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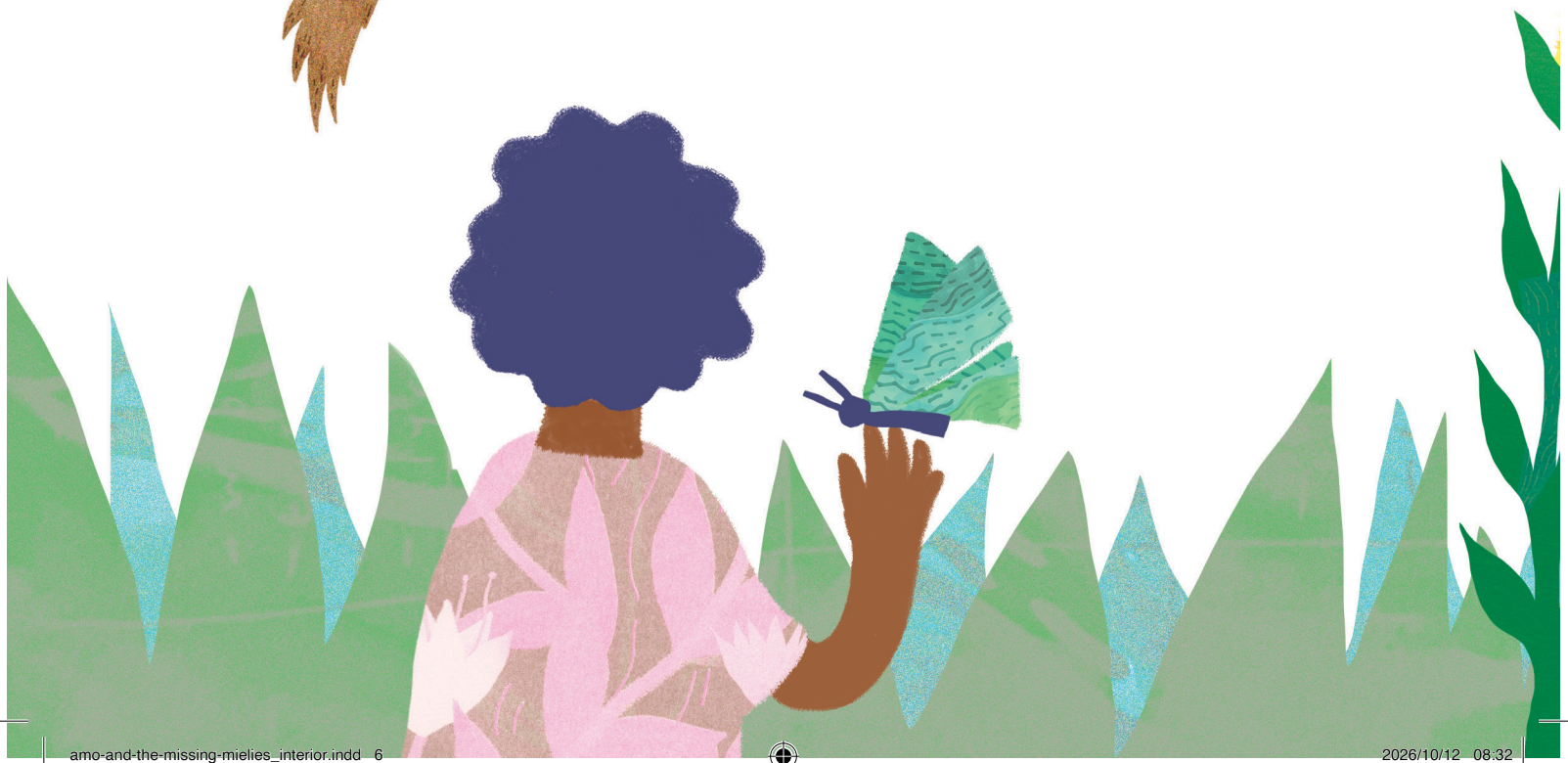
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Amo loves playing in the mielie garden
and listening to the birds sing.









Every day after school,
she goes to count the mielies.

“**Mielies! Mielies!**”

She calls out.





1 … 2 … 3 … 4 … 5 … 6





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“Come on, Amo! Let’s have lunch!”

Koko calls her.



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“When can we eat the mielies, Koko?”
Amo asks.

“Soon,” Koko always answers.

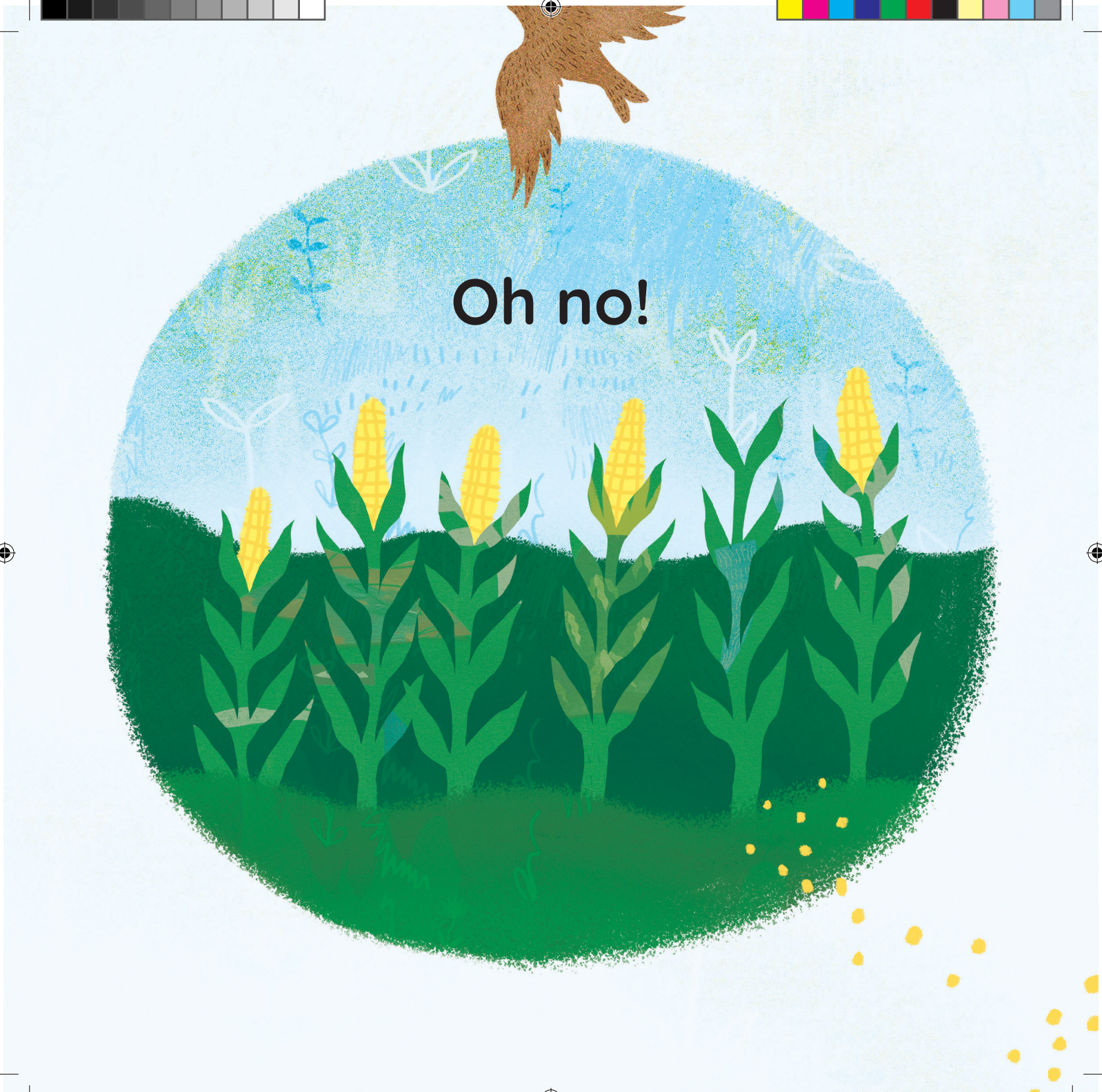




The next afternoon Amo goes
to count the mielies.

1 … 2 … 3 … 4 … 5 …

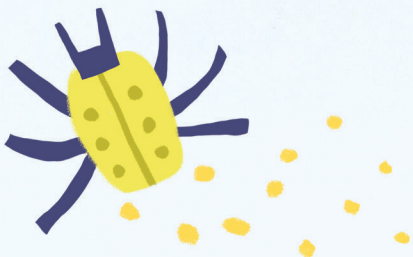



Oh no!



She counts again.






1
2
3
4
5

“**Koko!**
One mielie is missing!”



“Let’s have lunch now,
we’ll check the mielies tomorrow.”



Amo goes to the garden with Koko the next day.

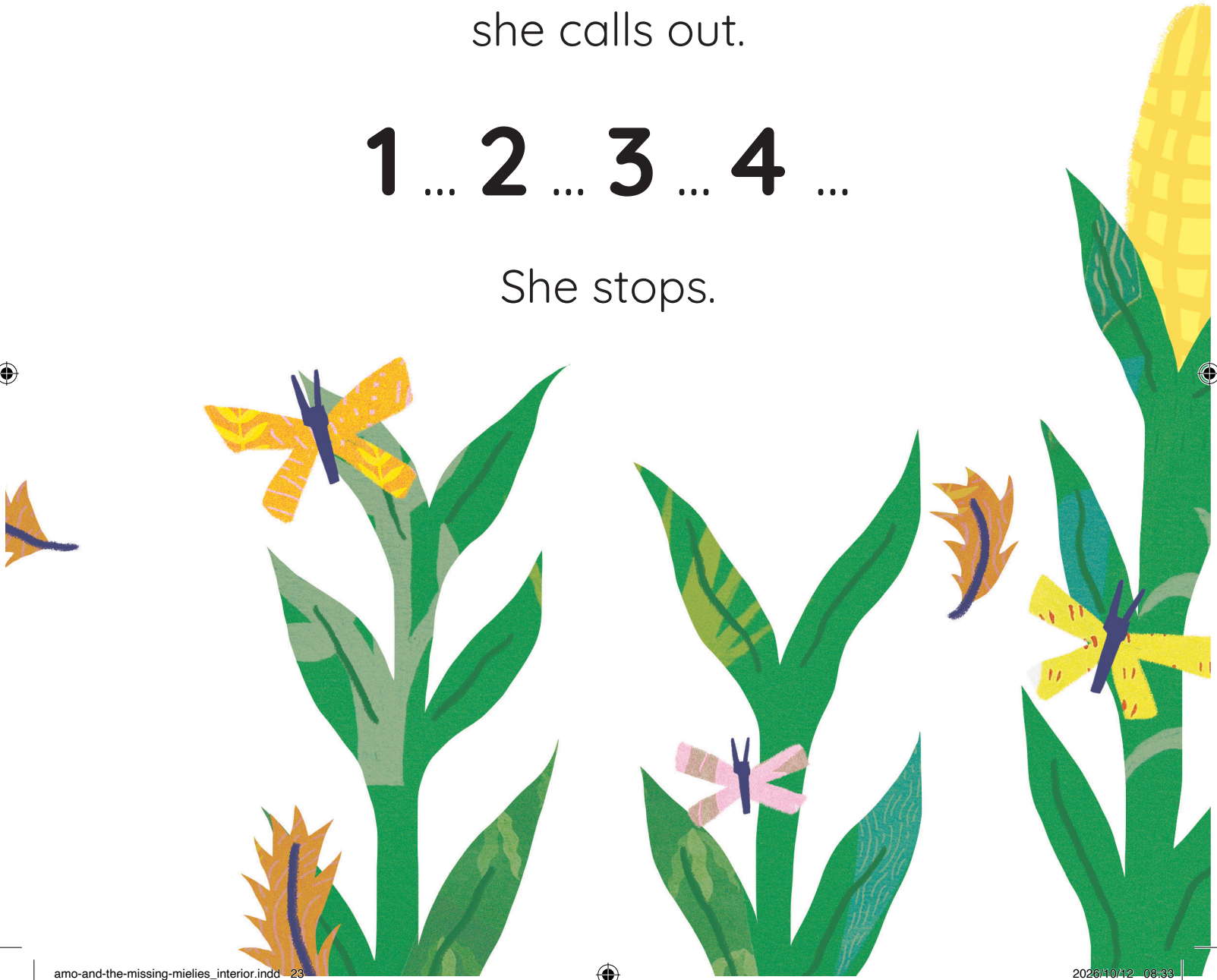


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“**Mielies! Mielies!**”
she calls out.

1 … 2 … 3 … 4 …

She stops.



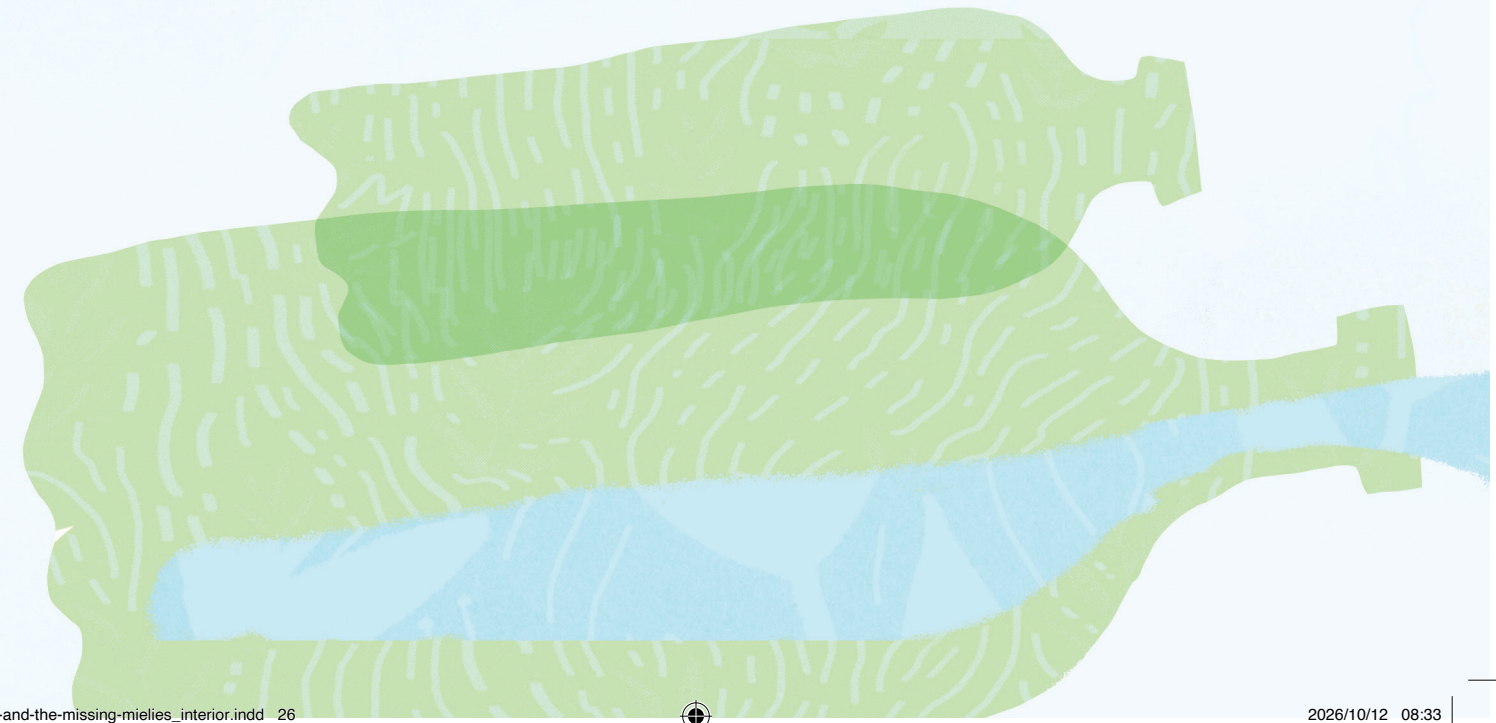


“Koko! Now two mielies are missing!
What happened?”

“Hmm … I think the birds ate them,”
says Koko.

Amo is sad.
“Do we have to chase them away?”



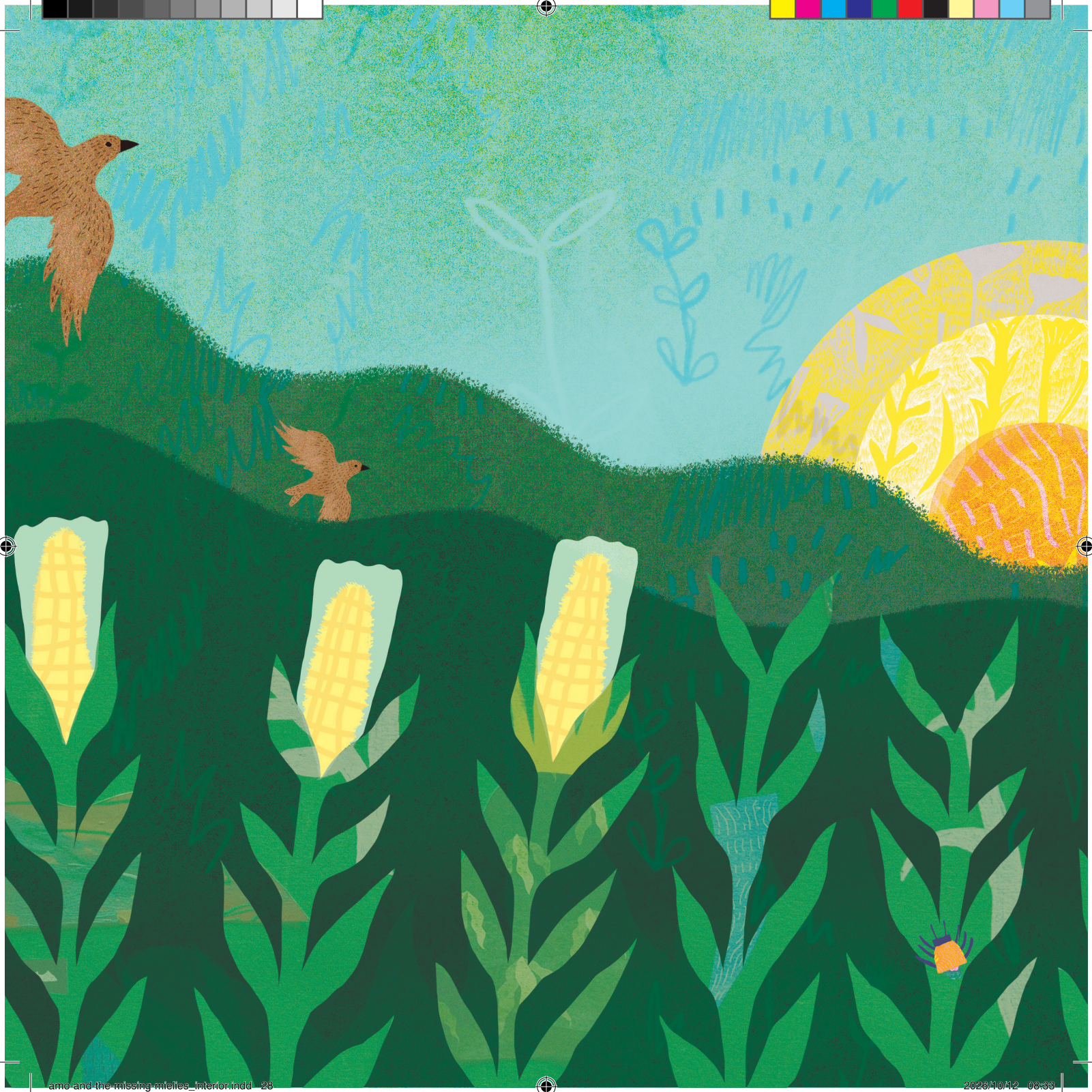




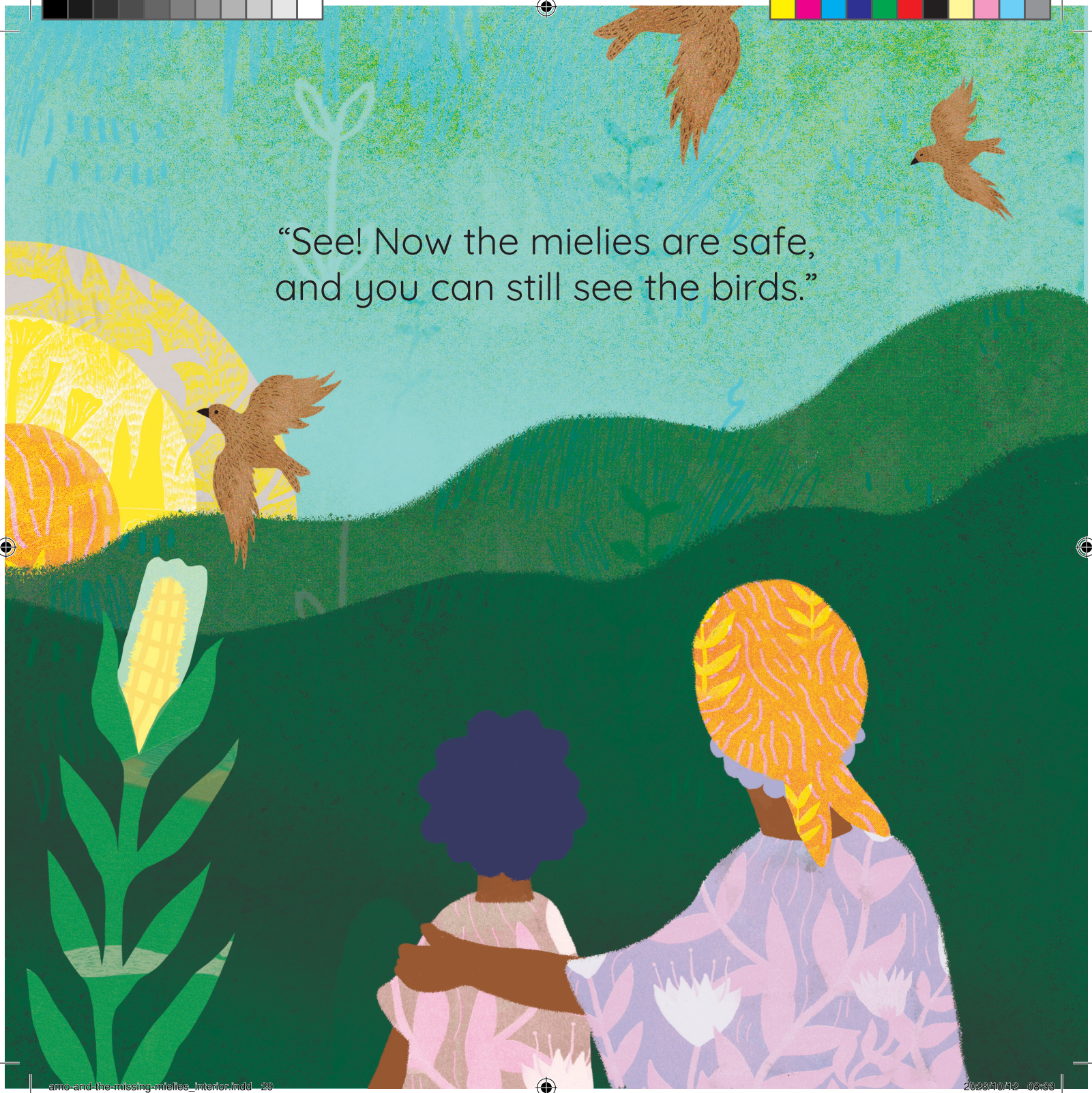
“I have an idea!” says Koko.

“Let’s get some plastic bottles.”





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