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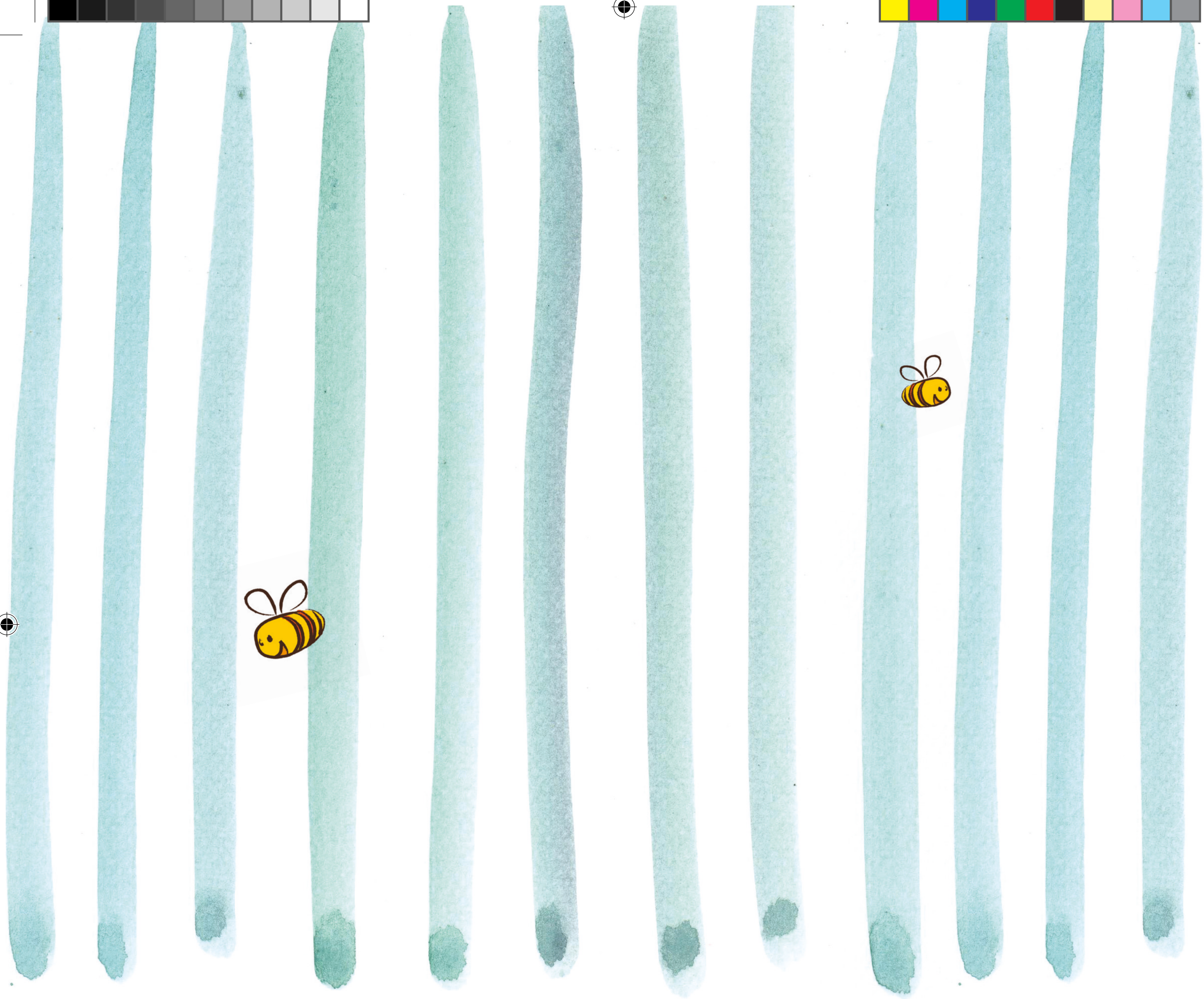

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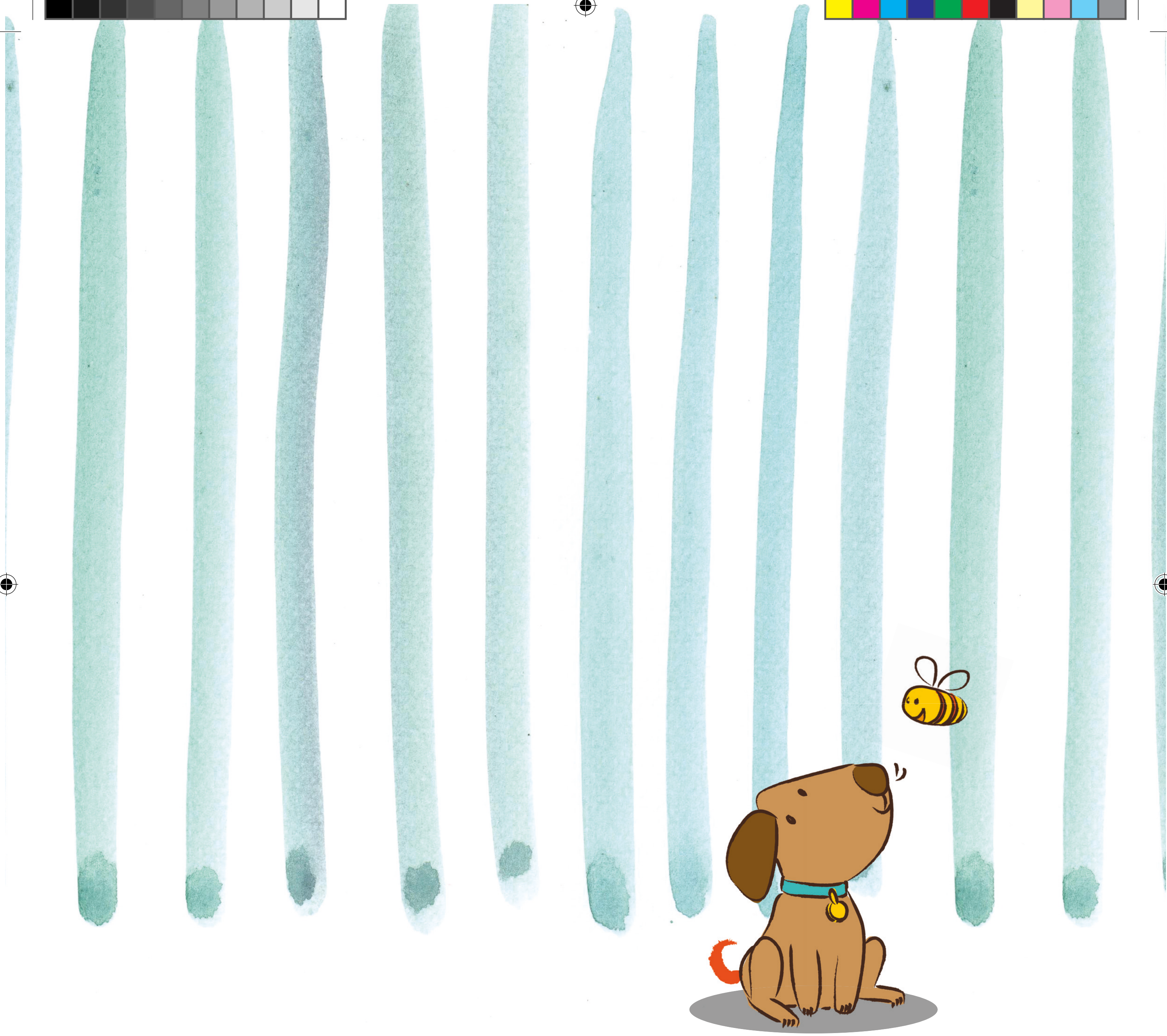

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Igama lam nguAmanda. Ndihlala noMama wam noTata wam kunye nenja yam uPorsha.

UTata wam uthi ndingumbala wobusi.

UMama wam uthi ndifana nobuhle bentshonalanga.

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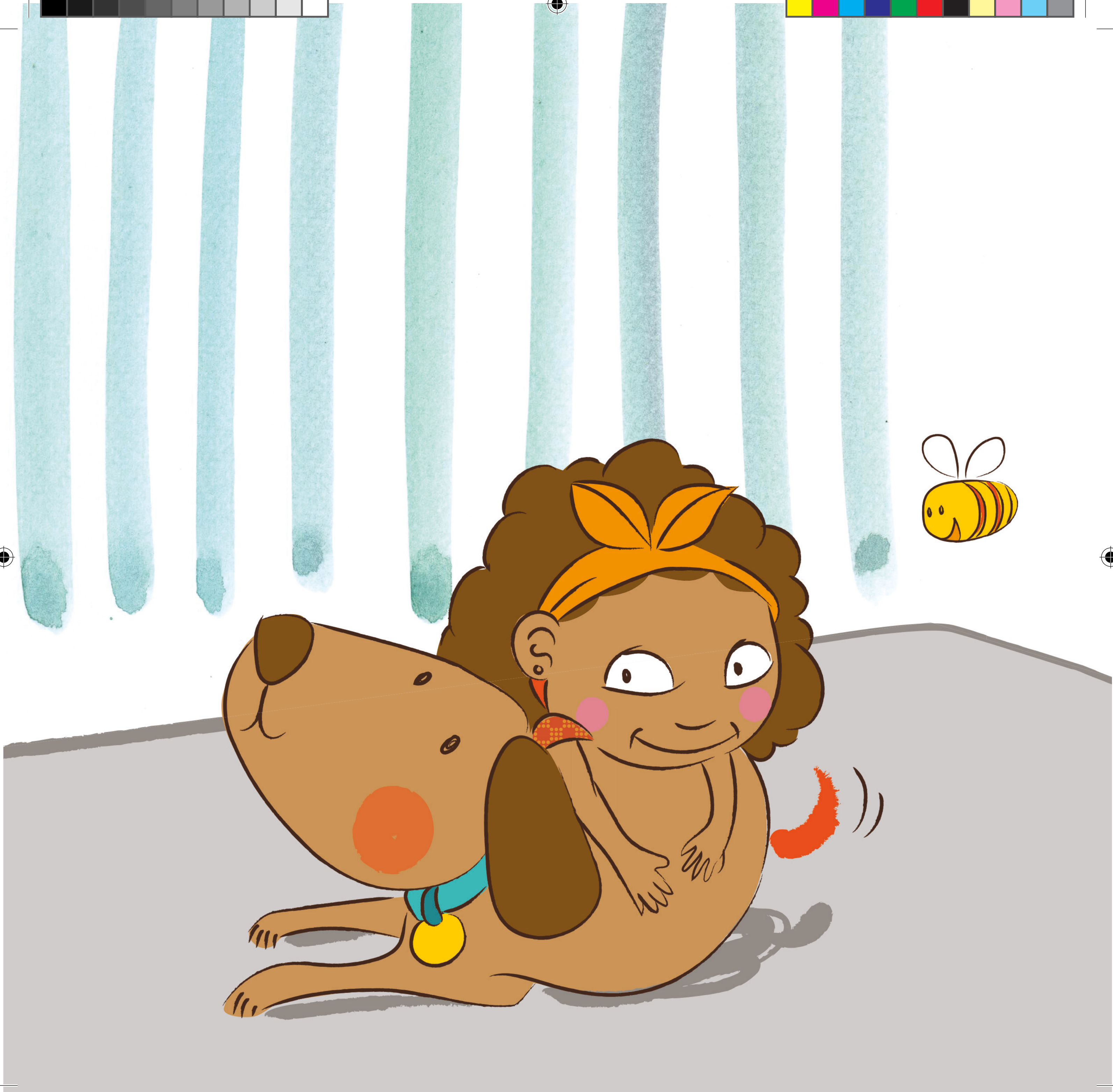

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Kodwa andifani naye namnye kubo. NguPorsha kuphela ontsundu njengam!

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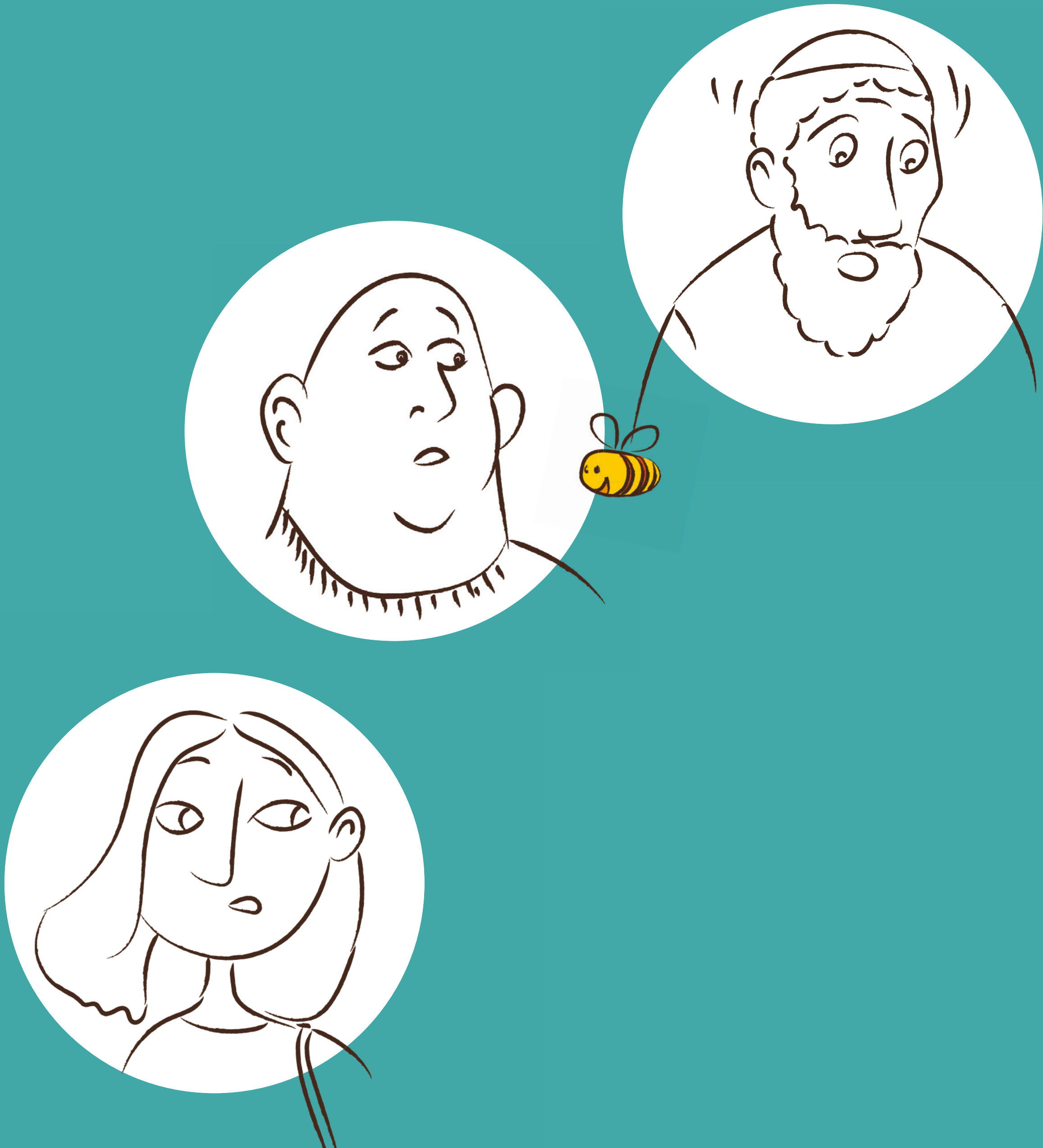

Xa siphumile
abanye abantu
bayasiqwalasela,
okanye basibuze
imibuzo emininzi.

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“Ingaba nguDadobawo wakho lo?” uyabuza umama osevenkileni.

"Hayi!

nguMama wam!"

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“Ingaba nguTitshala wakho lo?” uyabuza utata osepakini.

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"Hayi!

NguTata wam!"

"Kutheni ungafani
nabo nje?"

**"Kuba ndingumbala wobusi
ndaye ndifana nobuhle
bentshonalanga."**

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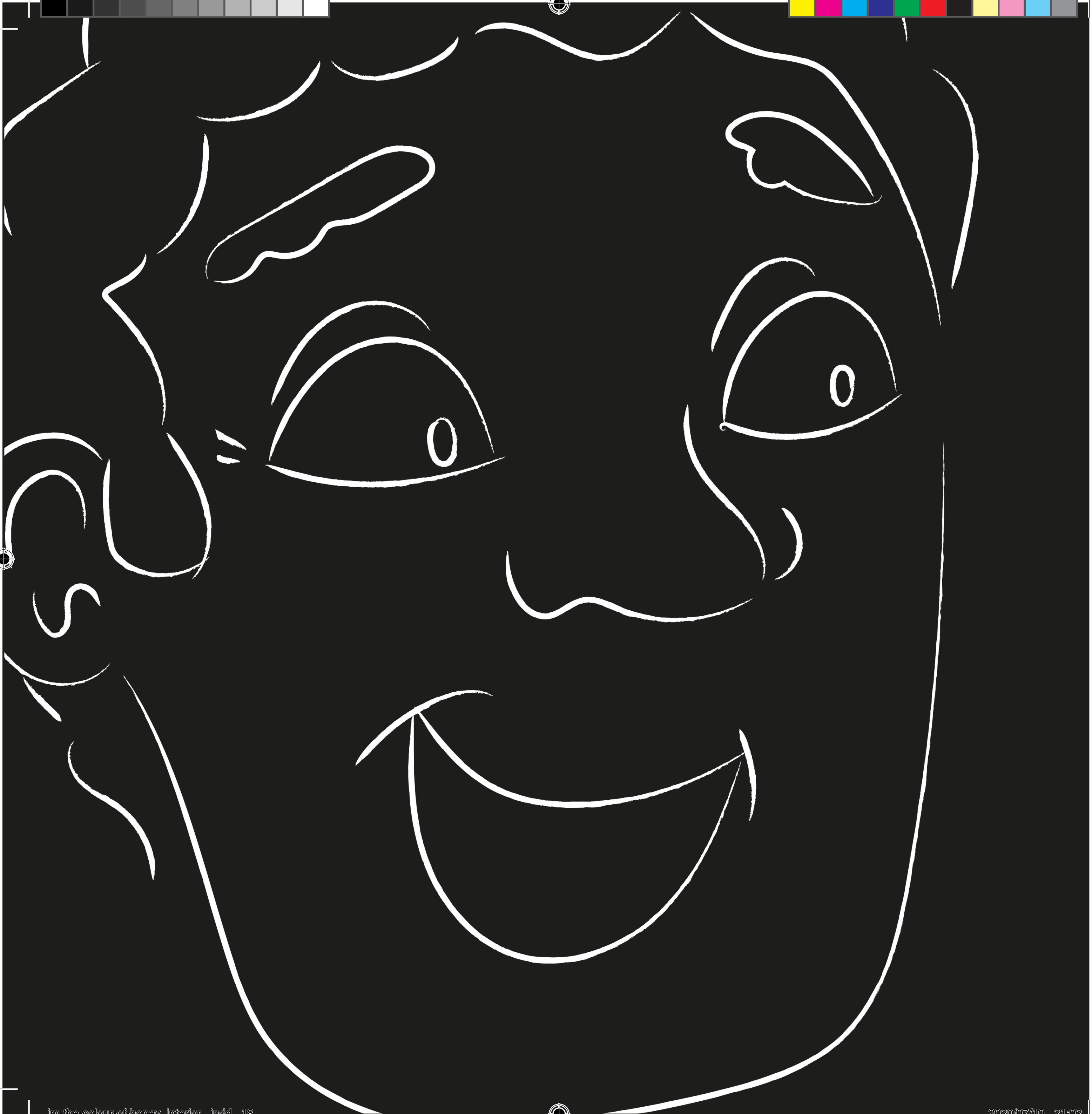

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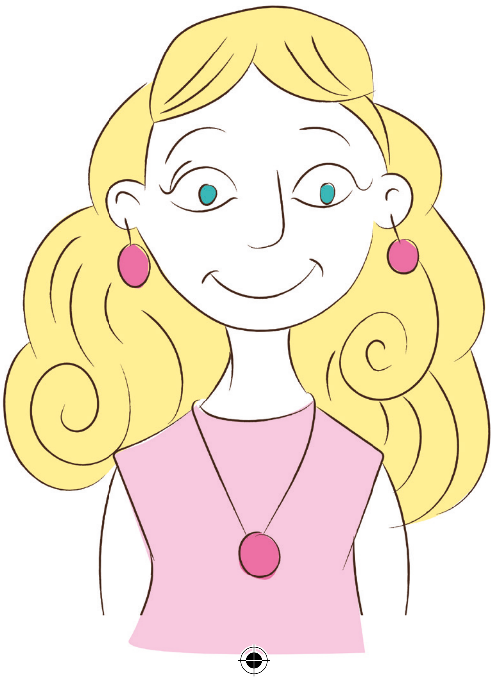
"Kodwa uTata wakho ufana nesibhakabhaka ebusuku," utsho umama osevenkileni.

"Waye uMama wakho umhlophe okwamaphepha angabhalwanga encwadini," utsho utata osepakini.



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"Kutheni nibonakala nohluke kangaka?"

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Ngosuku olulandelayo ndisongela itawuli entloko ndize ndiyijiwuzisa njengoko uMama esenza ngeenwele zakhe.

“Ingaba nguDadobawo wakho lo?” uyabuza umama osevenkileni.

“Hayi, nguMama wam!”

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Ndiyabaleka ndigoduke ndithathe ipeyinti emnyama. Ndiyiqabe ebusweni.

“Uyiqabe kakuhle ipeyinti ebusweni!” utsho utata osepakini. Ukhomba uTata abuze, “Ingaba ngutitshala wakho lo?”

“Hayi, nguTata wam!”

Iinyembezi zam zihlamba ipeyinti isuke.

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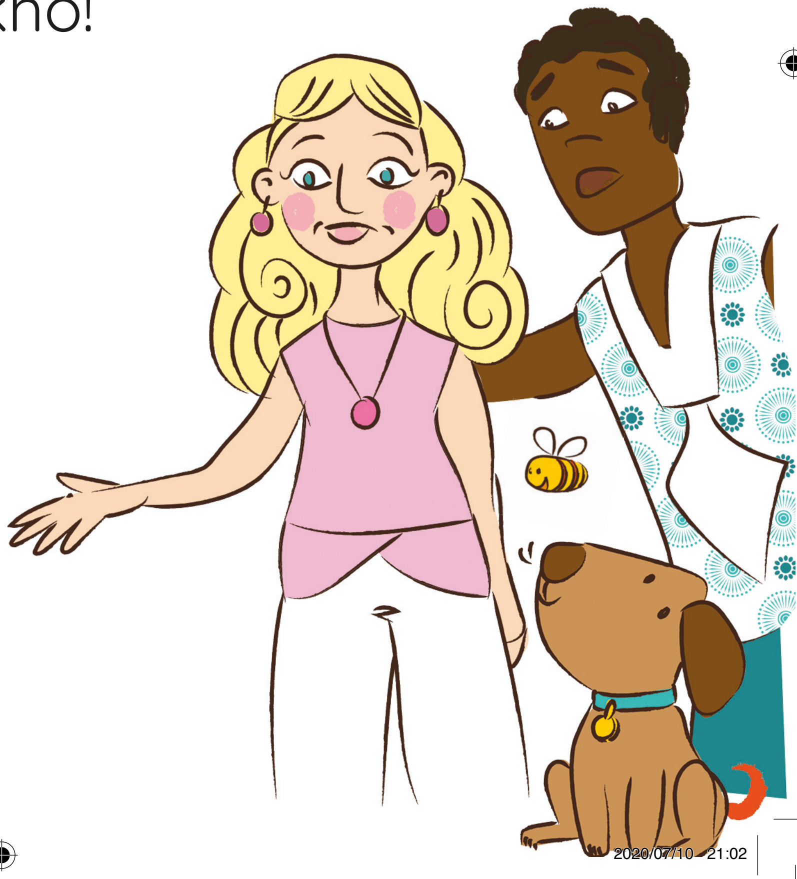
“Amanda ndibonise olwaa ncumo olufana nolukaTata wakho.”

Andiziva ndifuna ukuncuma.

“Yhini wethu Amanda, jonga ituma lakho. Lihle kakhulu lifana nelikaMama wakho!”



UMama noTata bandenza ndincume. Ndaye nam ndiyabancumisa.

“Jongani!” nditsho, “Amazinyo am amhlophe njengawenu.”

“Ewe, nentliziyo yakho ibomvu njengezethu.”

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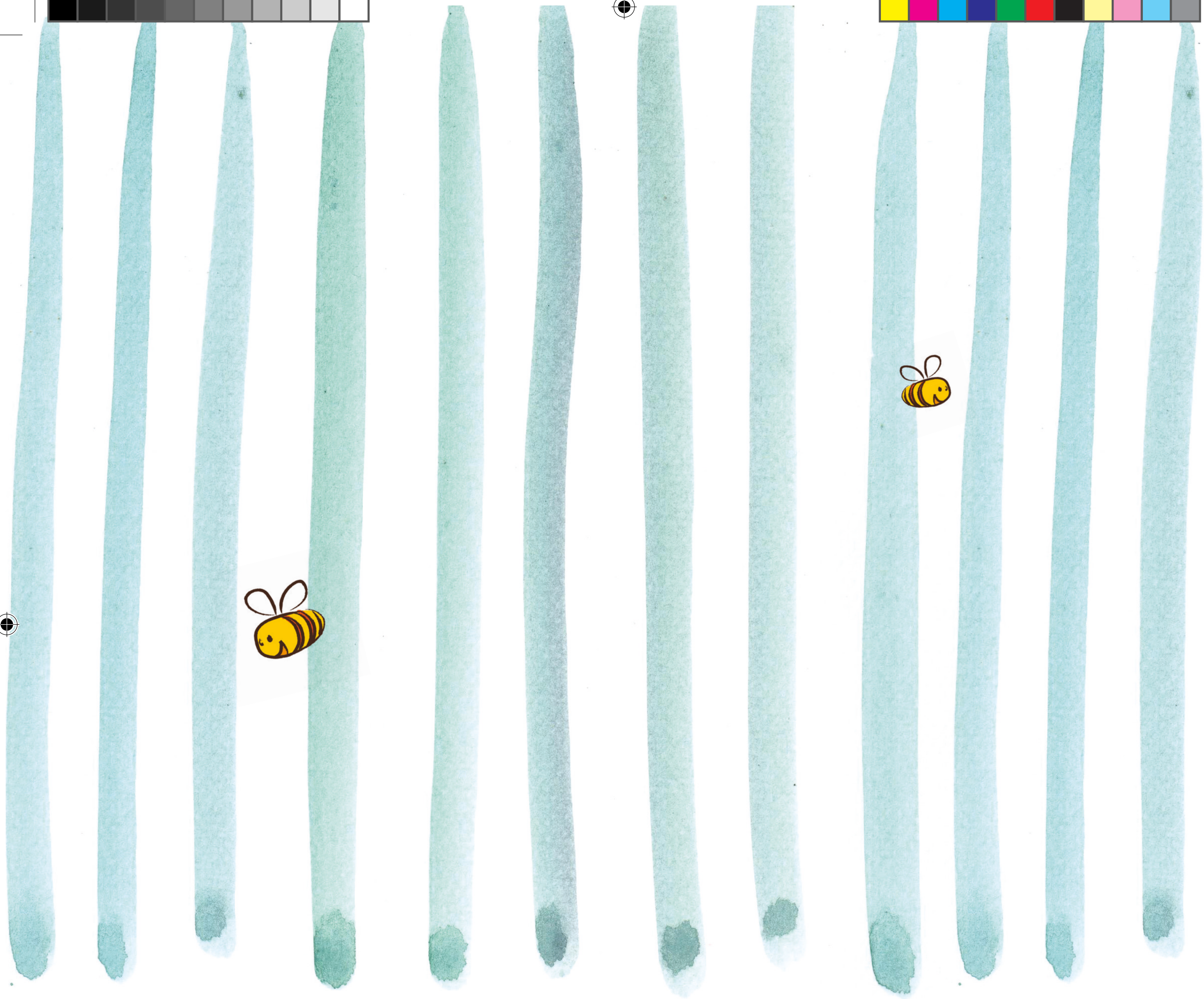

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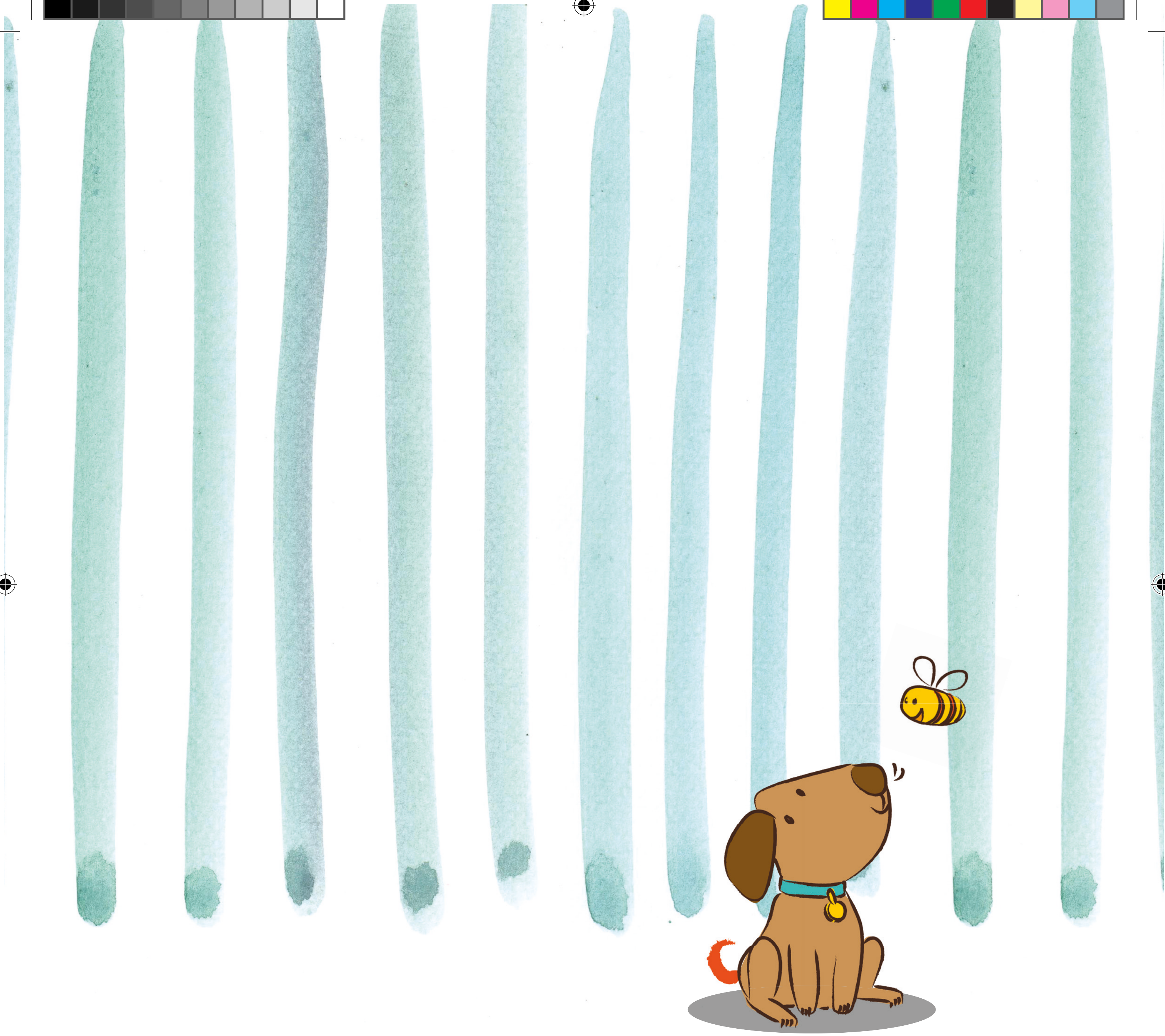

Uyimibala emingaphi?