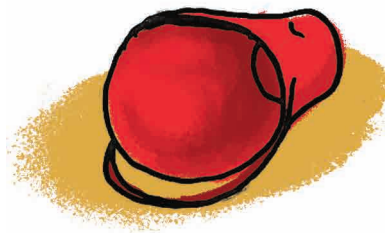




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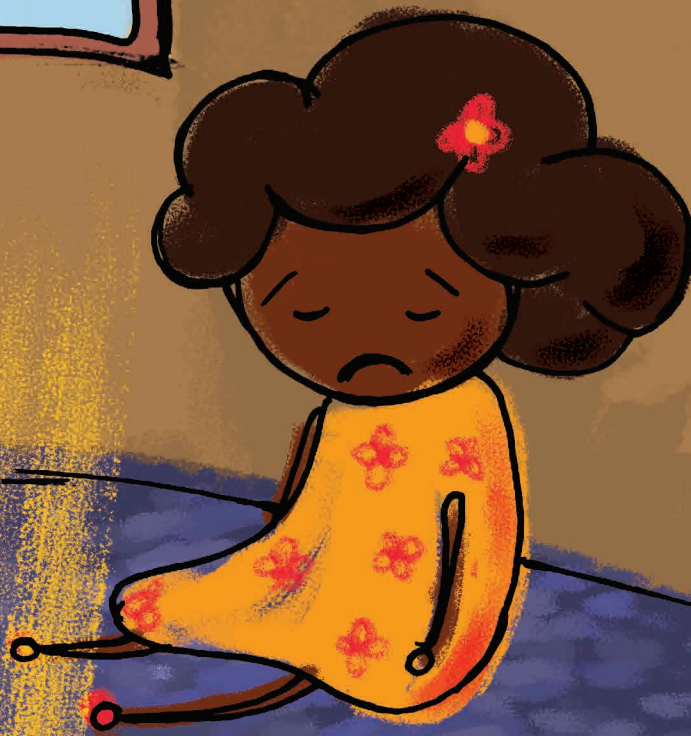
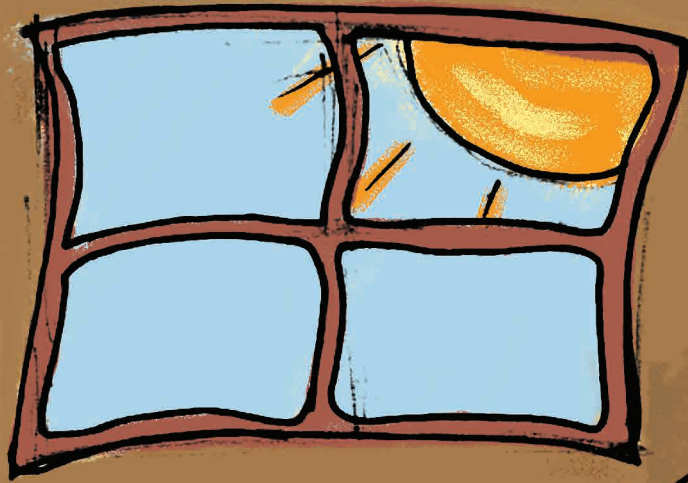
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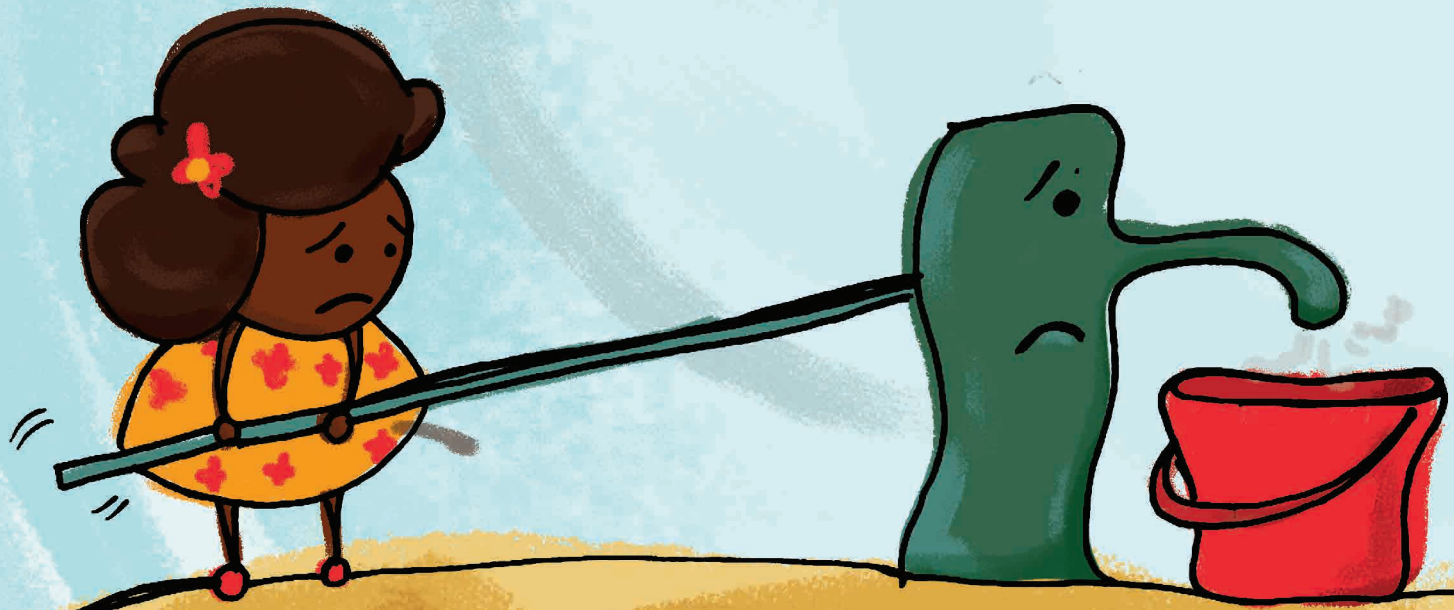
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nelibhakede lakhe.

“Bhakede, bhakede, ngiphe emanti.”

Libhakede alinalutfo.



Nomvula uhamba ufuna
emanti ebhorimashini.





Uyatincengela,
“Bhorimashini, bhorimashini,
ngiphe emanti.”

Kepha ibhorimashini
nayo yomile.

Nomvula wabona lithangi lemanti
lelikhulu lelinempompi.

“Thangi, thangi, ngicela ungiphe
emanti,” kucela Nomvula.

Kepha impompi yelithangi lemanti
yomile.



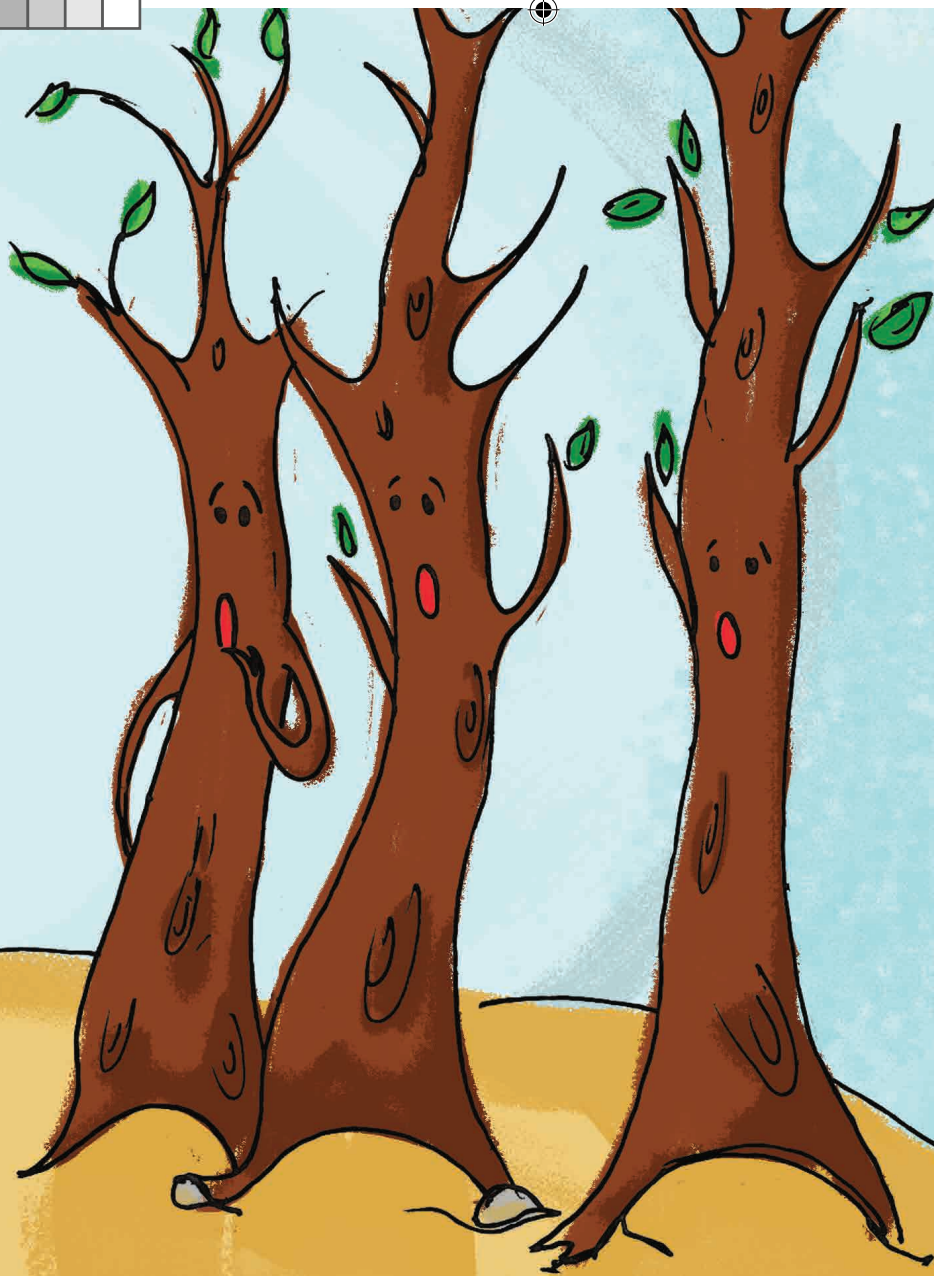


Nomvula uya emfuleni.

“Mfula, mfula, ngicela
ungiphe emanti.”

Kepha umfula ushile.





“Nine tihlahla, niwanatseleni
onkhe lamanti lapha emfuleni?”
kubuta Nomvula.



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Nomvula ubona lidamu lelikhulu.

“Damu, damu, ngicela ungiphe emanti!” kusho Nomvula.

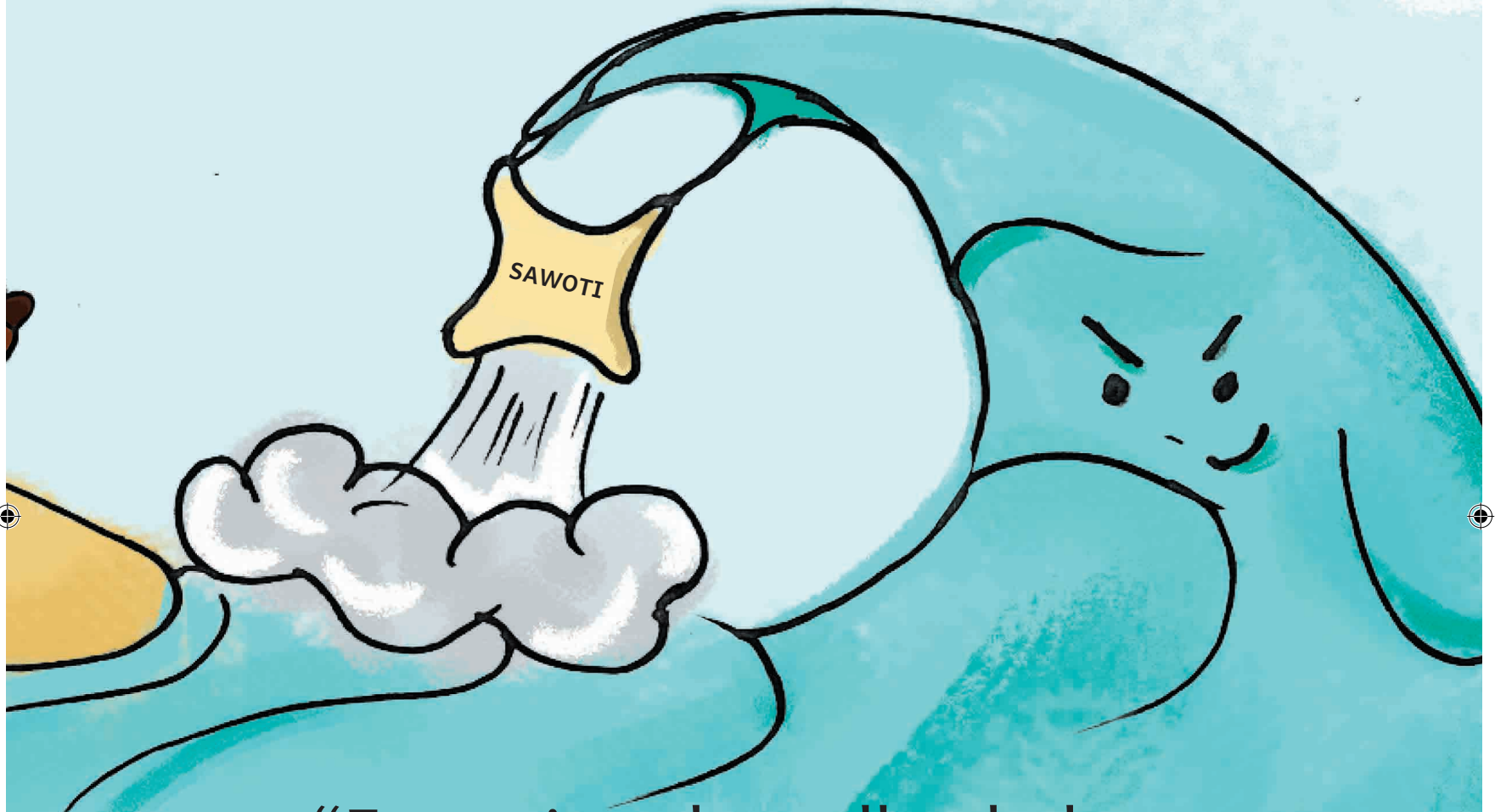
Lidamu latibindzela ngoba lingenalutfo.



Nomvula wagijimela elwandle.
“Impela lapha ngitawatfola emanti
ekunatsa,” kusho Nomvula.

Lwandle lwatitsela
ngemasaka asawoti.





“Emanti aselwandle ababa sawoti, angeke ngiwanatse,” kukhalata Nomvula.




Nomvula ubita lifu
lebelitengcela.

“Lifu, lifu, ngiphe emanti!
Ngiphe emanti **nyalo!**”

Lifu lakhafula umbani,
lasondzela edvute nelikhaya
lakabo Nomvula.



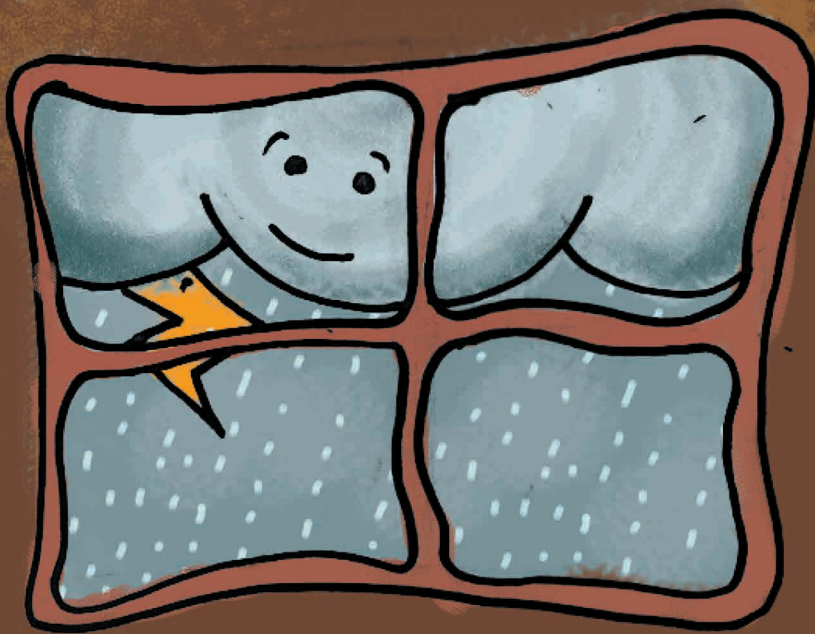



Umsindvo wekudvuma
wagcwala emoyeni, umbani
wagcwala esibhakabhakeni.

Ngekwesaba, Nomvula
wabalekela endlini.

Kudvuma kwakhula kakhulu...

Nomvula wafikelwa kwesaba,
wakhala. “Lifu, ngicela
ungicolele. Ngicela nje emanti
kuphela. Buyela emuva!”



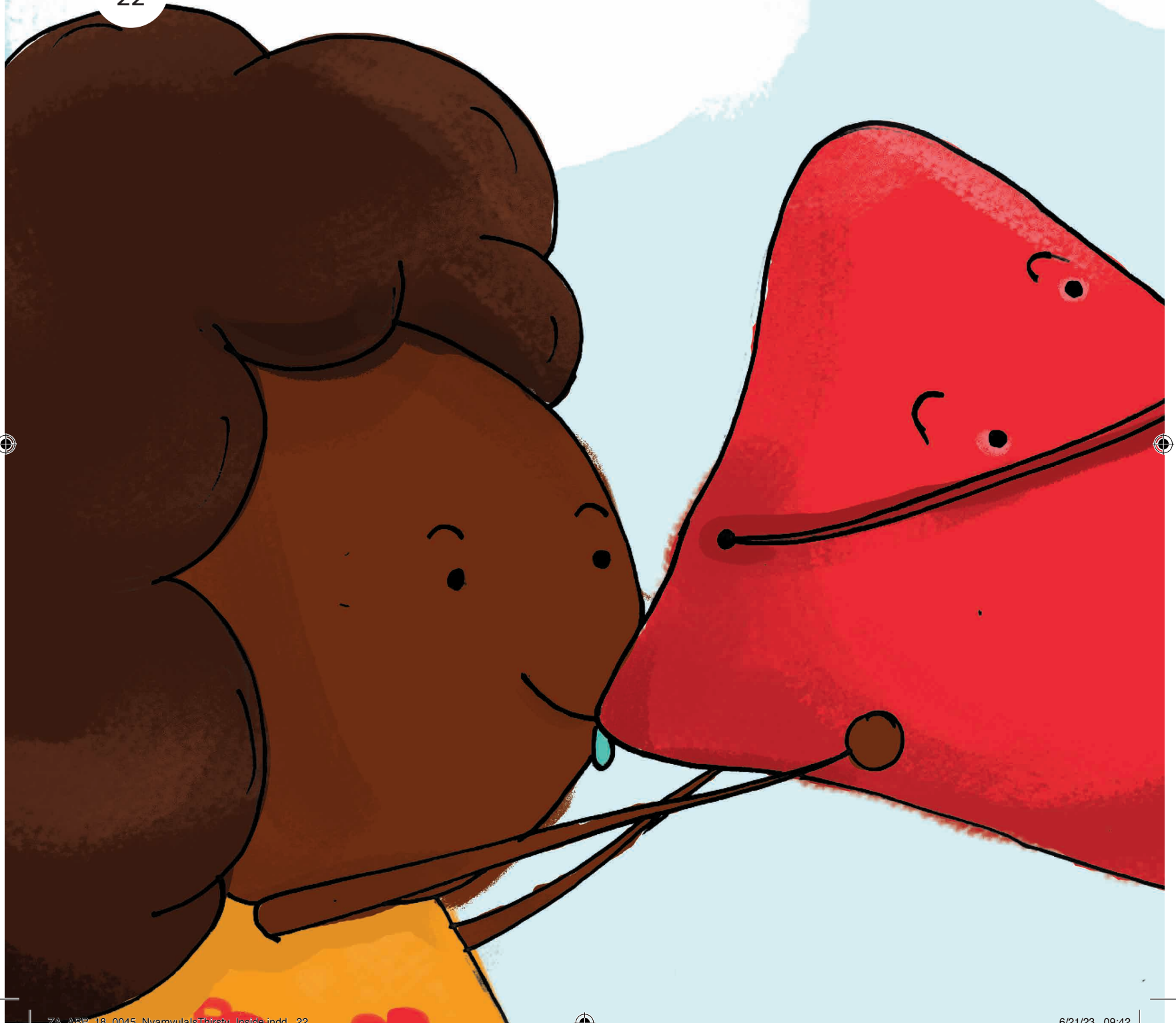


Yacala yana imula.
Imvula yagcwalisa lidamu.
Imvula yagcwalisa umfula.



Imvula yagcwalisa lithangi lemanti.
Imvula yagcwalisa ibhorimashini.







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Imvula yagcwalisa libhakede.

Wajabula Nomvula
wawanatsa onkhe emanti.

Wanatsa ngisho nelitfonsi
lekugcina!





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