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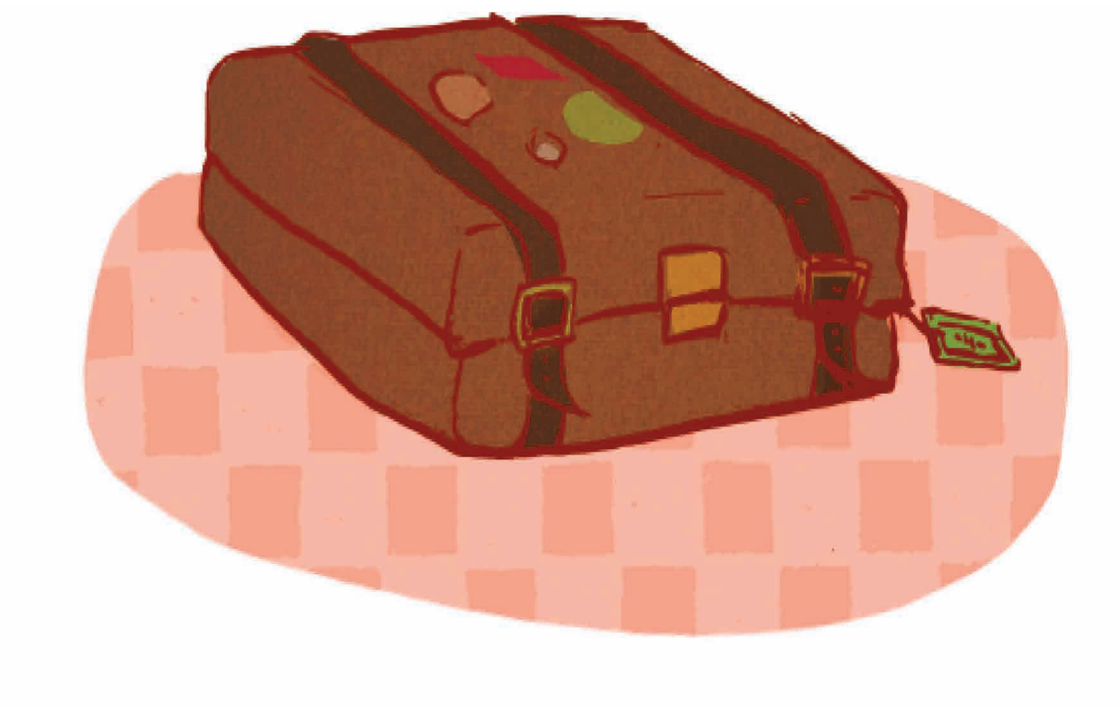

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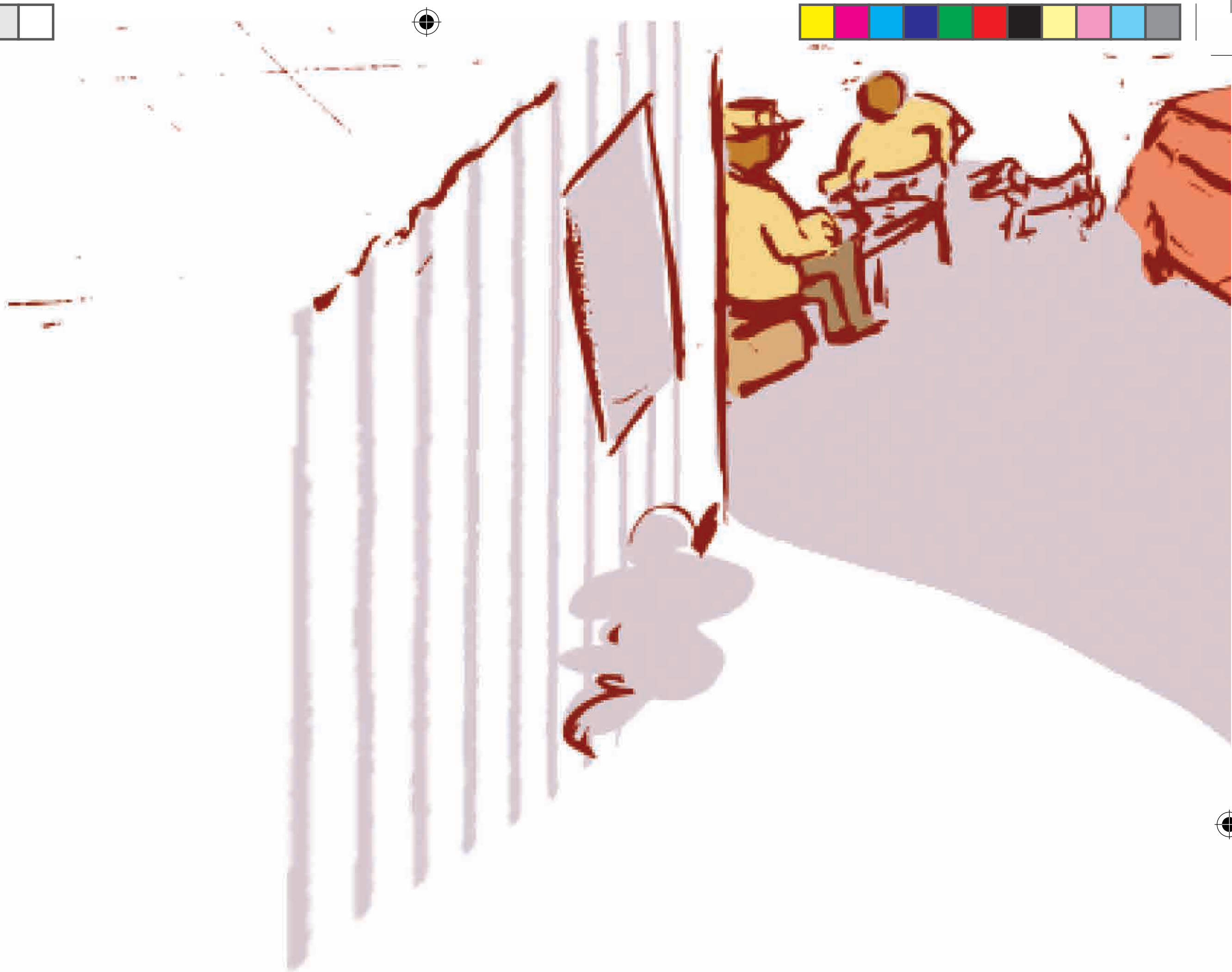

Usuku lomncintiswano wokusina selusondele. Bonke bakhuluma ngalo ngisho nasemgwaqweni ukuthi bazogqokani.

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ULwazi ukhathazekile. Kungabe uzogqokani?
UGogo ukhathazekile – ufuna umzukulu aphumelele.

"Ngiyamkhumbula uMkhulu," uLwazi ecabanga ekhathazekile. "UMkhulu ubezokwazi okufanele kwenziwe."

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ULwazi waqhamuka nombono kuGogo. Bazodayisa amathanga esivandeni ukuze bathole imali yokuthenga imvunulo.

ULwazi wangena ephuma edayisa amathanga. Aseluhlaza. Akekho ofuna ukuwathenga.

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ULwazi uhleli ekamelweni. Ucabanga azokwenza. Ubona isuthikesi elidala phezu kwewodilobhu. UGogo walibeka kudala.

Seligcwele izintuli. Wagibela esihlalweni ezama ukwehlisa leli suthikesi. Uma elivula, akakukholwanga akubona phakathi.

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Kunemvunulo kaMkhulu kuleli suthikesi!

Amehlo kaLwazi abuka ngokumangala. Wacabanga ngomncintiswano ozayo.

ULwazi walilinganisa ivesti. Likhulu kakhulu! Umqhele awumlingani ekhanda.

Ujabhile. Konke kukhulu kakhulu, akumlingani.

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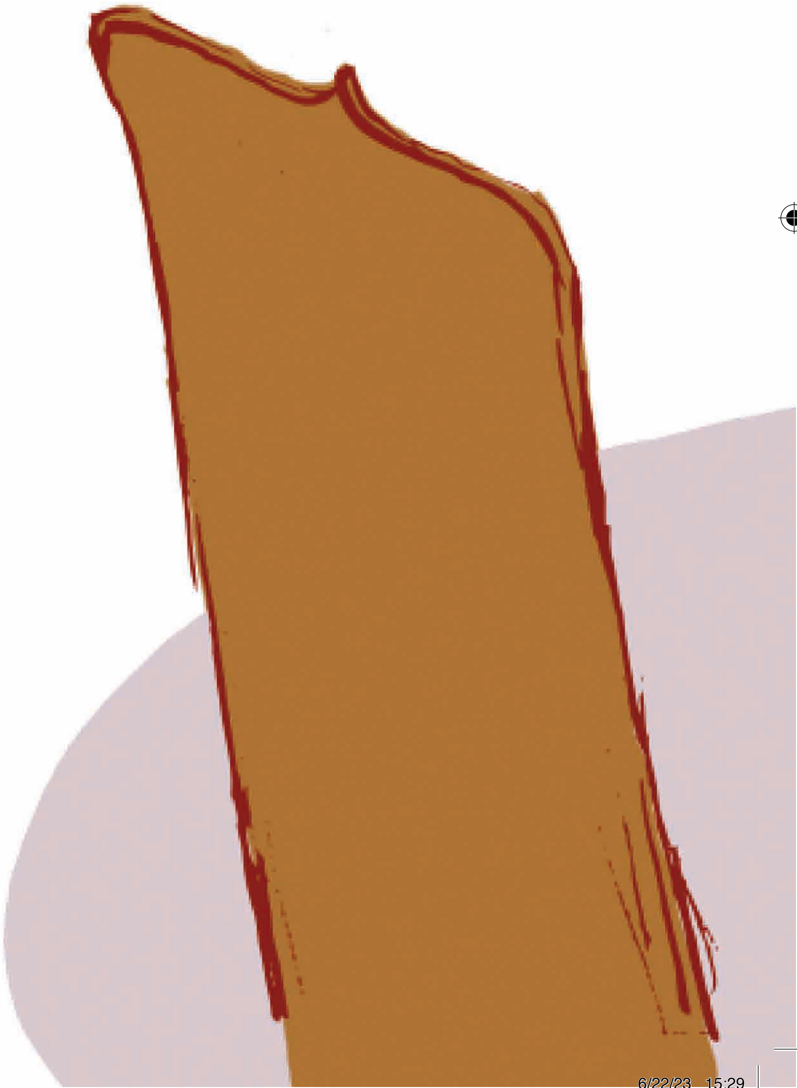
“Ukhalelani Lwazi?” Kubuza uGogo. “Le mvunulo yinhle kabi!”



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“Cha, akunjalo,” uLwazi ephefumula kakhulu. “Bazongihleka. Buka ukuthi nginjani!”

“Ngiyakwazi engizokwenza,” kuphendula uGogo.

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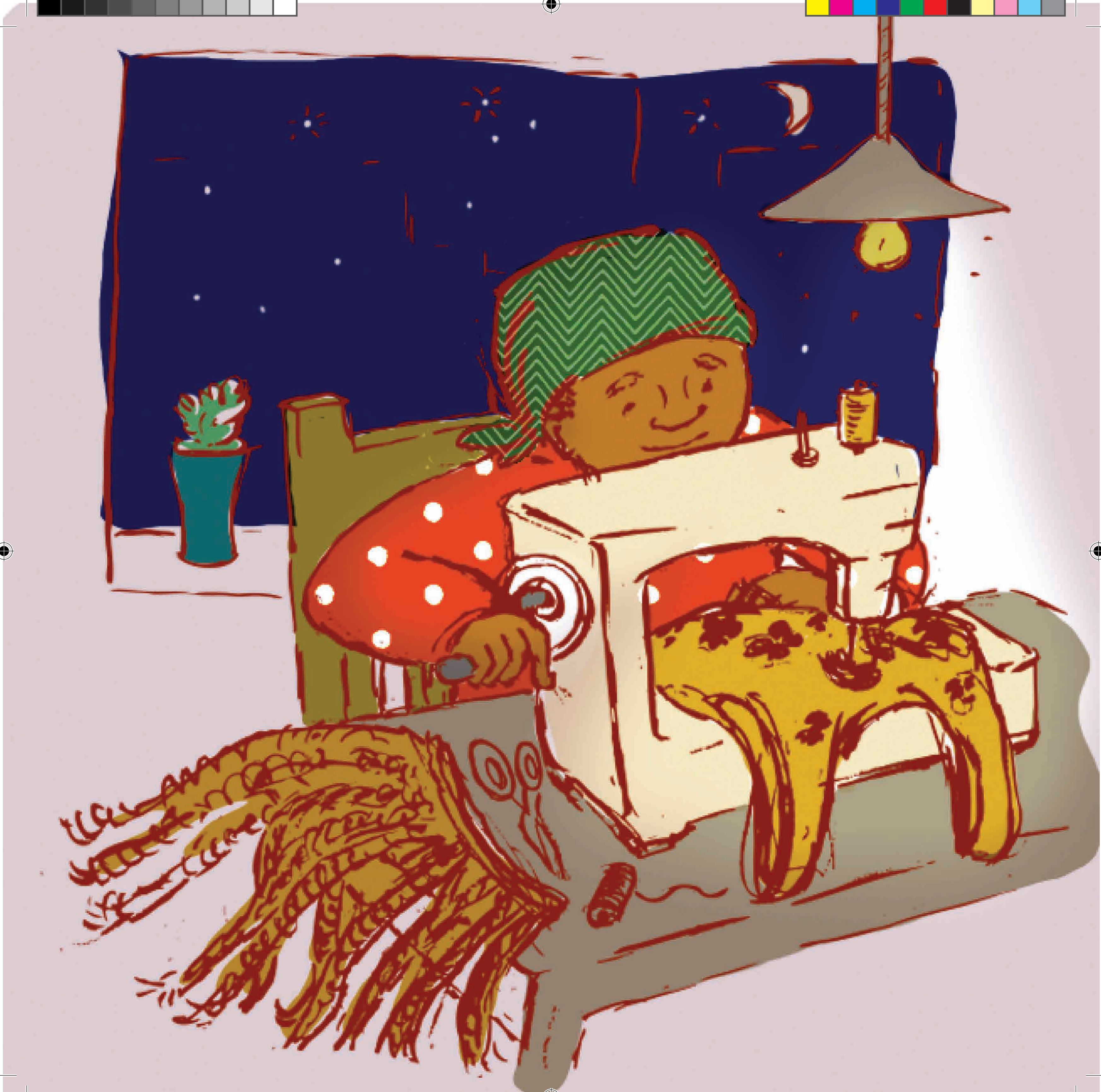
UGogo wavula umshini wokuthunga omdala. Kade agcina nokuwusebenzisa. Waqala ukuthunga enciphisa imvunulo kaMkhulu.

UGogo wathunga ubusuku bonke. Umncintiswano ungosuku olulandelayo.



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Ngosuku lomncintiswano, uLwazi ulele embhedeni uthukuthele. “Angiyi emncintiswaneni. Anginayo imvunulo engizoyibhinca!”

UGogo wamkhombisa imvunulo. Akazange akholwe uLwazi. Imvunulo ibukeka izomlingana kahle!

Wageza ngokushesha uLwazi.
Wabhinca imvunulo.

Yamlingana kahle!

Yamfanela kahle kakhulu imvunulo uLwazi.
Wathandwa kakhulu emncintiswaneni.

Waphuma phambili emncintiswaneni!
UGogo waziqhenya kakhulu!

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