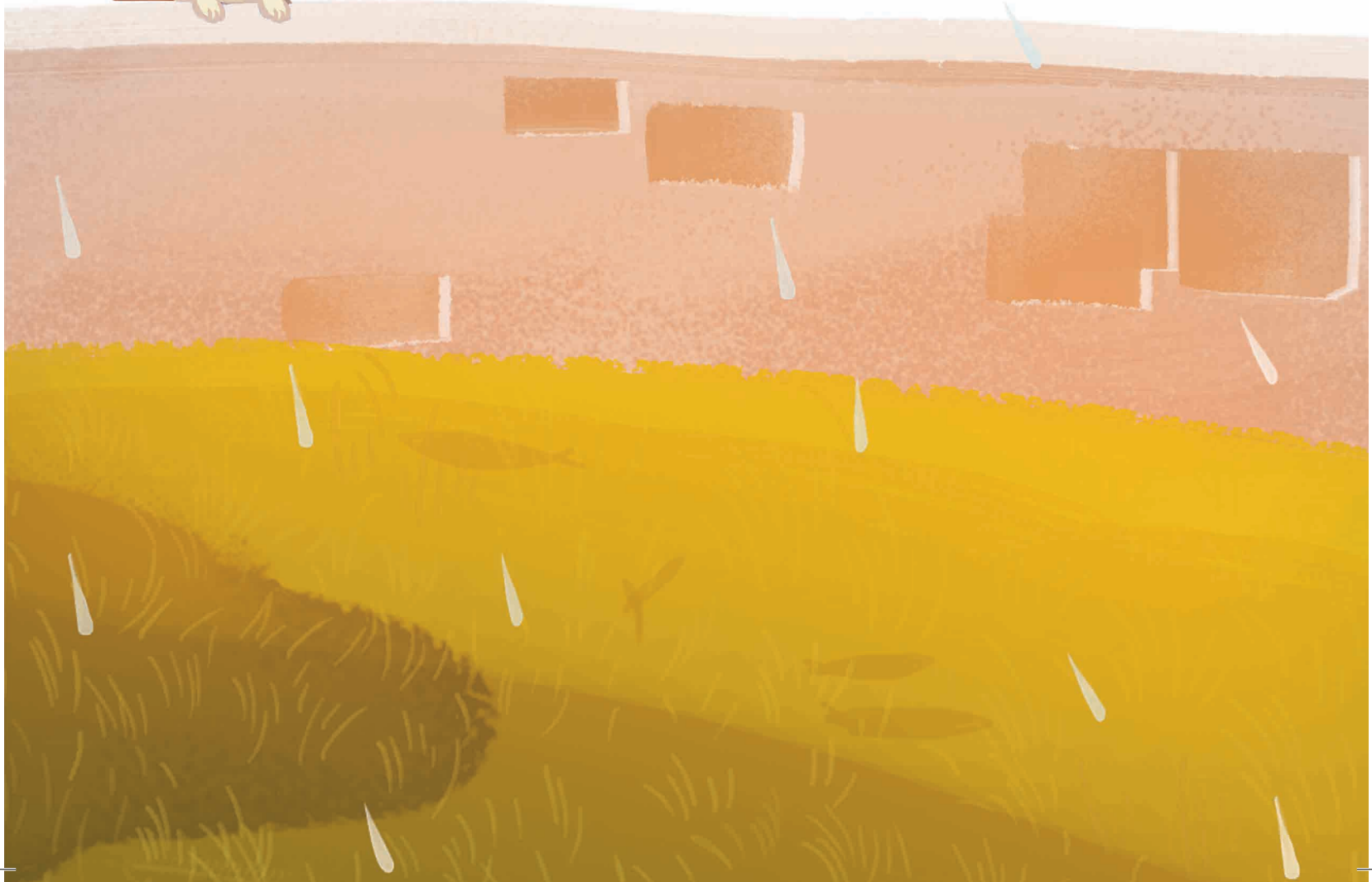
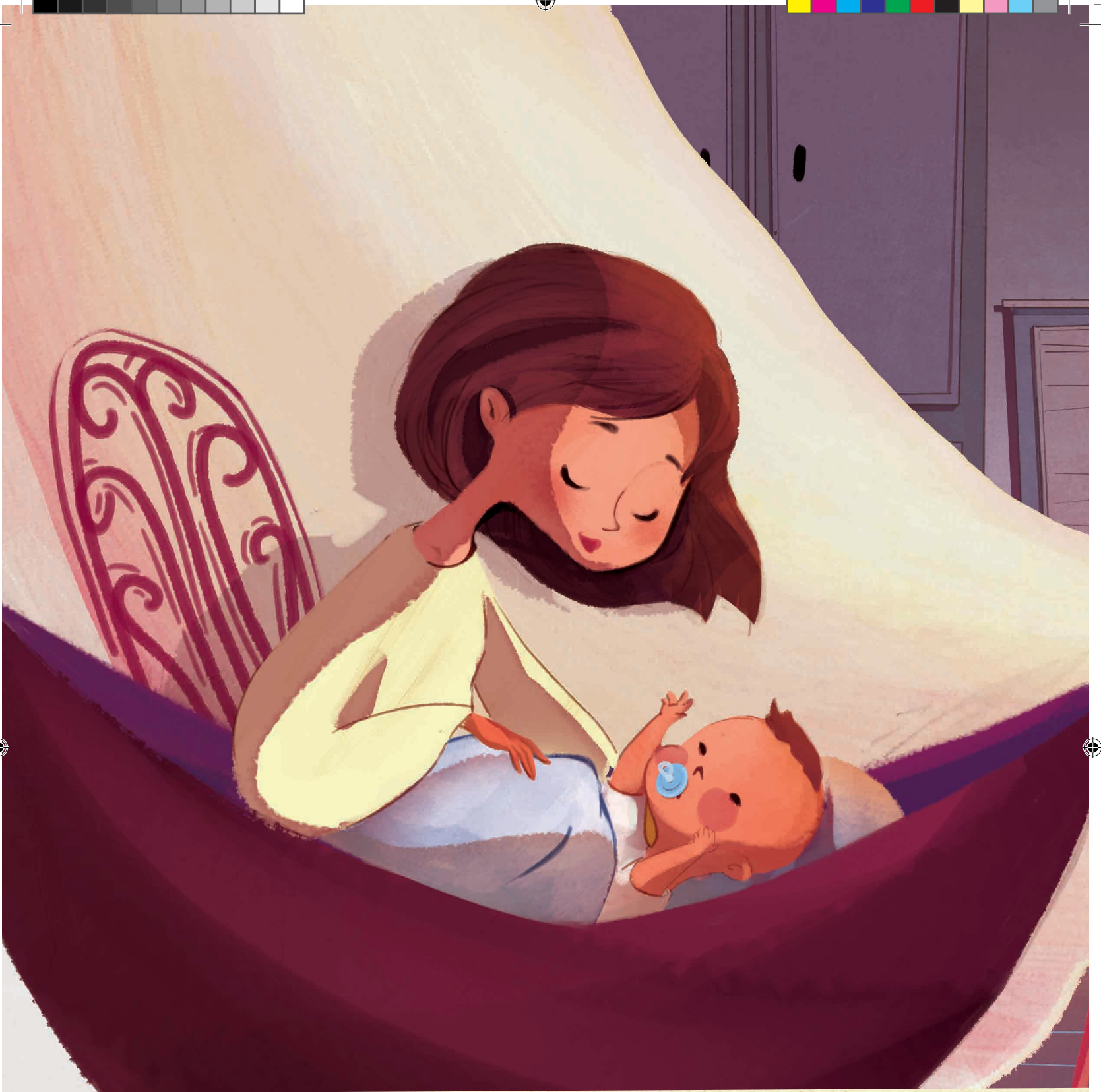




Don't Wake the Baby!

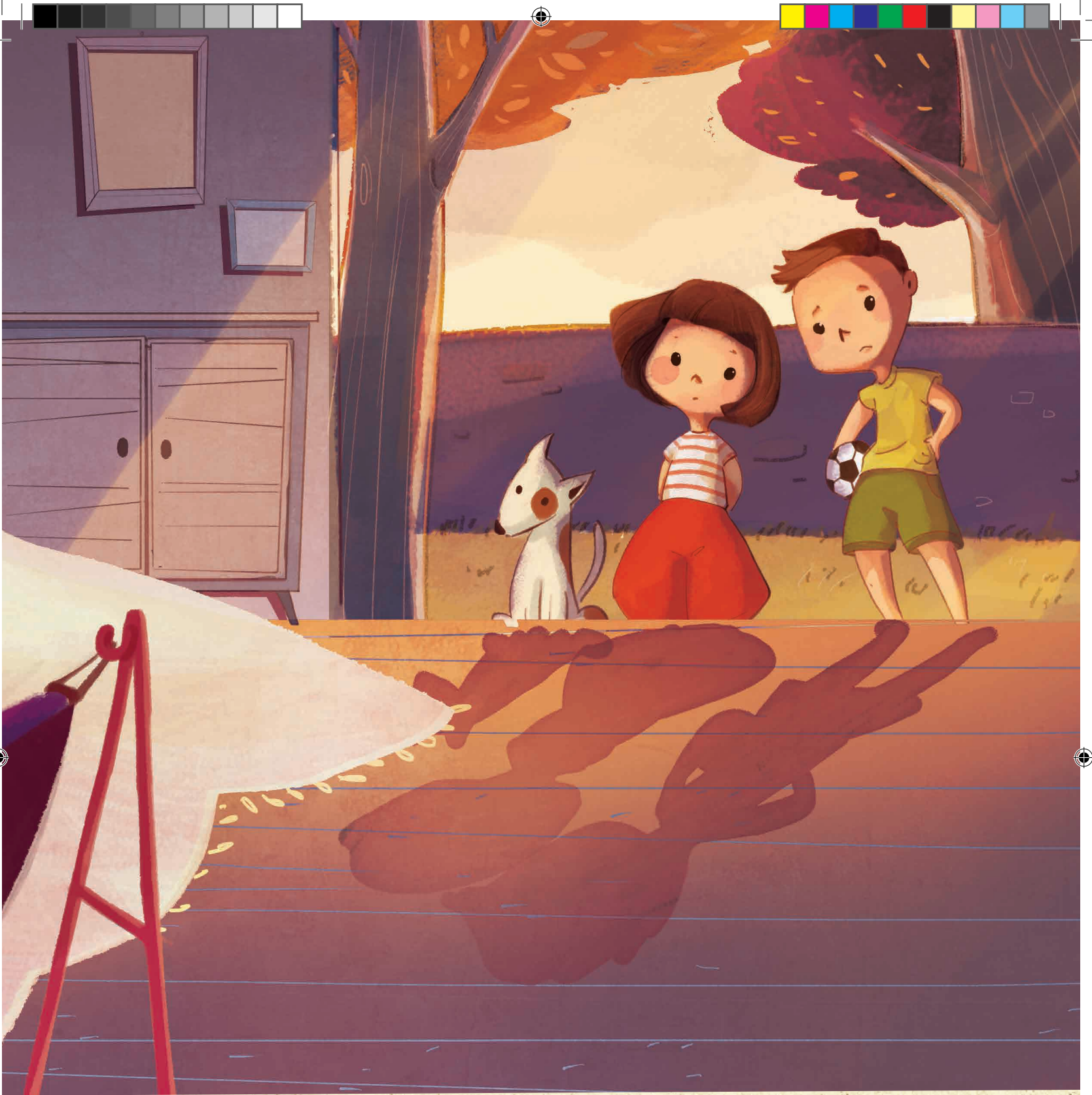
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Ever since Ma came back with the baby,
Zu and Zi have not been happy.



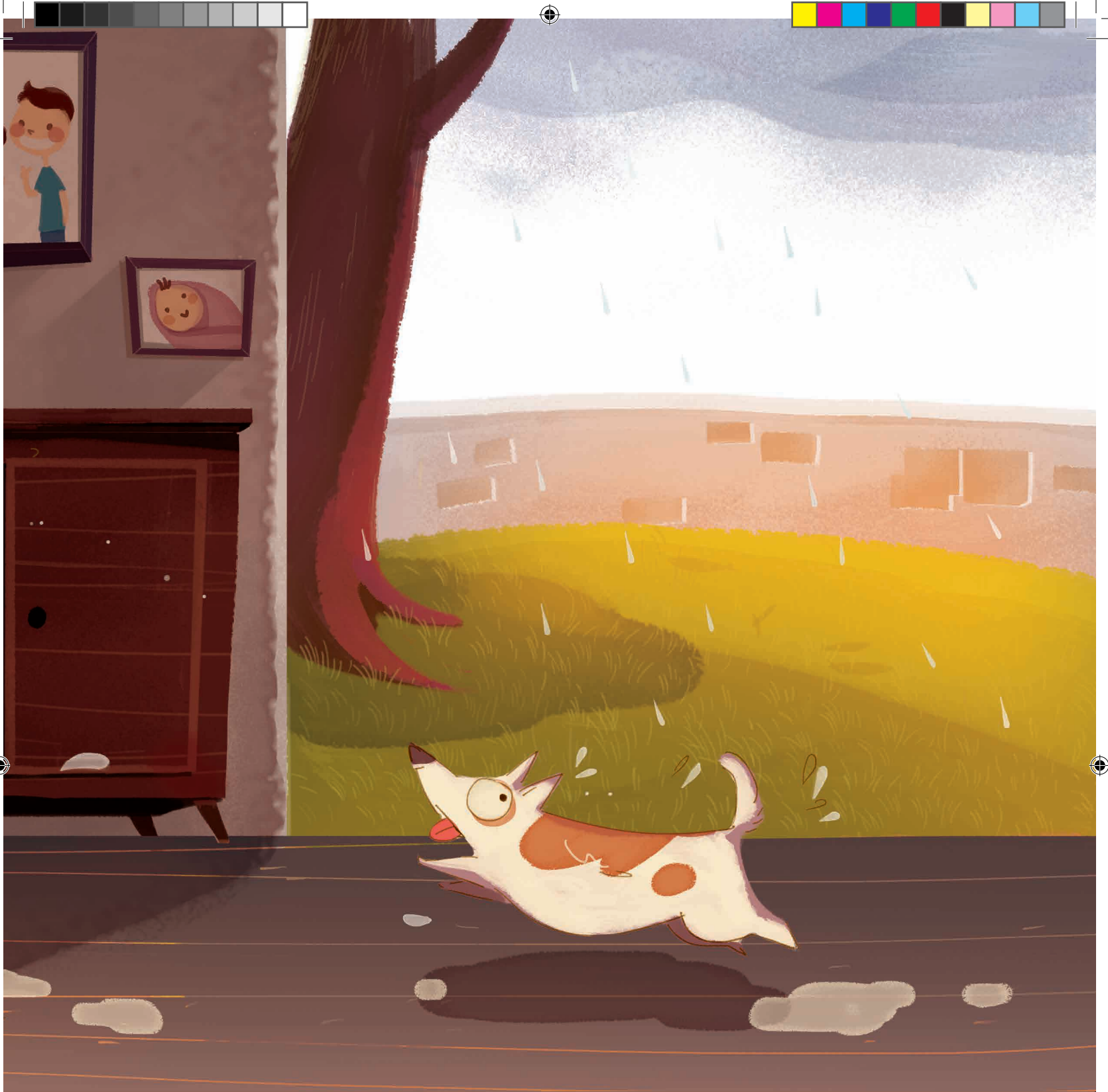


They are not allowed to make noise when
the baby is sleeping.
But the baby is **ALWAYS** sleeping!



They are not allowed





to run in the house.



They are not allowed





to chat at snack time.



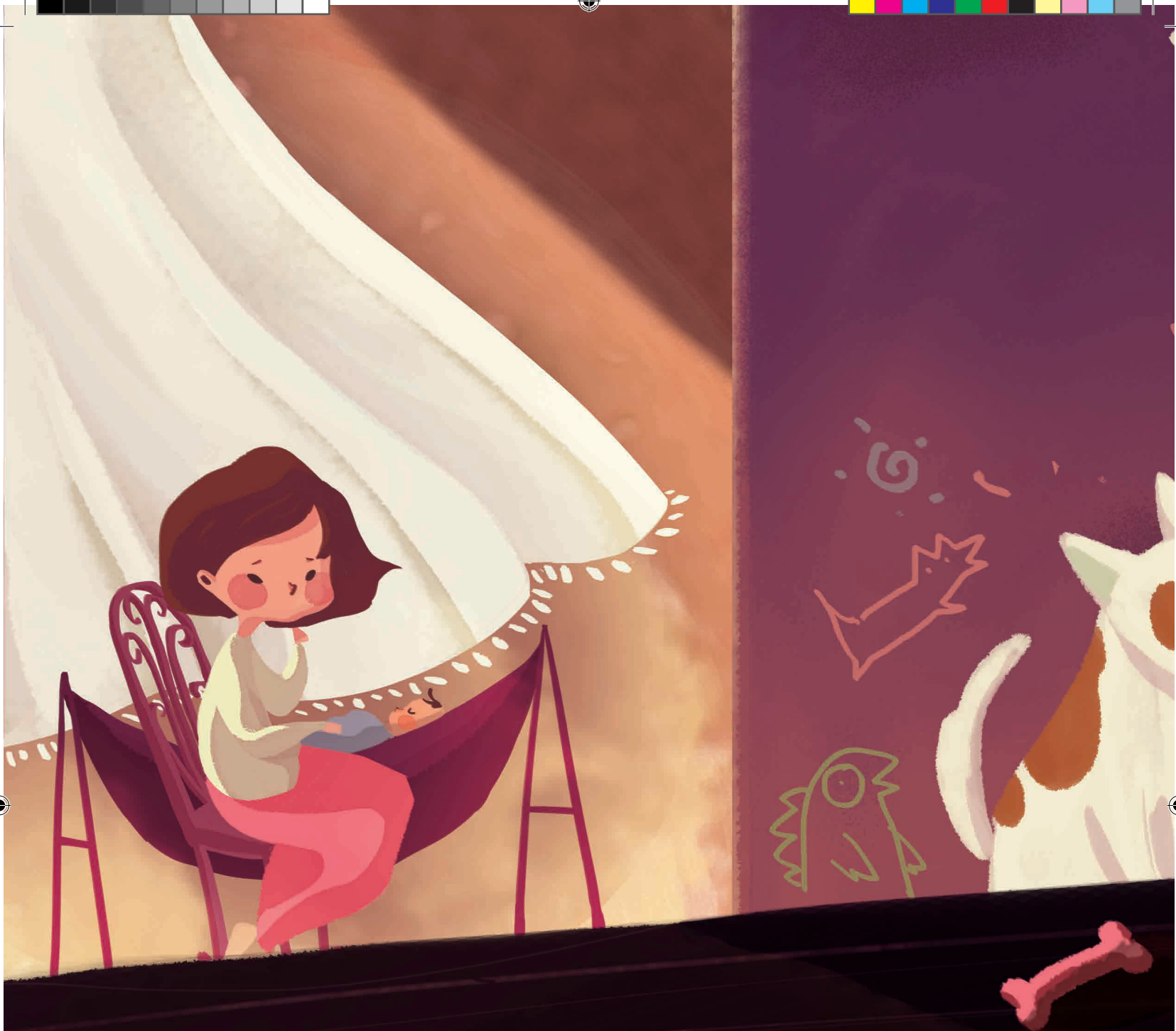
They are not allowed





to scream, no matter what.





But the toughest rule is this one.





When the baby is asleep,
Zu and Zi must whisper.



If they want to laugh,



they can only giggle softly.



But one day, the story they are reading is so funny that they can't help laughing.






Zu and Zi crack up.
Oh no! The baby is sleeping.







The baby wakes up crying.
Ma is angry. She yells at them
to go play outside.



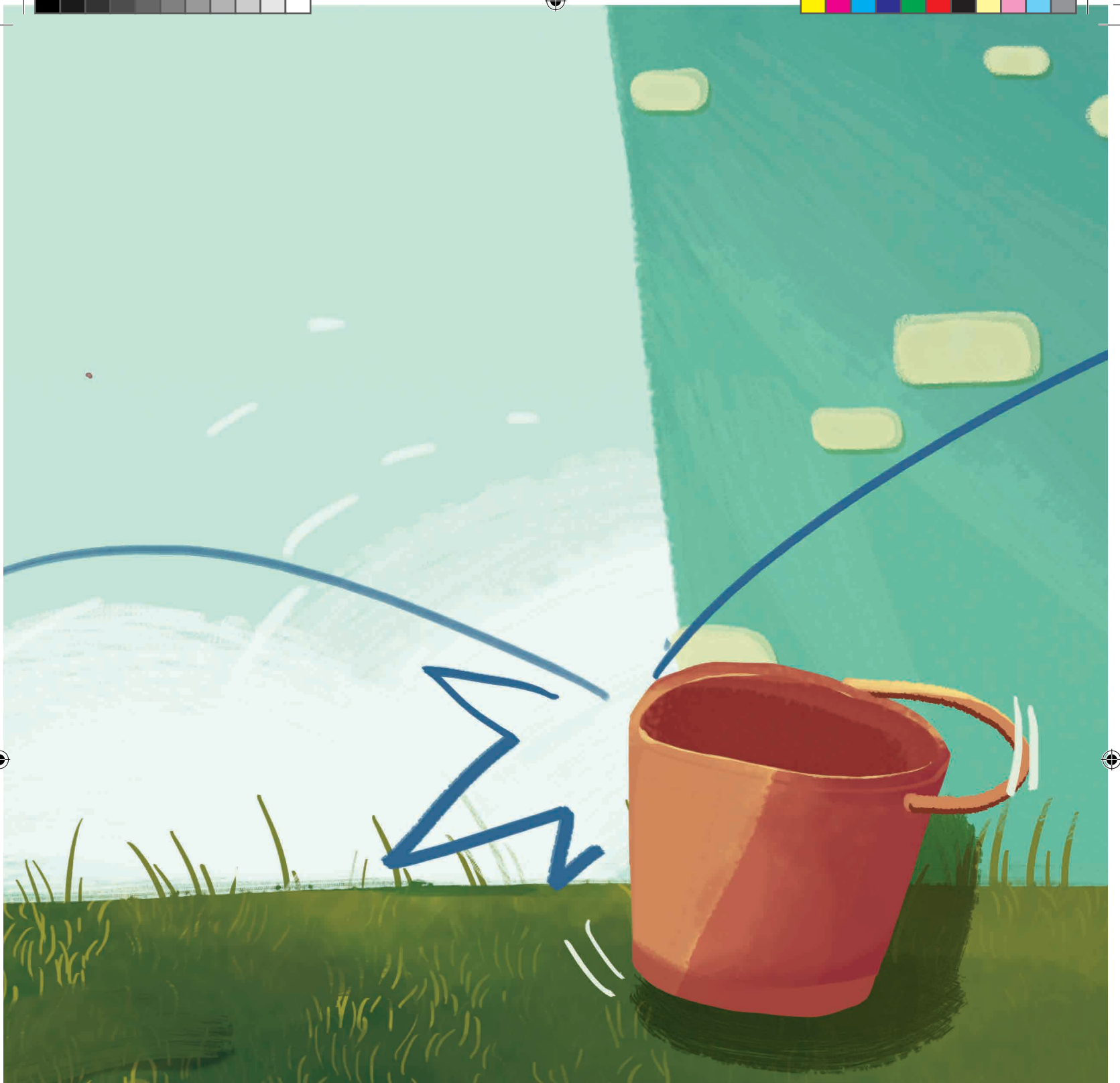


Zu is sulky. She doesn't like being yelled at. Zi comforts her. He says that it will be more fun to play outside. They can be as loud as they want!



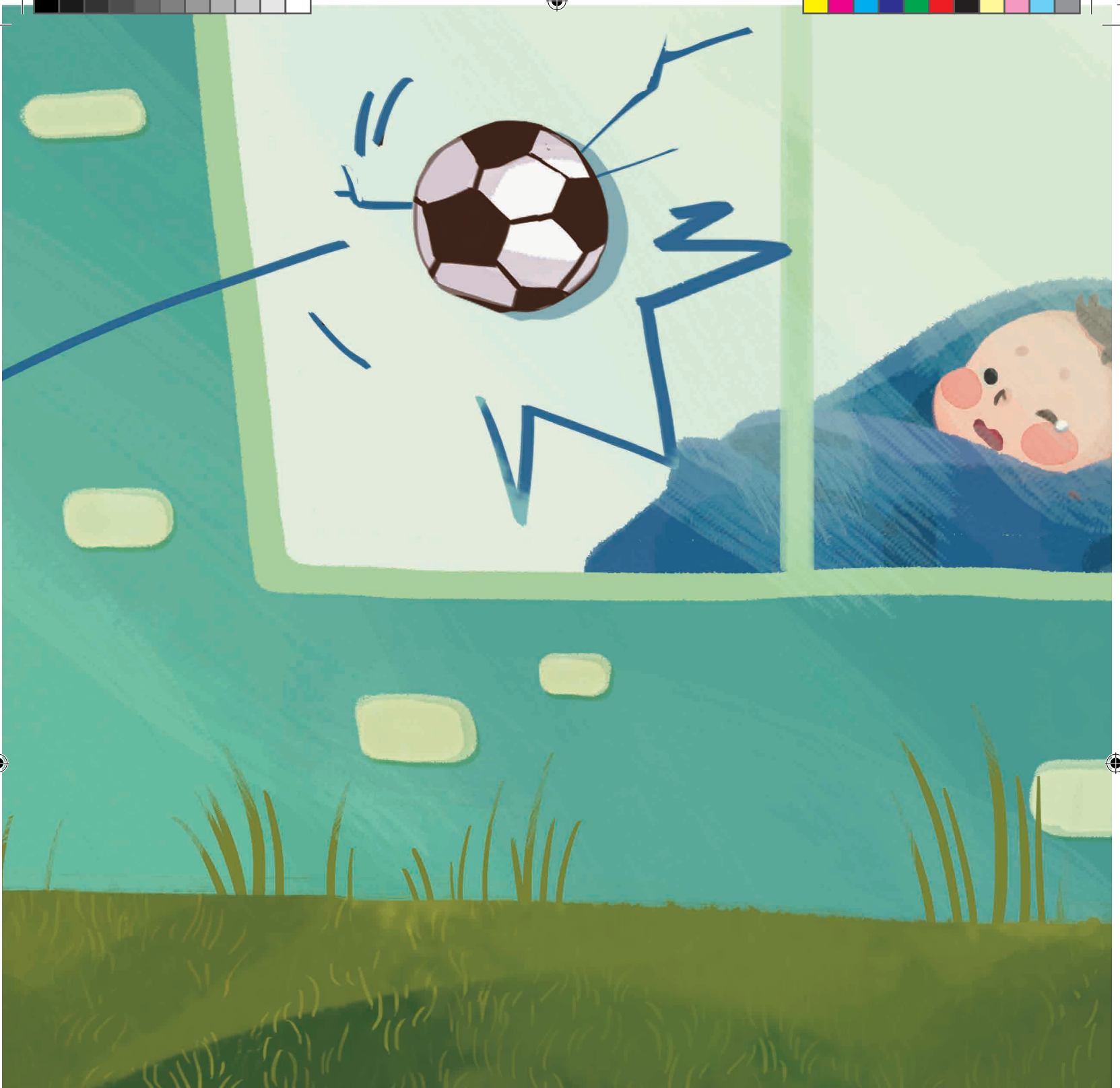
After playing football for a while,
Zu and Zi are happy again.
Zi kicks the ball.
GOAL!





The ball flies across the garden. BANG!





Oh no! The baby is awake!
What will happen now?





OA!

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The baby wails.

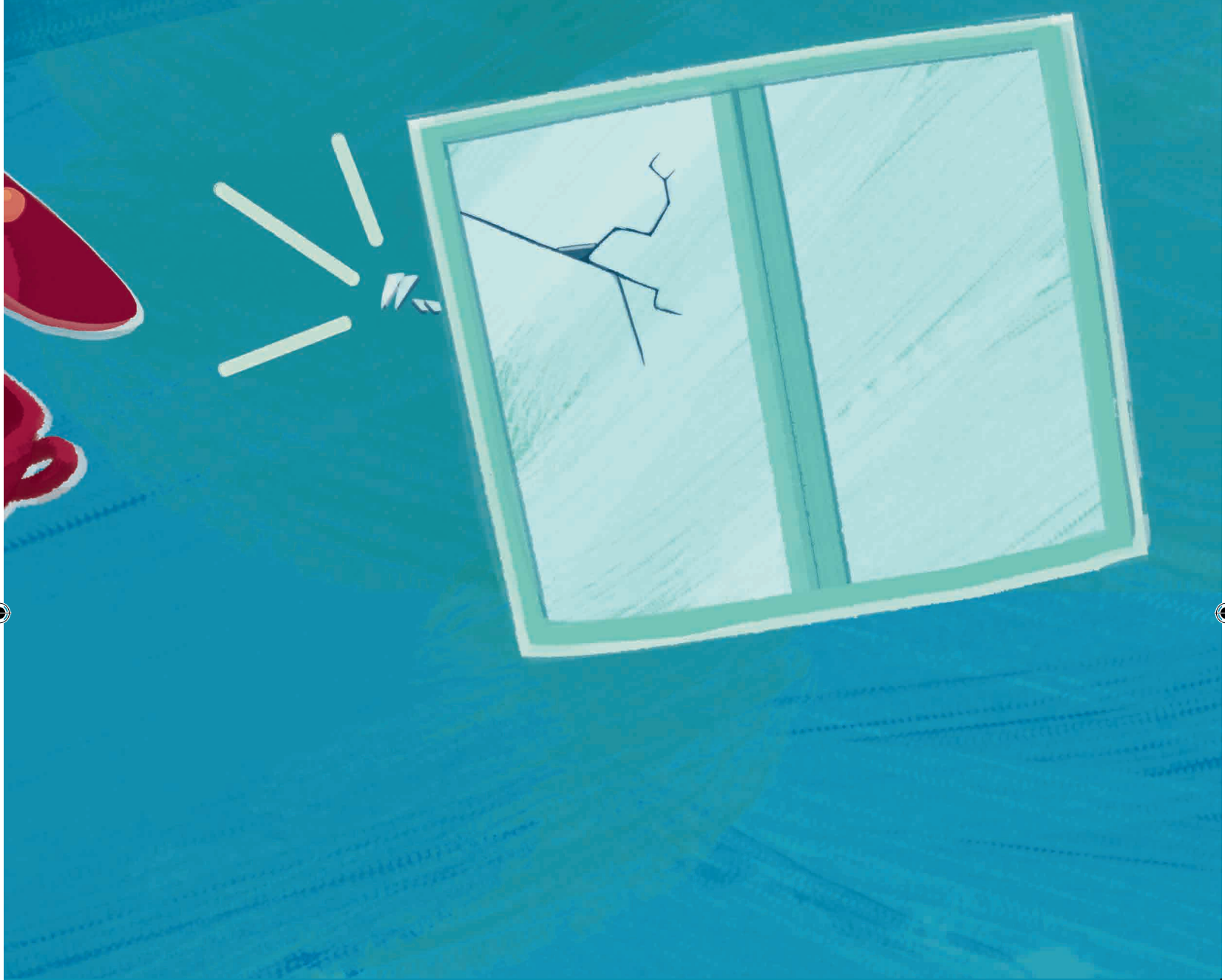






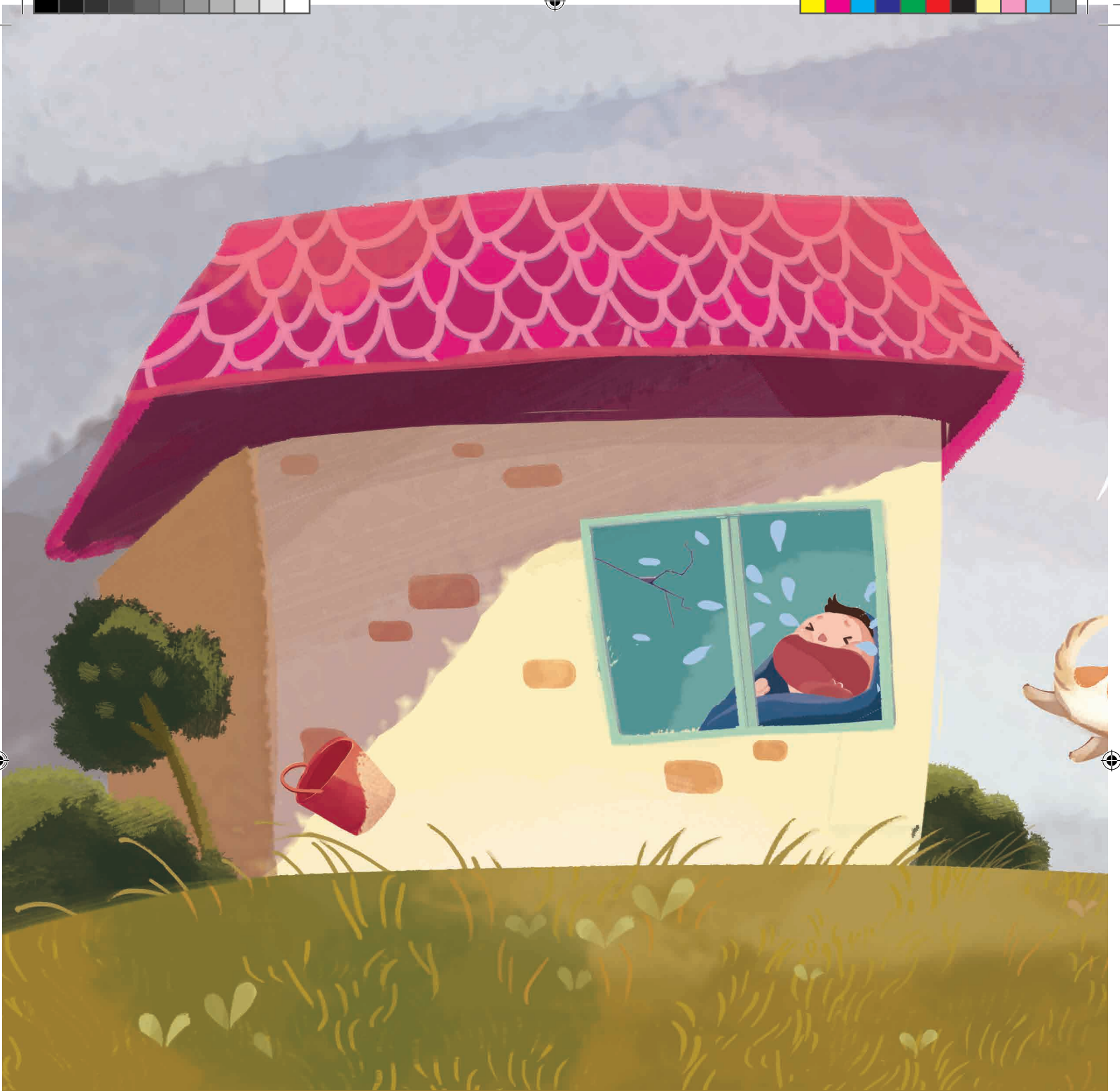
The baby is so loud that
his crying breaks the milke bottle.





It cracks the pot. It cracks the window!





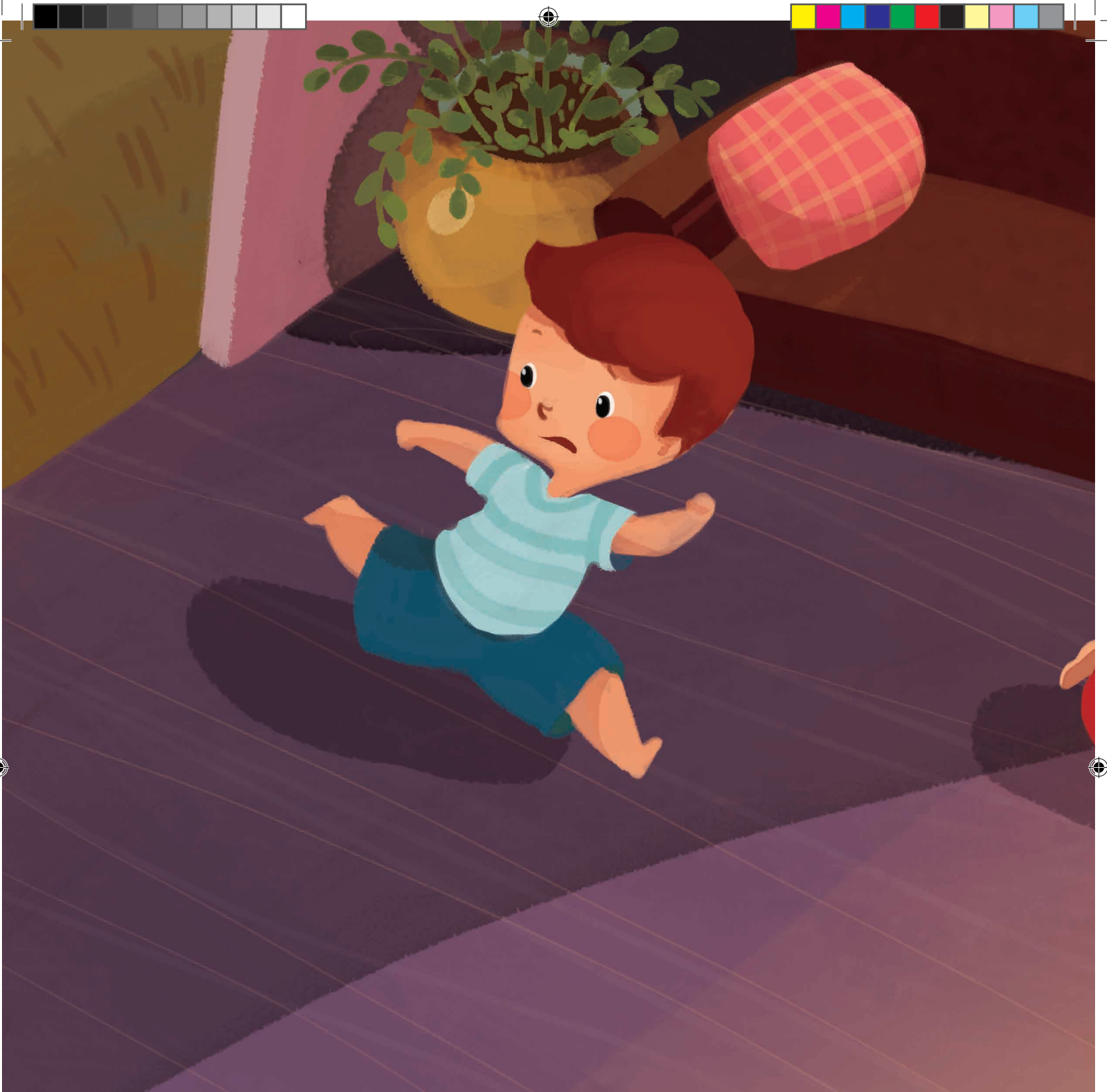
The baby is so loud that





his crying lifts the roof off!





Their brother won't stop crying.
Zu and Zi rush inside.



Where is Ma?





Zu holds the baby and sings.
But the baby keeps crying.





Zi dances. He does tricks.
But the baby keeps crying!





What makes a baby stop crying?
Soon, Zi and Zu are crying too.





That's when Ma gets home.





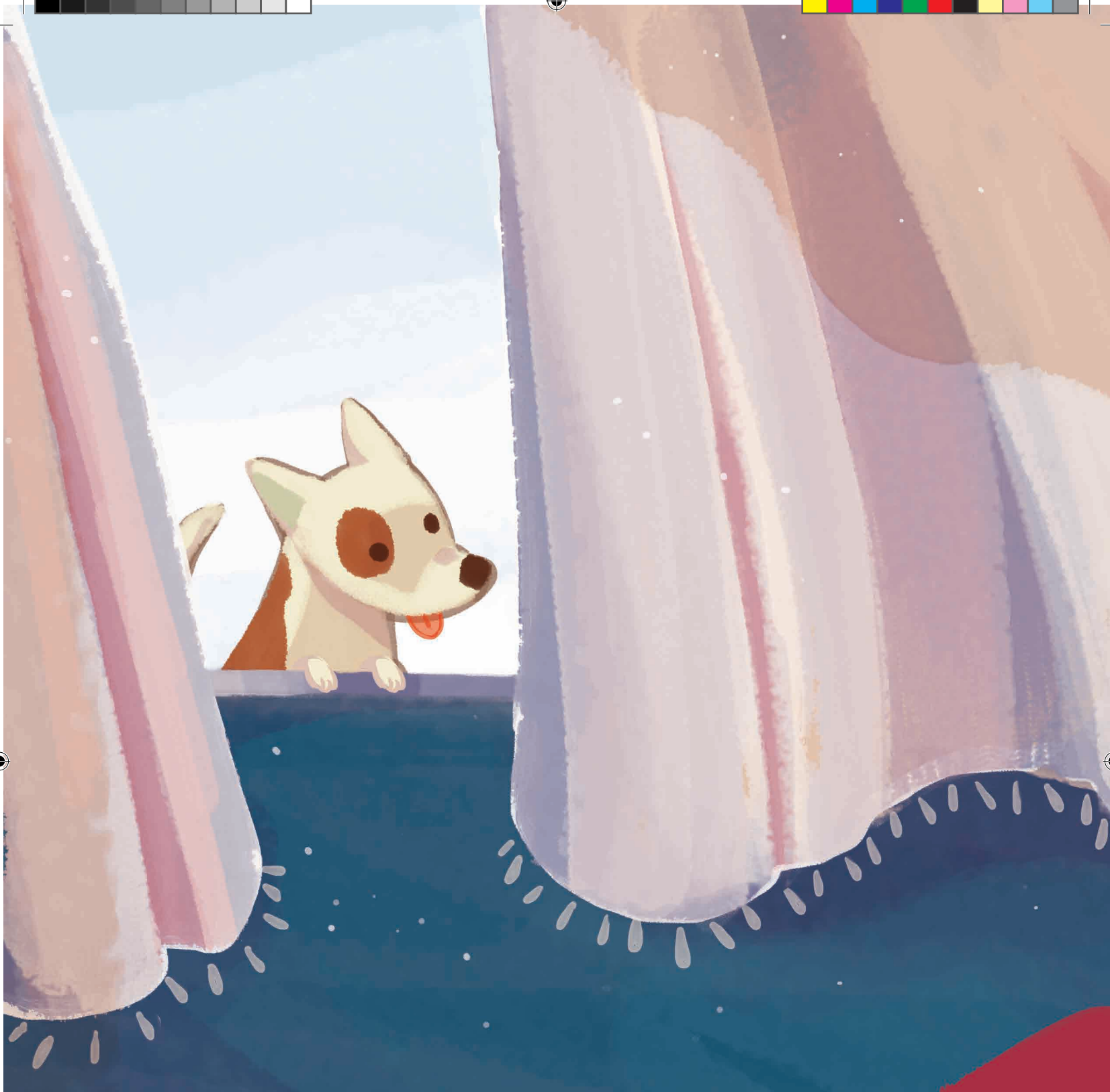
Ma picks up the baby.
She comforts him.





She sings a lullaby.
The baby stops crying.





Now Zu and Zi understand.



It's impossible for babies to be quiet.
So it's better to just not make noise.
Hush!





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