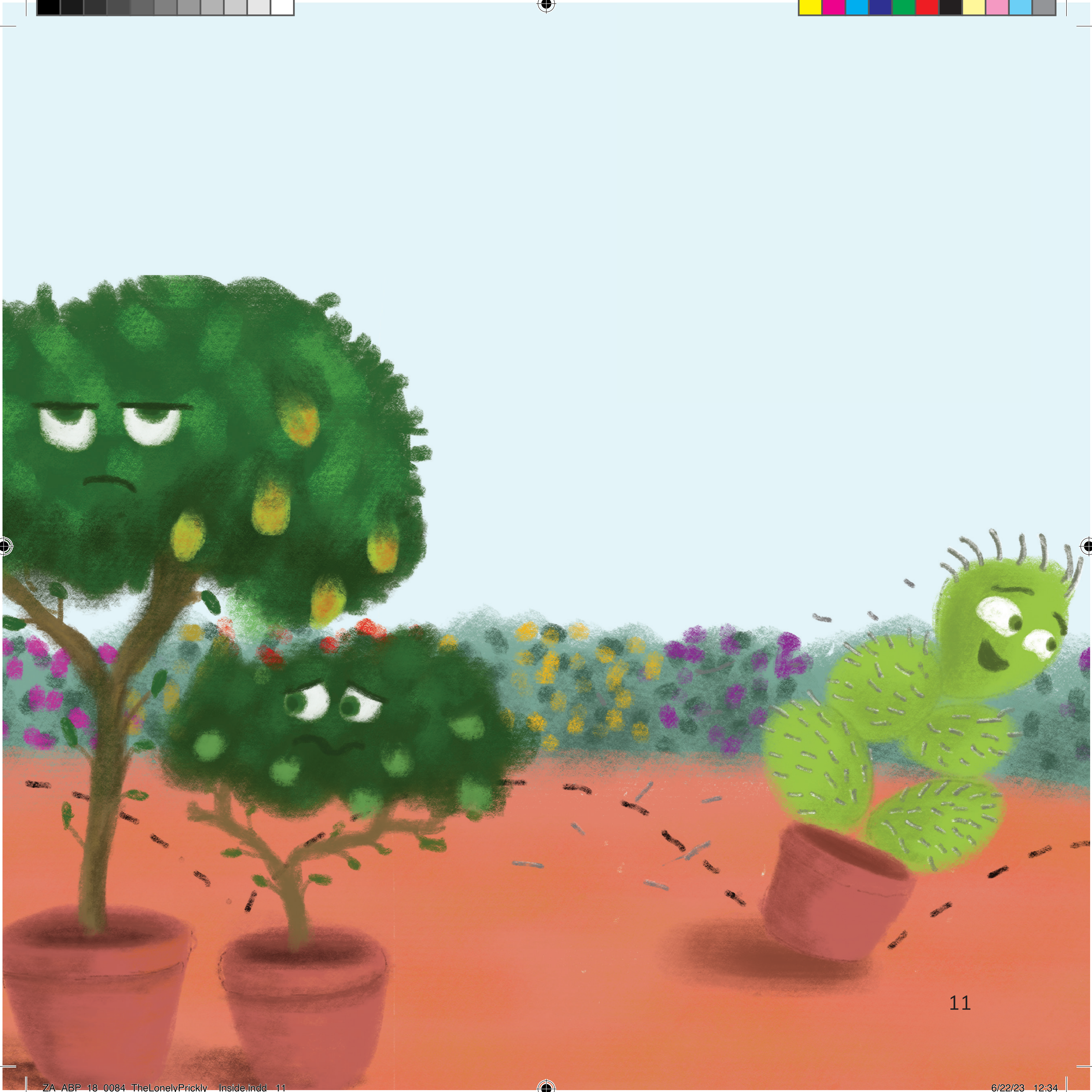

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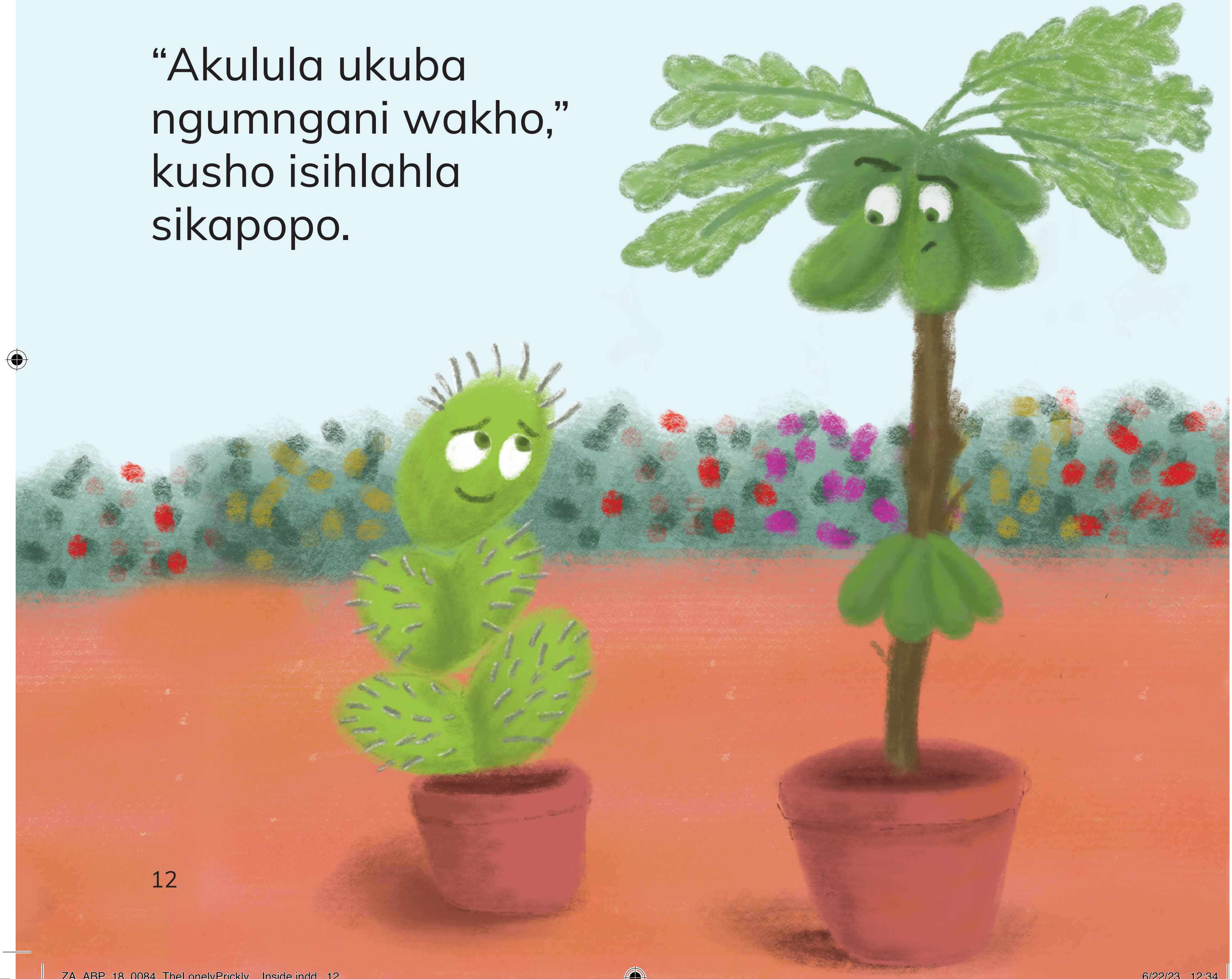
UMdolofiya wabe esevakashela isihlahla sikapopo.

“Akulula ukuba ngumngani wakho,” kusho isihlahla sikapopo.



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“Izihlahla zezithelo zithandwa ngabantu. Bayasinakekela, basivumele sihlale emagcekeni abo. Inkinga yakho wena uyisihlahla sasendle.”

“Wena uhlukile.”

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“Thina sichelelwa njalo, wena uhlale womile ufuswa yizintuli,” kuqhubeka isihlahla sikapopo.

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“Kodwa ngikudabukela kakhulu njengoba unesizungu. Ngakho singaba ngabangani. Ungalinge kodwa ungihlabe ngameva!”

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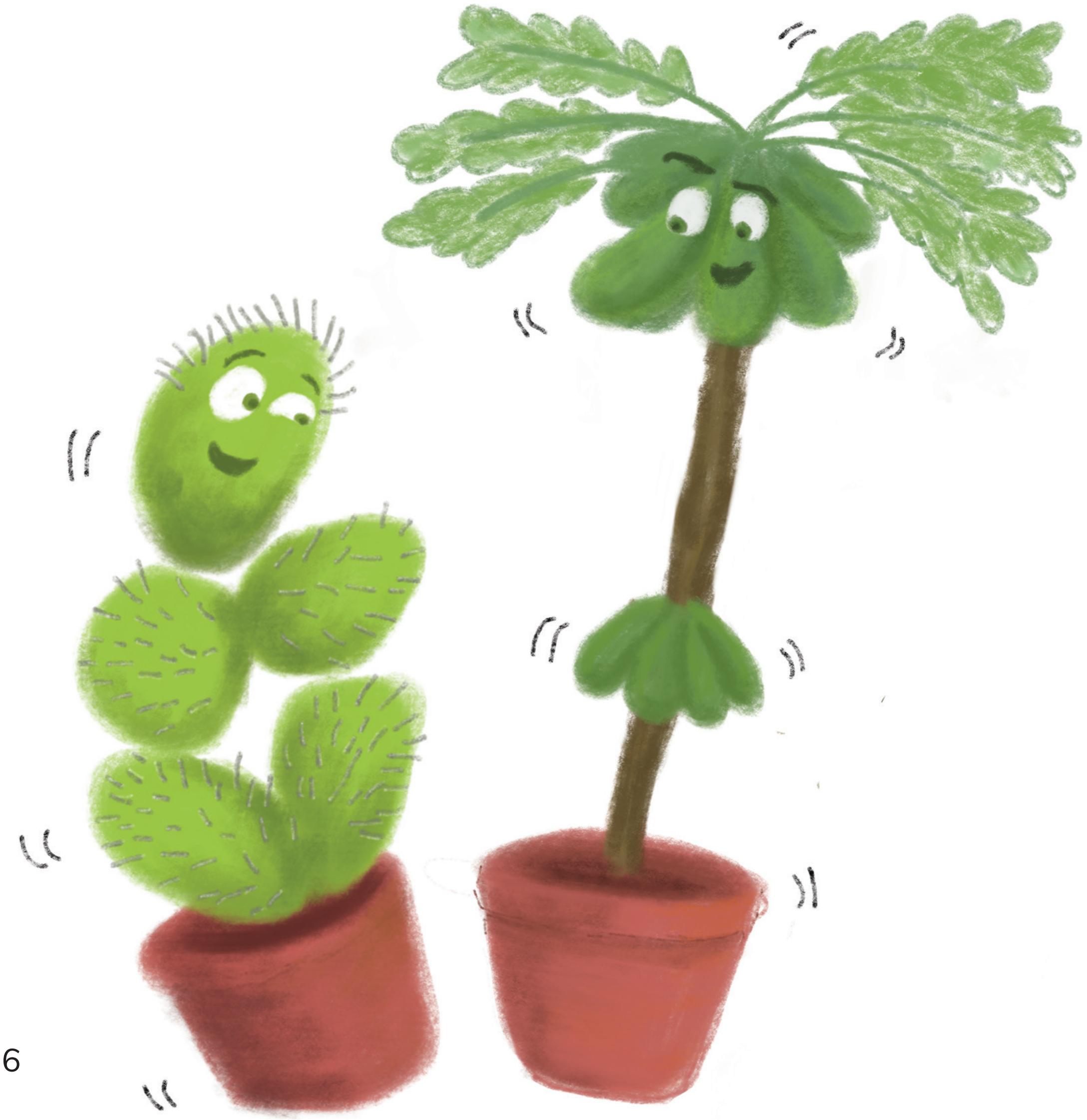
UMdolofiya waqala ukudlala nesihlahla sikapopo.



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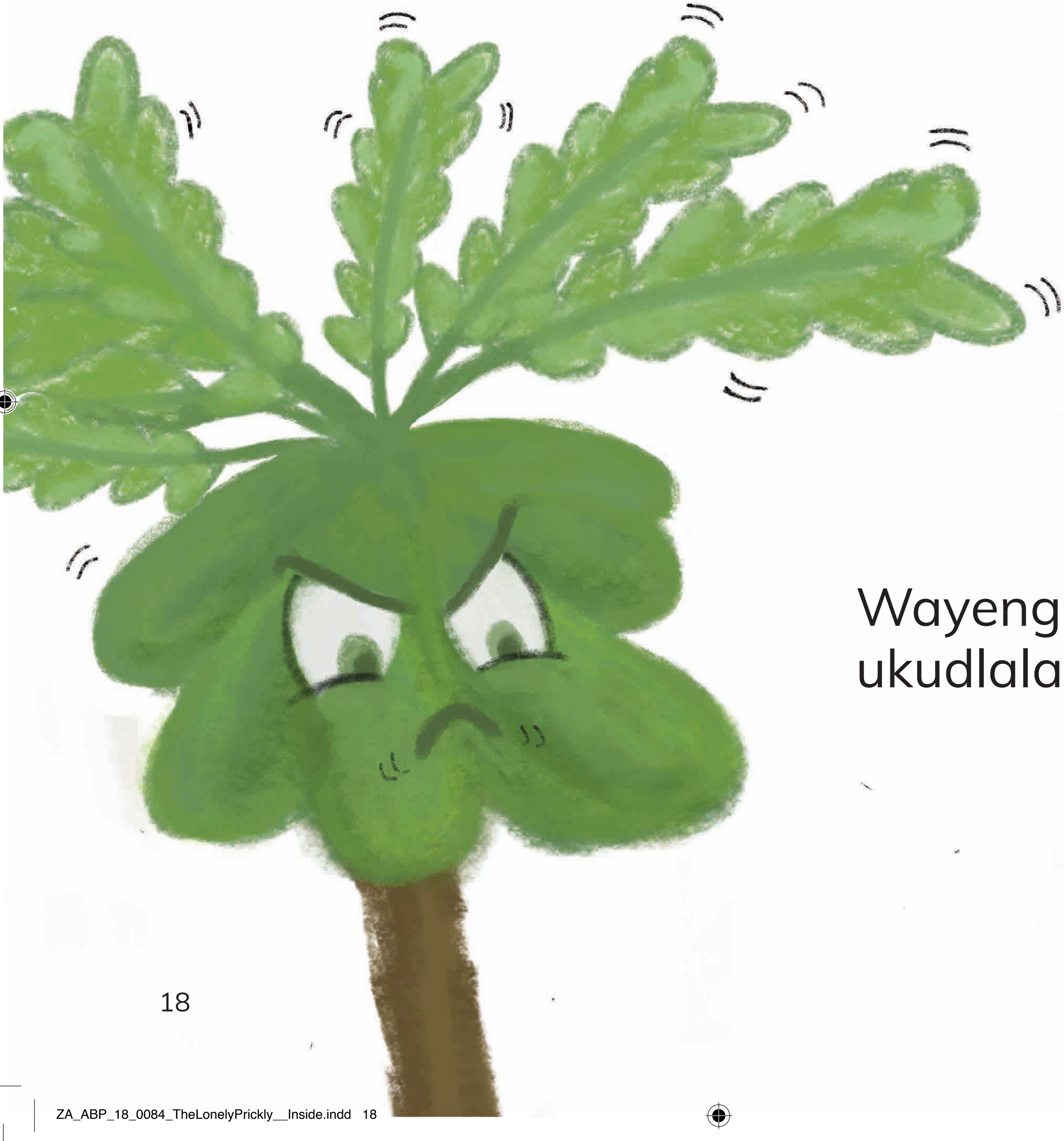
Ngebhadi ameva akhe
ahlaba isithelo sikapopo.

Isihlahla sikapopo salimala futhi sacasuka.



Wayengasafuni ukudlala.

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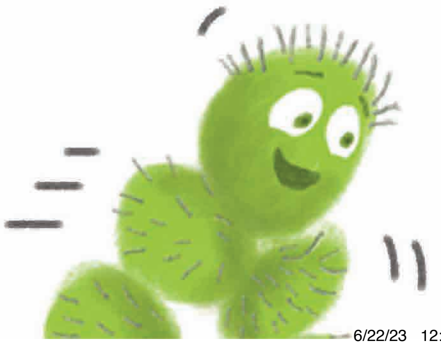
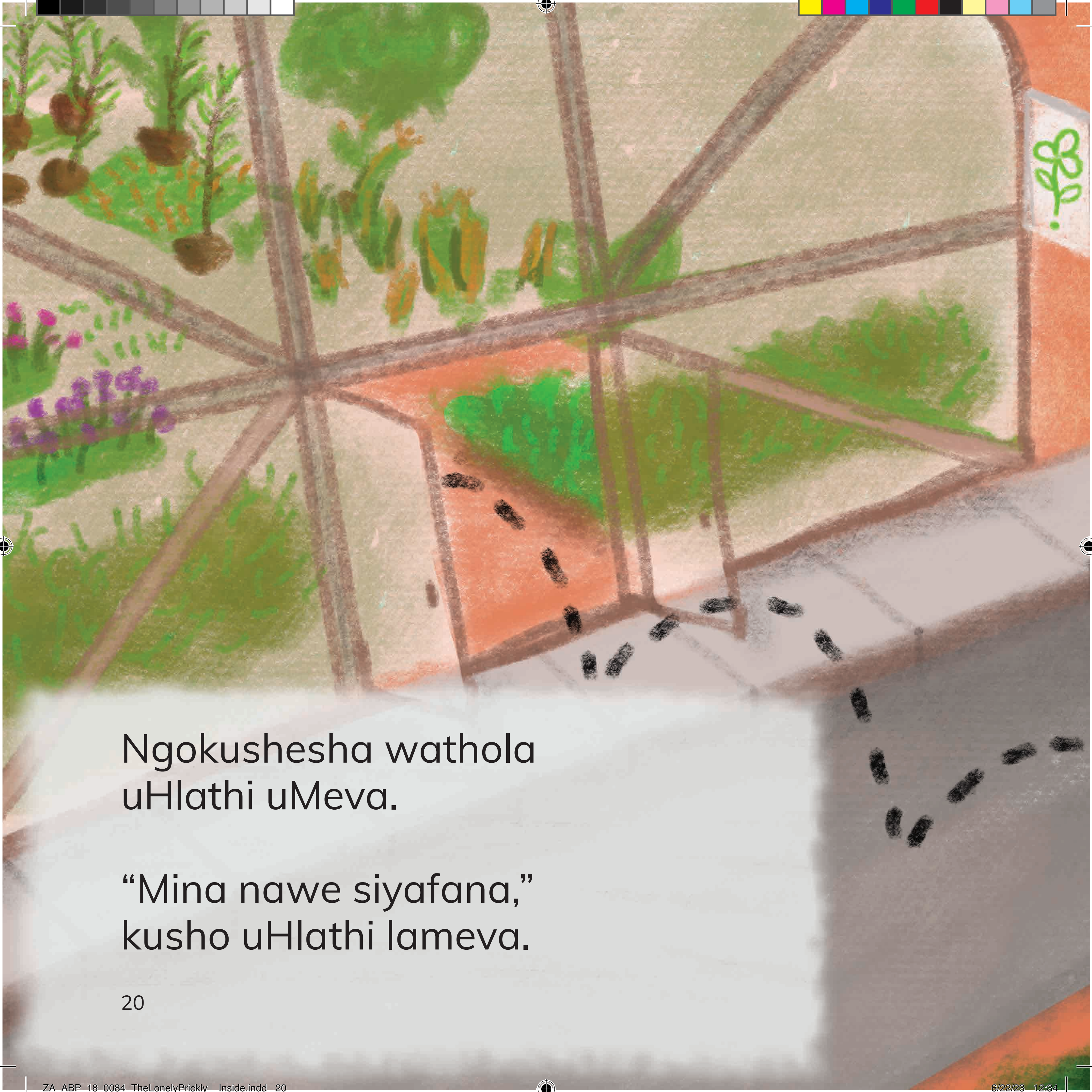
UMdolofiya waphatheka kabi ngalokho. Wangalilahla kodwa ithemba. Wathatha isinqumo sokuyobheka umngani kwenye indawo.





Ngokushesha wathola uHlathi uMeva.

“Mina nawe siyafana,” kusho uHlathi lameva.

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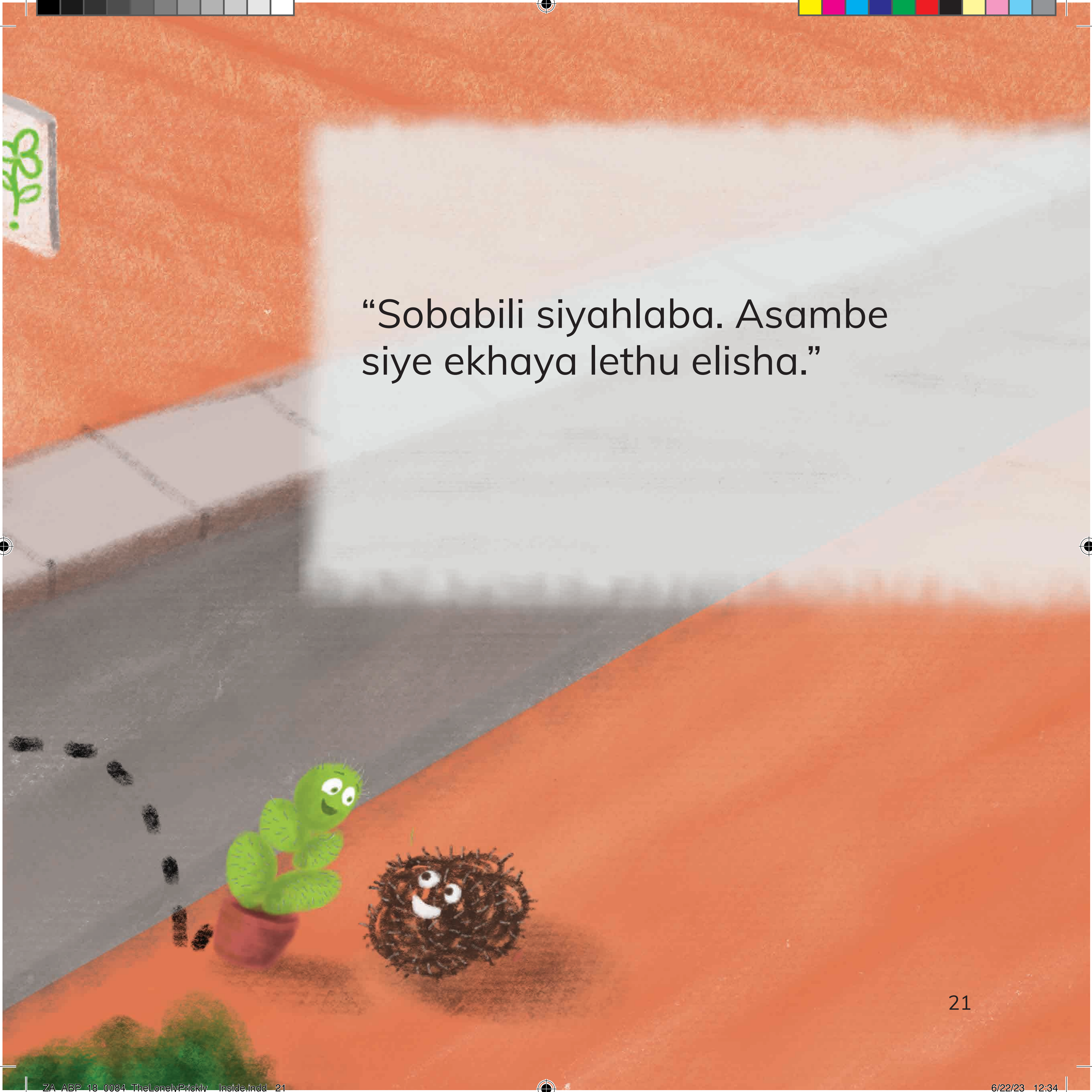
“Sobabili siyahlaba. Asambe
siye ekhaya lethu elisha.”



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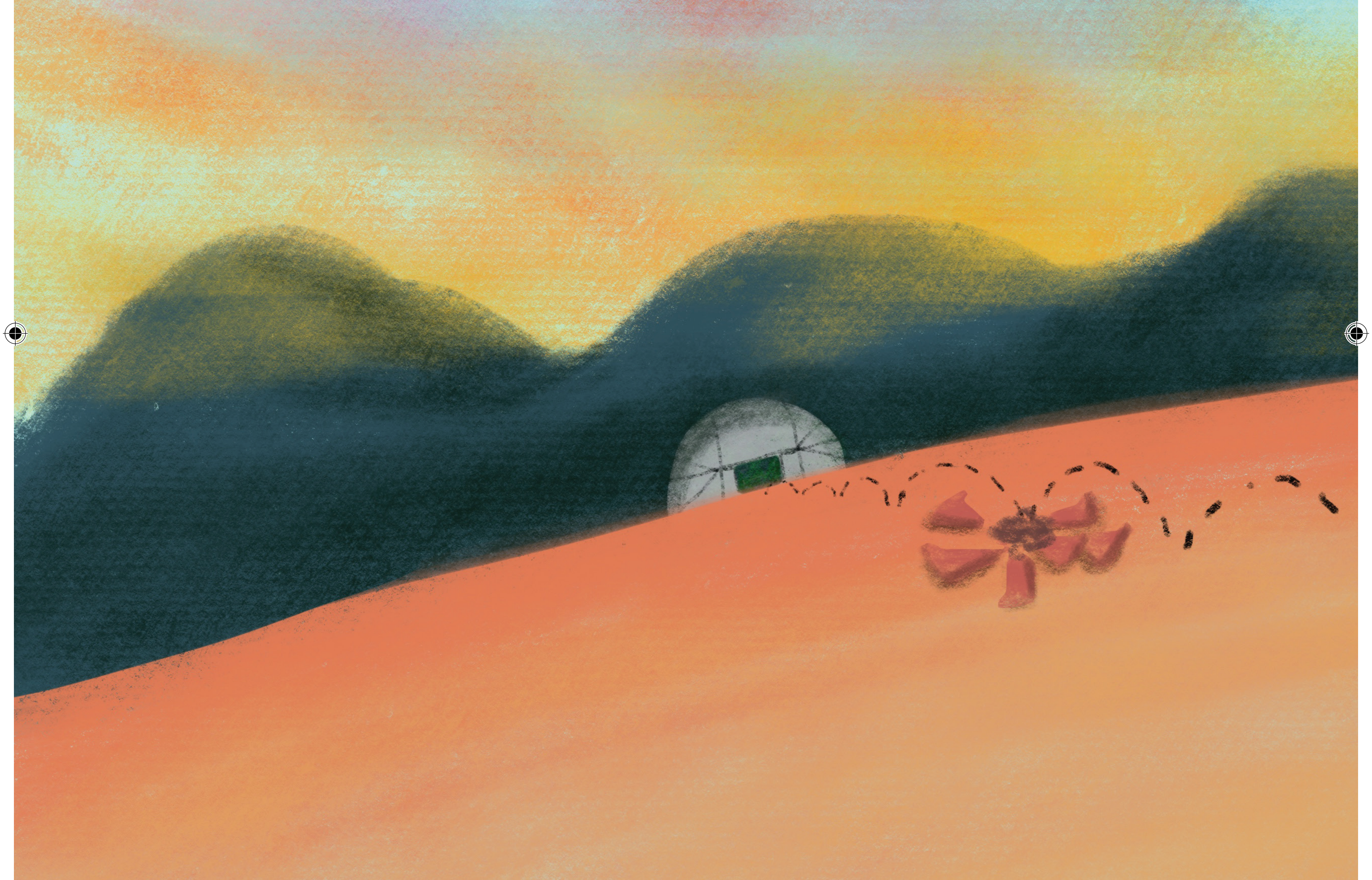
Bahamba-ke belokhu bebheka lelo khaya. Ngokushesha, bafika endaweni eyisigange eyomile.



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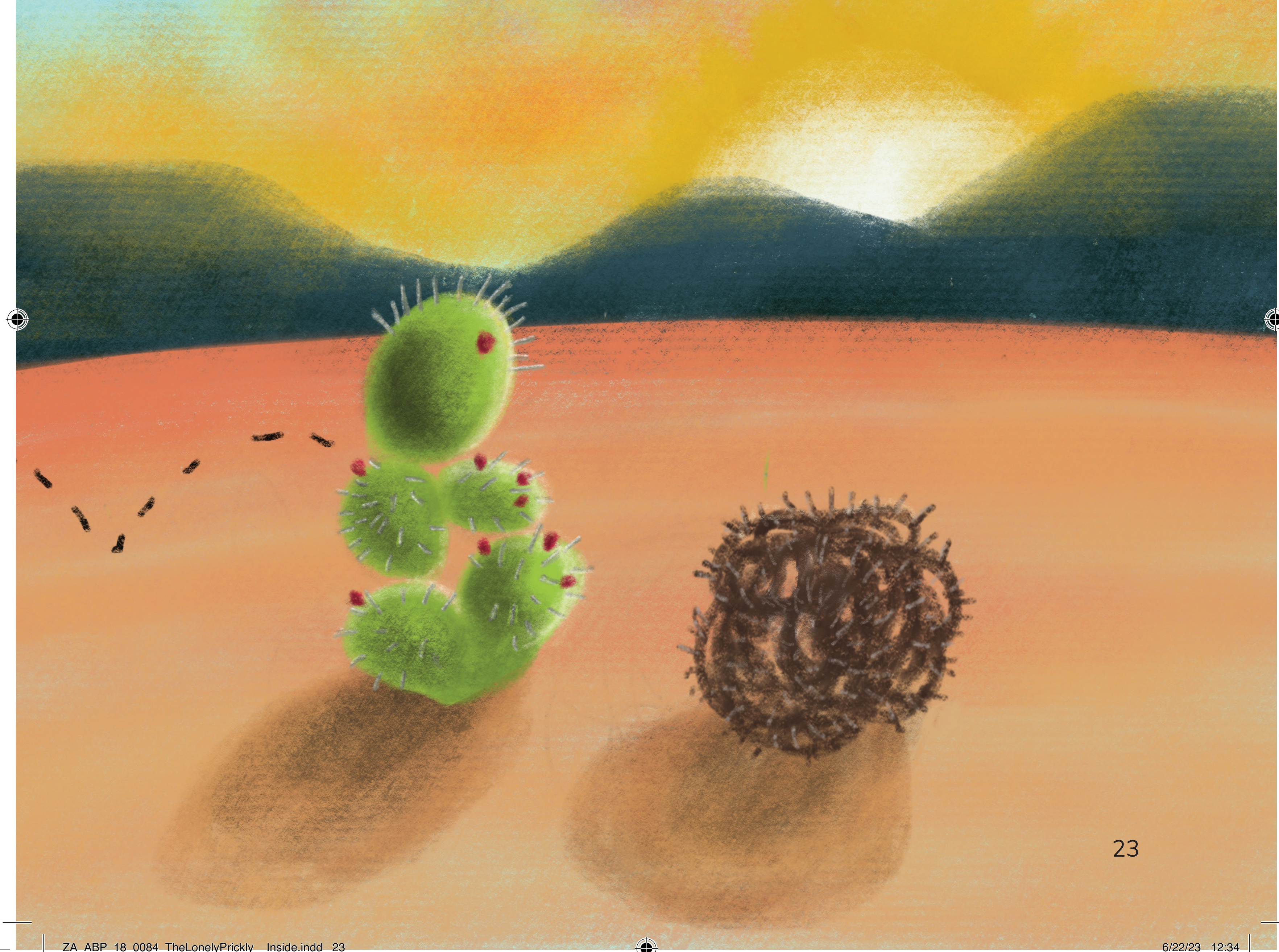
“Le ndawo yinhle kakhulu kubangani abanameva,” besho bejabula.



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