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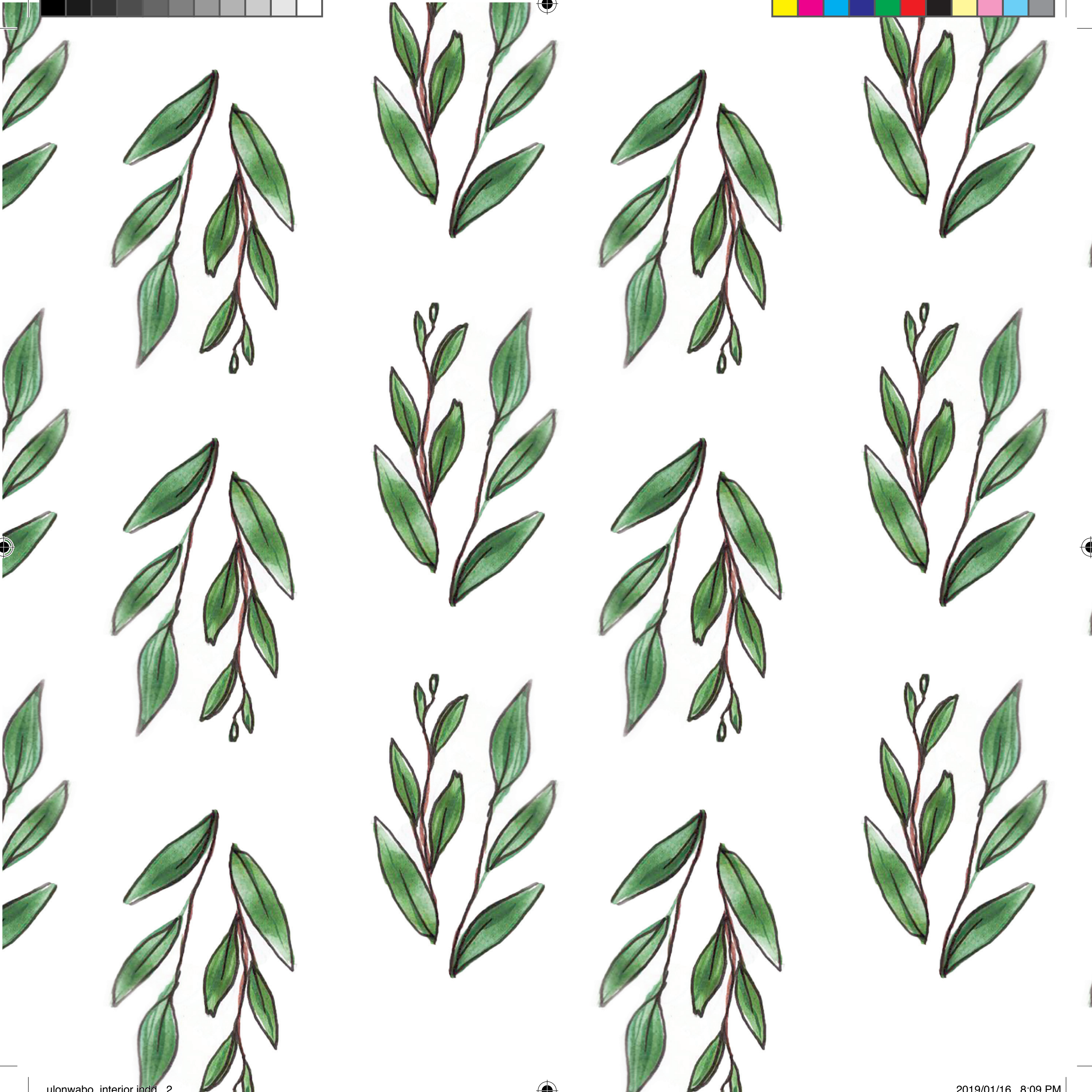

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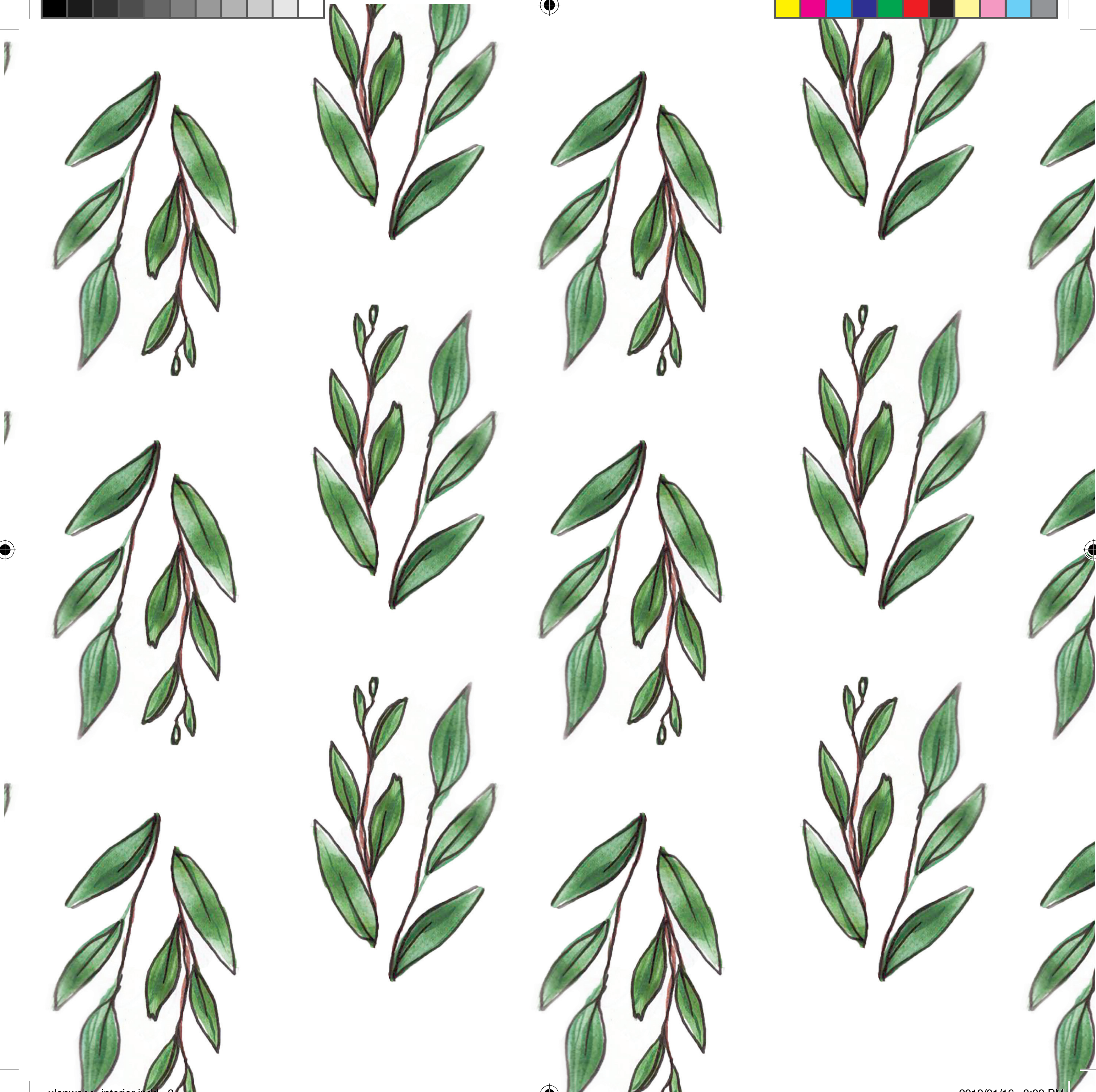

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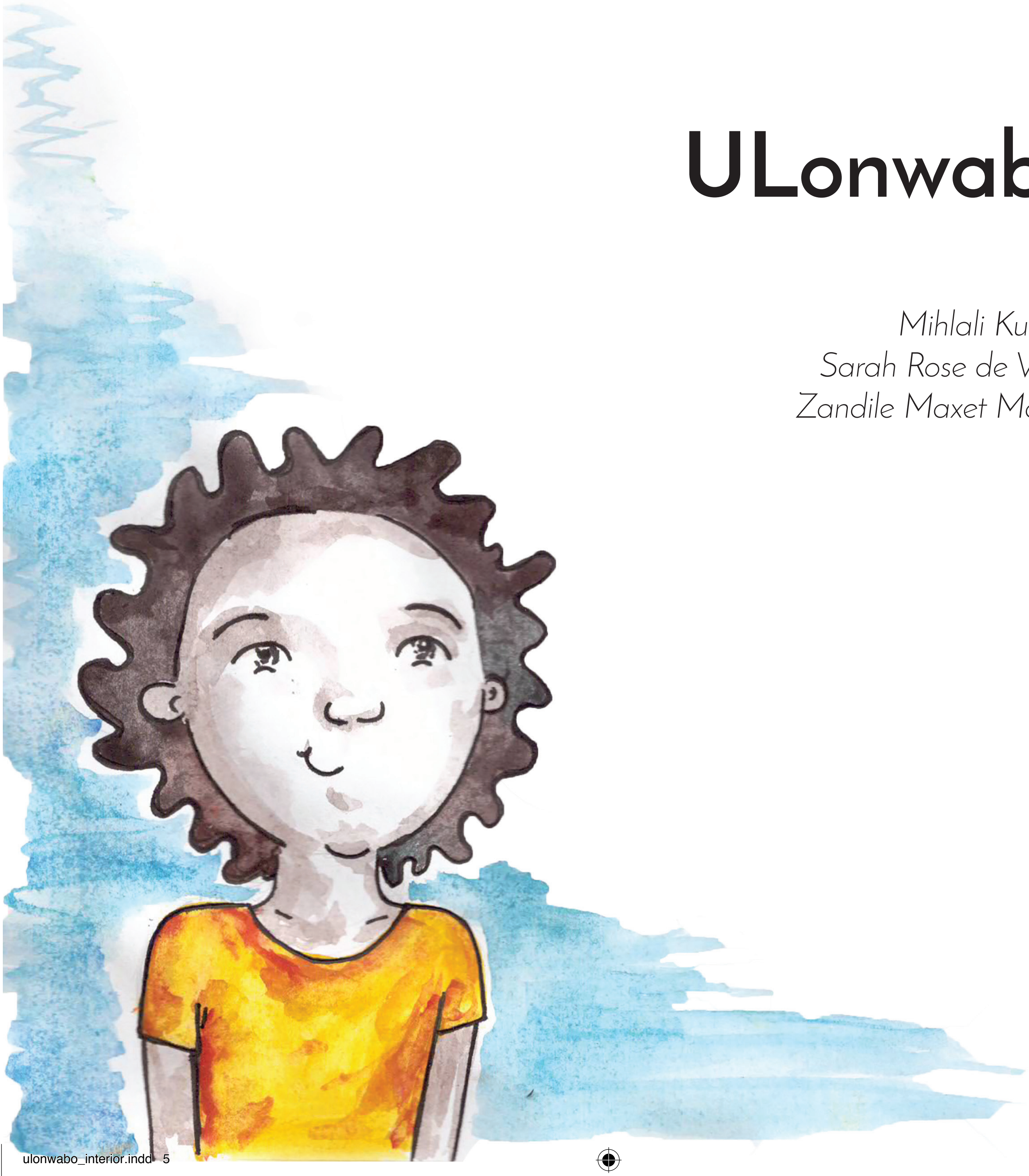

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ULonwabo wayeyinkwenkwana
eneminyaka elishumi.

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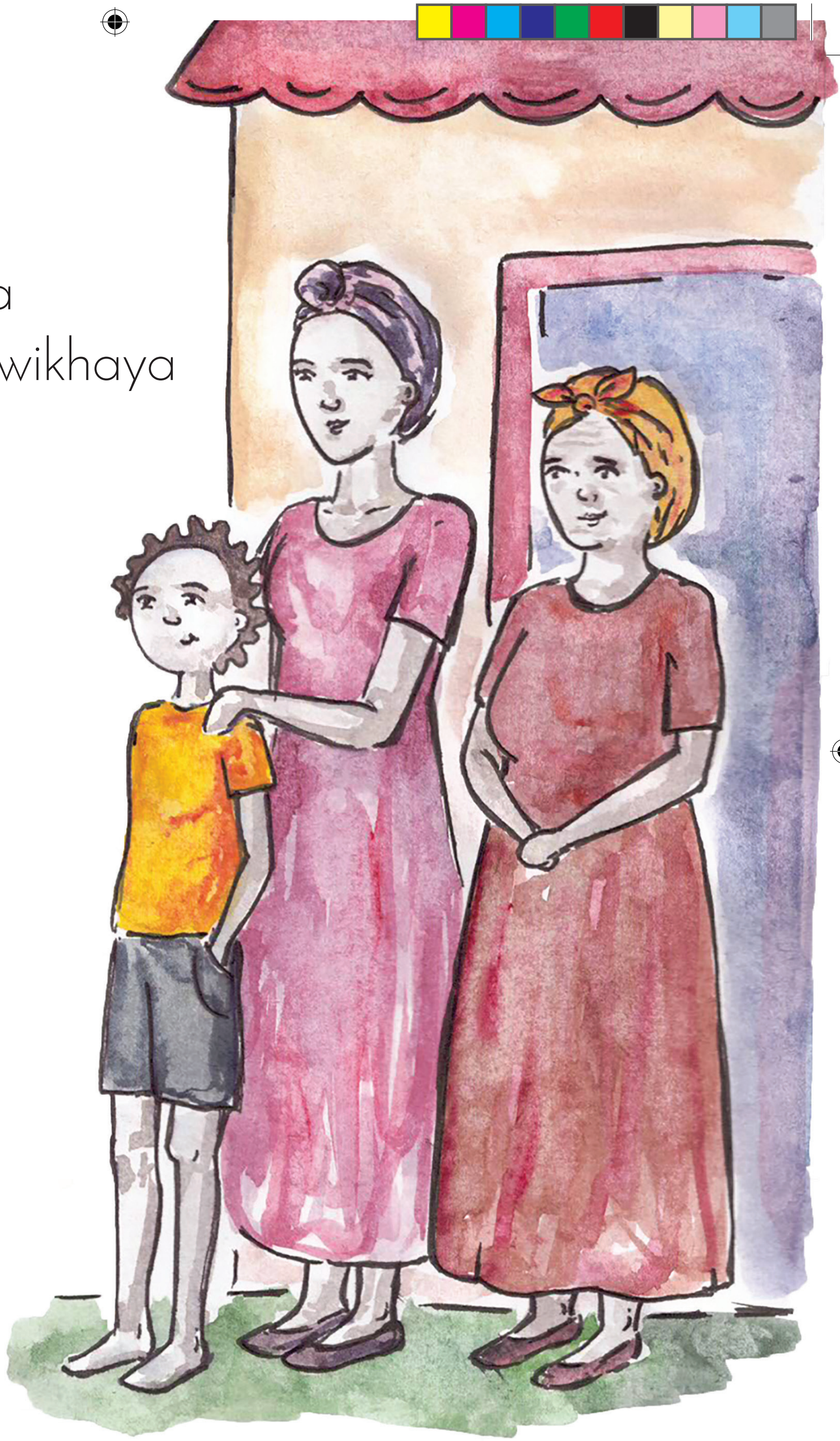
Wayehlala nomama nomakhulu wakhe kwikhaya labo kuQoboqobo.



Umakhulu wakhe wayenesitiya
semifuno esasichume kakhulu.

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Wayencedisa umakhulu wakhe ngokunkcenkceshela imifuno ahlakule esitiyeni.

Into eyayimhlupha yayikukuthutha amanzi okunkcenkceshela emlanjeni. Wayengonqeni koko wayehlutshwa ngabahlobo bakhe ababesoloko bemhleka xa esihla iqhina esiya emlanjeni.

Ngelixa abahlobo bakhe bedlala ibhola yena wayasehla enyuka elo qhina eyokukha amanzi onwabile. Babemhleka bekhwaza besithi "Ngumsebenzi wamantombazana lowo asoze senze loo nto thina."

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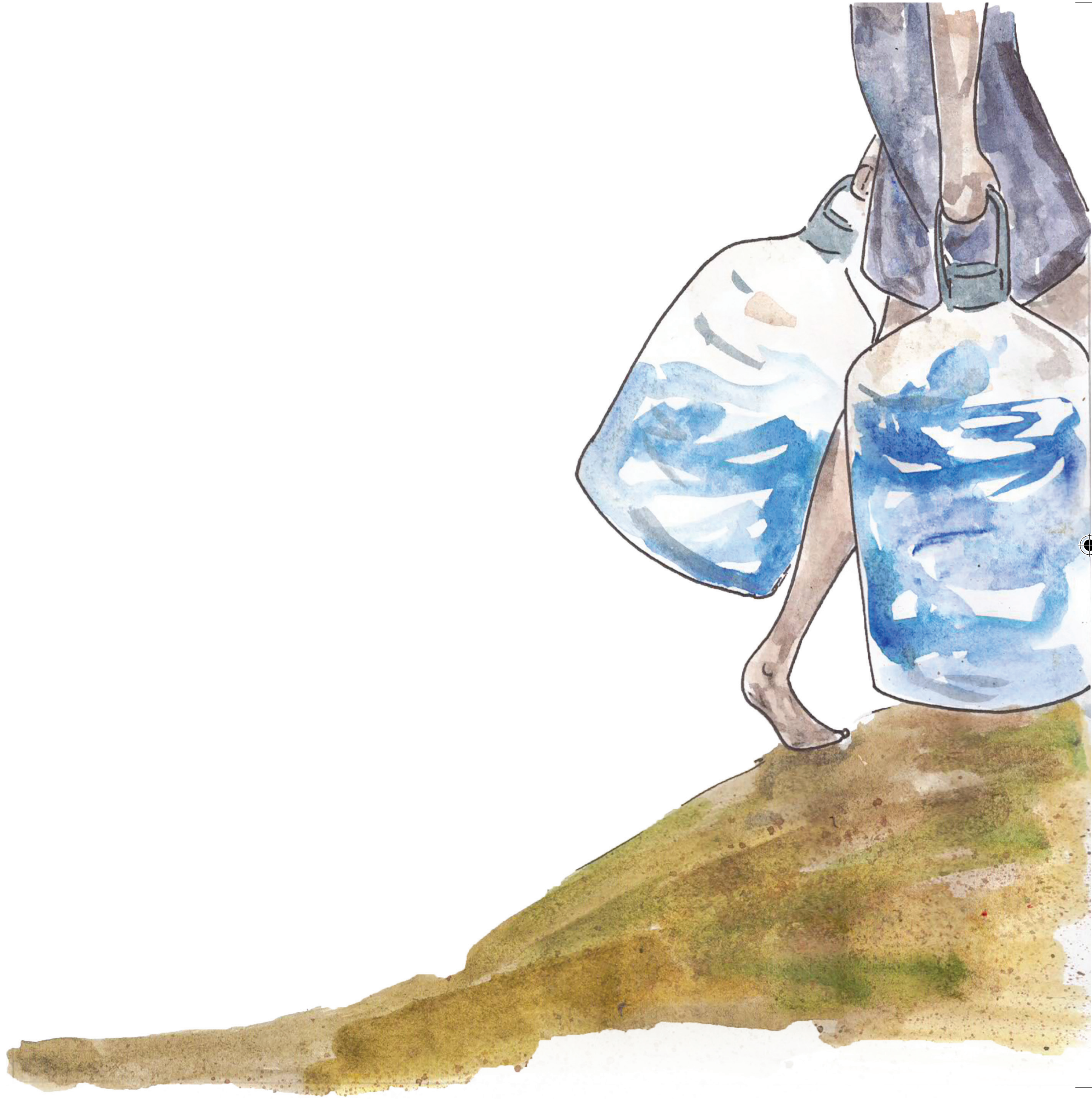
Wayengabananzi, wayebahleka anikine intloko aqhubeke nohambo lwakhe.



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Wayesoloko ecinga ngendlela awayeziva ngayo xa ephakathi kwisitiya eso sakhe nomakhulu wakhe. Wayeba nolonwabo olumenza alibale tu ngabahlobo bakhe.

Wayenukiselwa livumba elimnandi lomhlaba ovundileyo, abukele namaggqabi esipinatshi xa engamaphekepheke.

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Isidlo awayesonwabela kakhulu yayisesasemini. Sasiphekwa ngumakhulu wakhe ngelixa yena esesikolweni. Umama wakhe ephangele.

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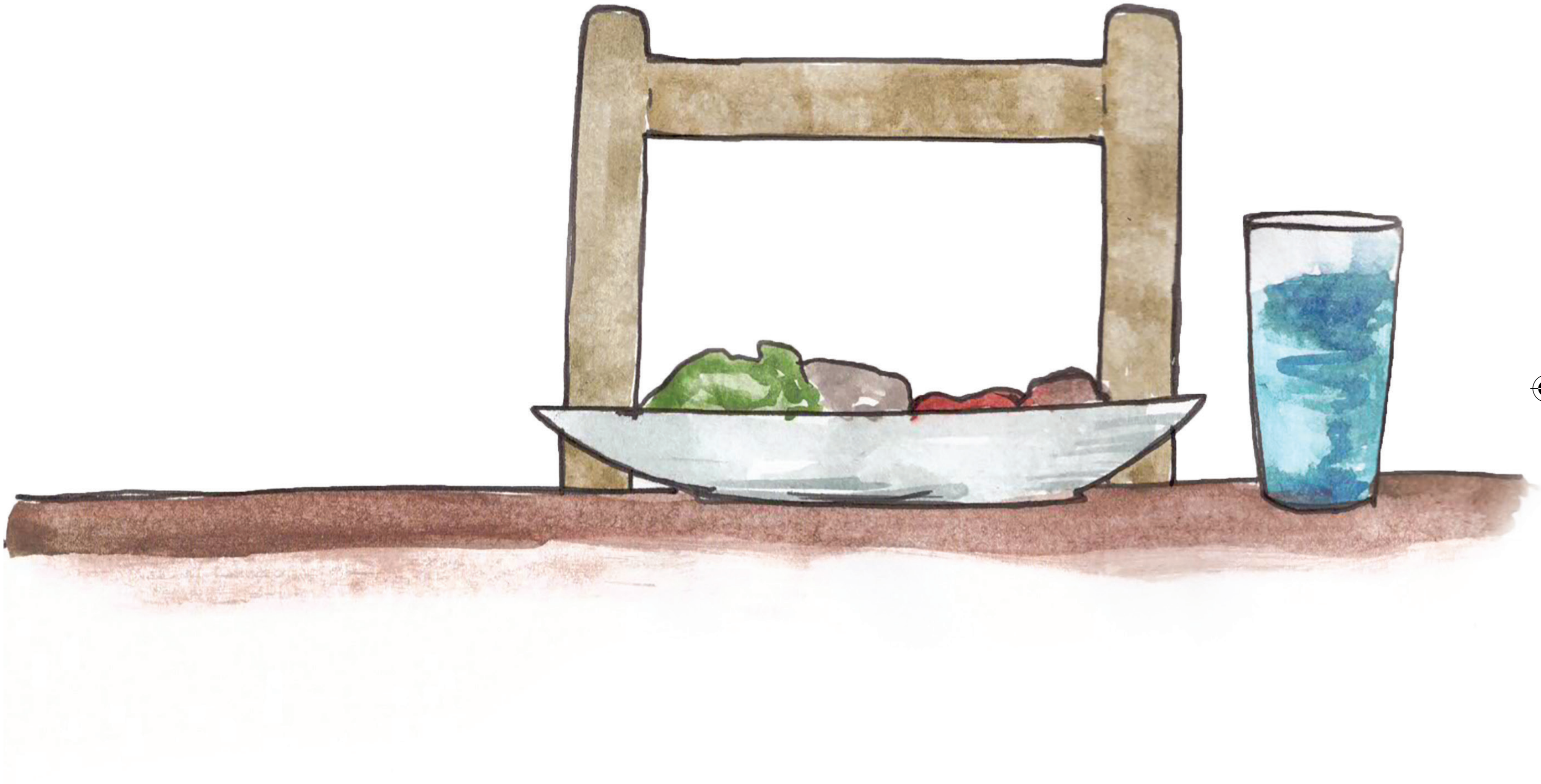

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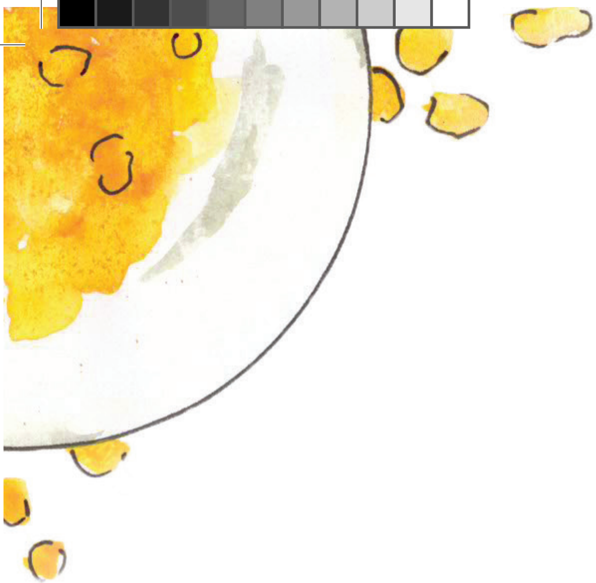

Akugqiba ukukhulula iimpahla zesikolo wayehlala phantsi enze umthandazwana omncinci akugqiba atye.

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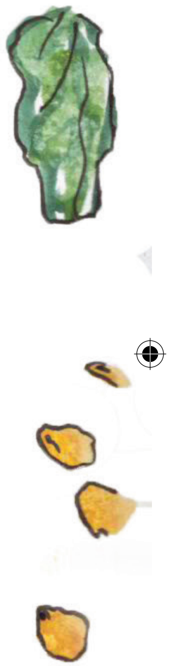

Umakhulu wayepheka iintlobo-ntlobo zezidlo; indyandya, isophu, umxhaxha, umqa nezinye izidlo angazange wambona umama wakhe eziphekela isidlo sabo sangokuhlwa.

Wayezonwabela uLonwabo izidlo zakhe ze athi xa egqibile ahlambe isitya sakhe athathe isitulo, iphepha kunye nepensile, ahlale ecaleni kukamakhulu.

Wayembuza umakhulu wakhe ngezithako zeso sidlo awayegqiba ukusitya aze abhale phantsi ngonononophelo zonke iinkcukacha.

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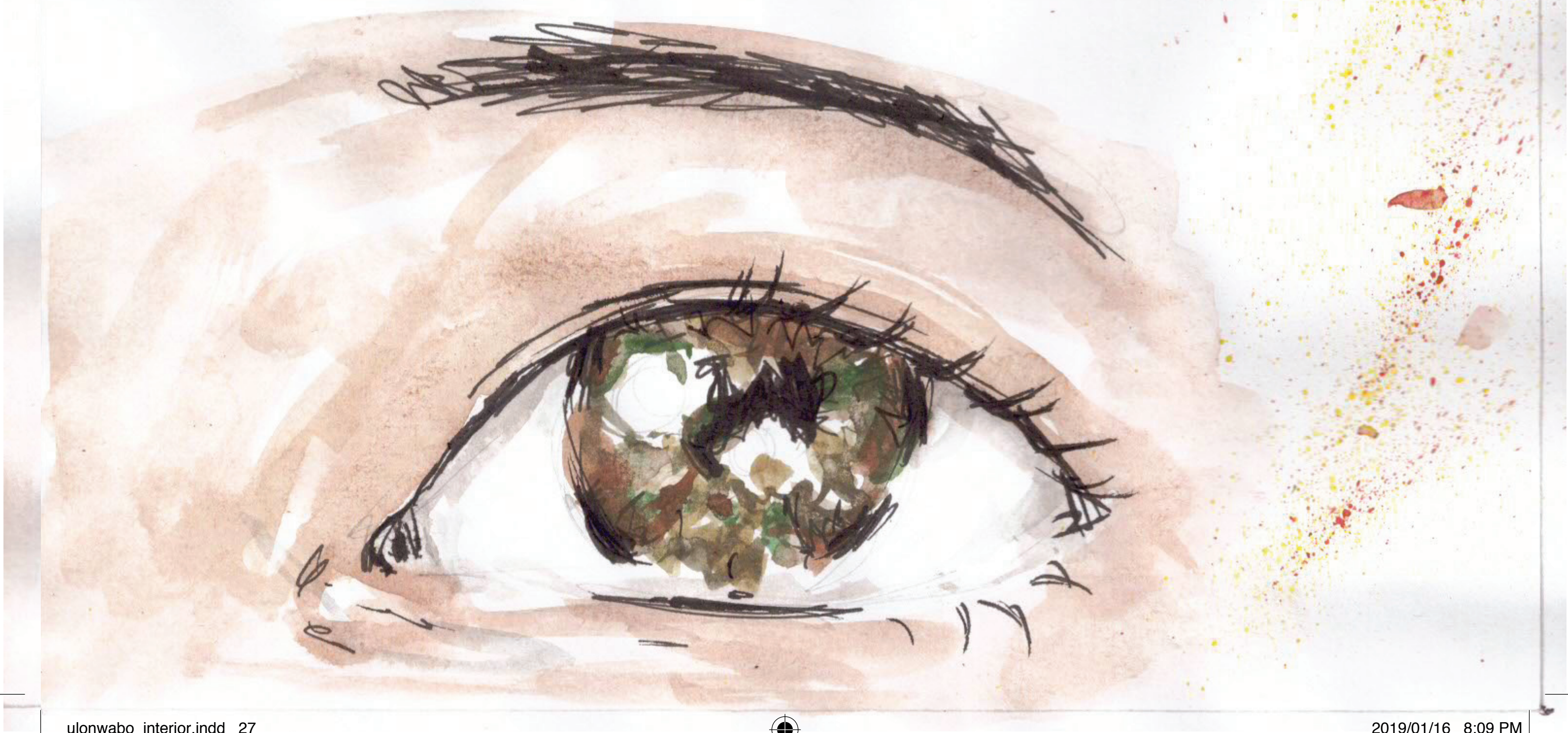
Wayezixelele ukuba xa emdala uza kuzivulela eyakhe irestyu.

Uza kuyithiya irestu leyo ngegama likamakhulu wakhe aze apheke zonke izidlo umakhulu wakhe awayemphekela zona.



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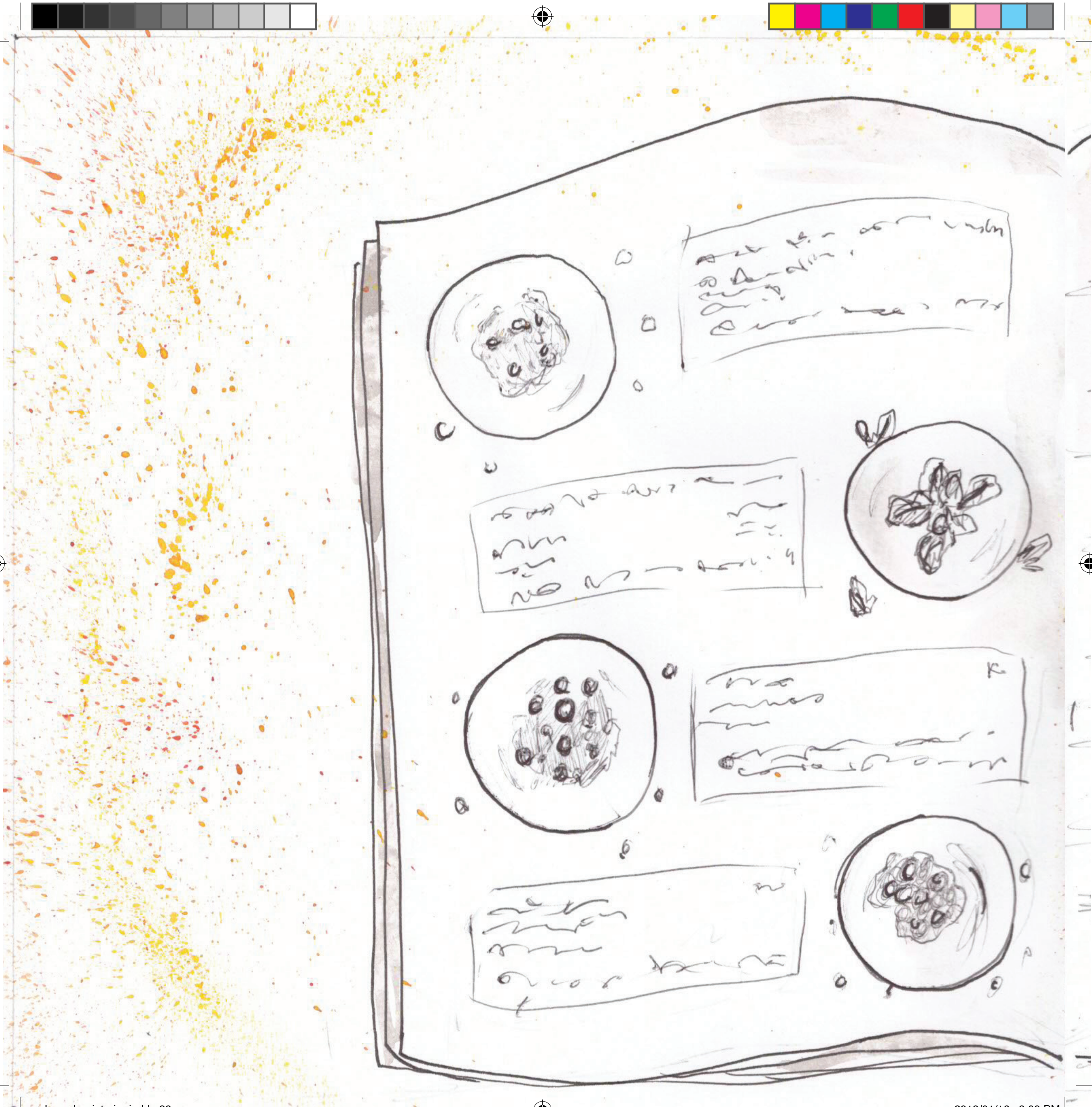

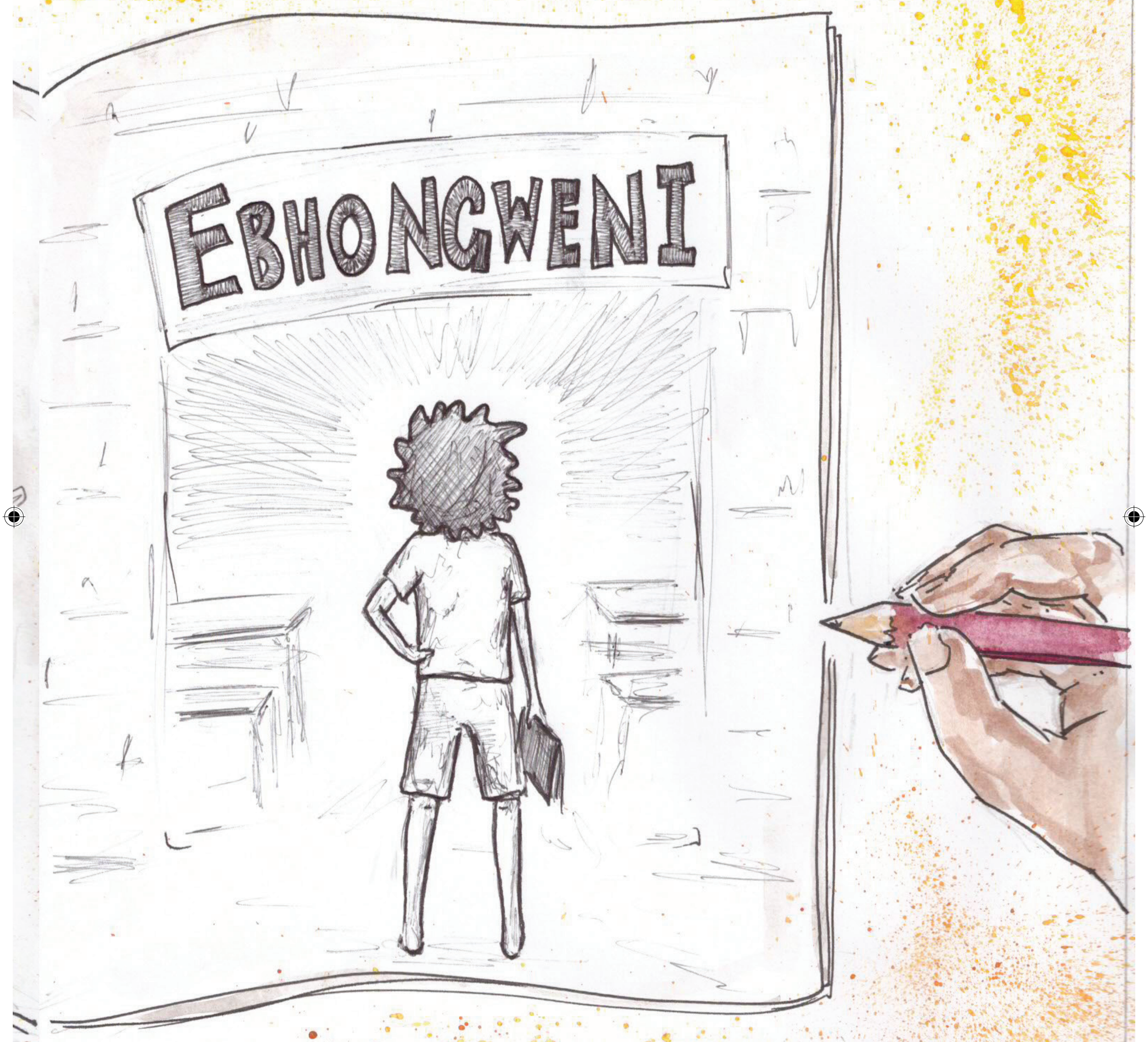

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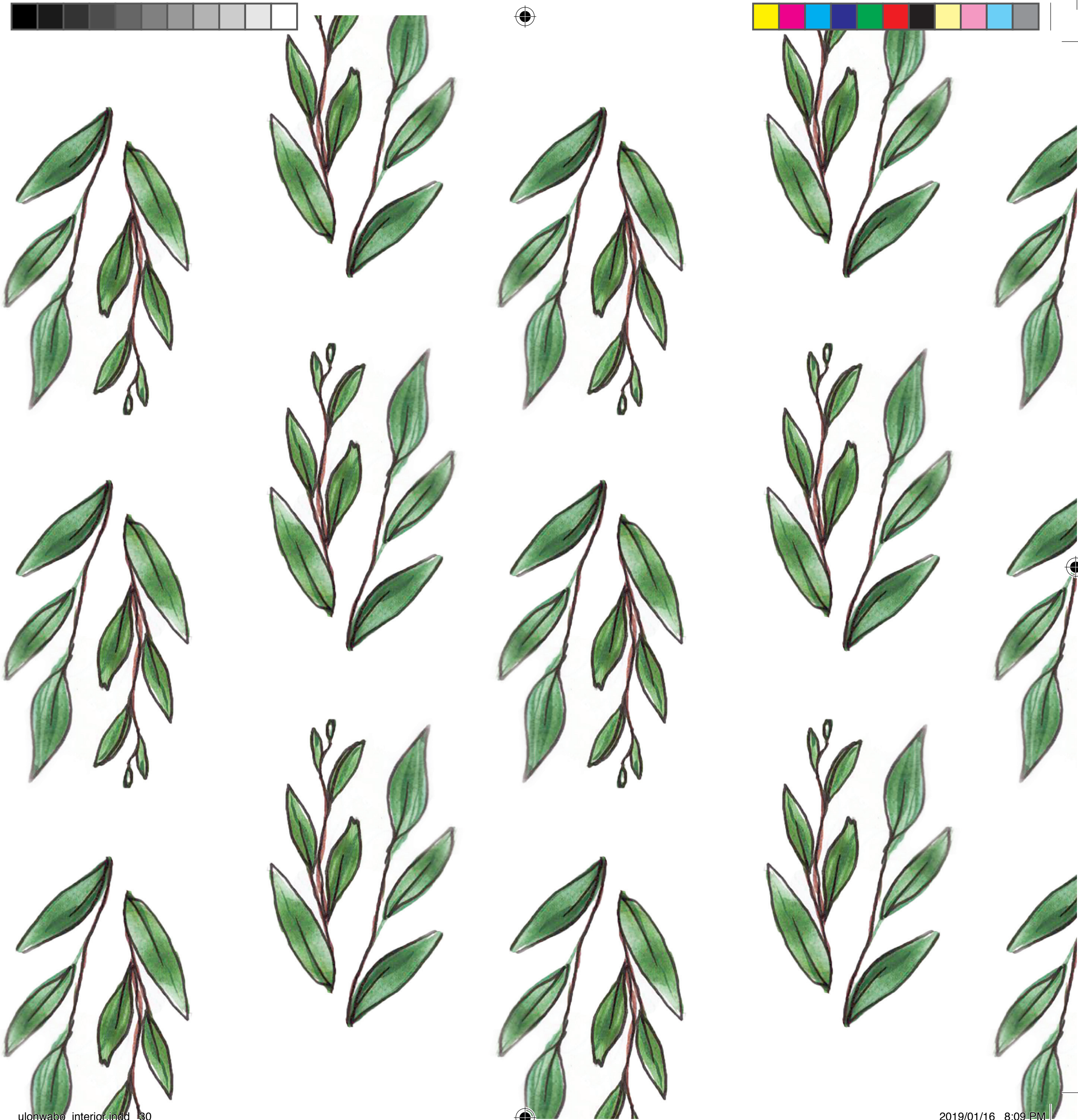

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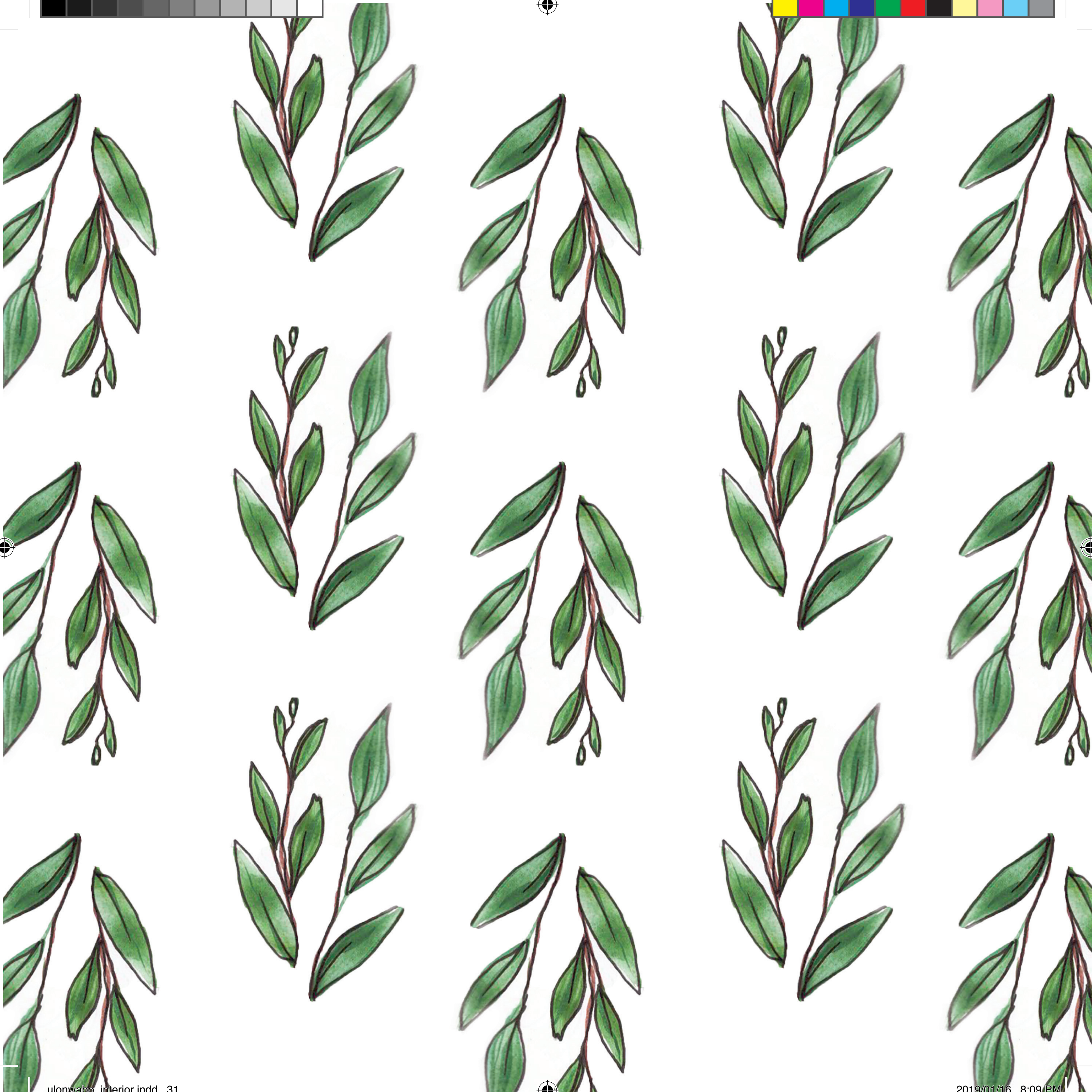

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