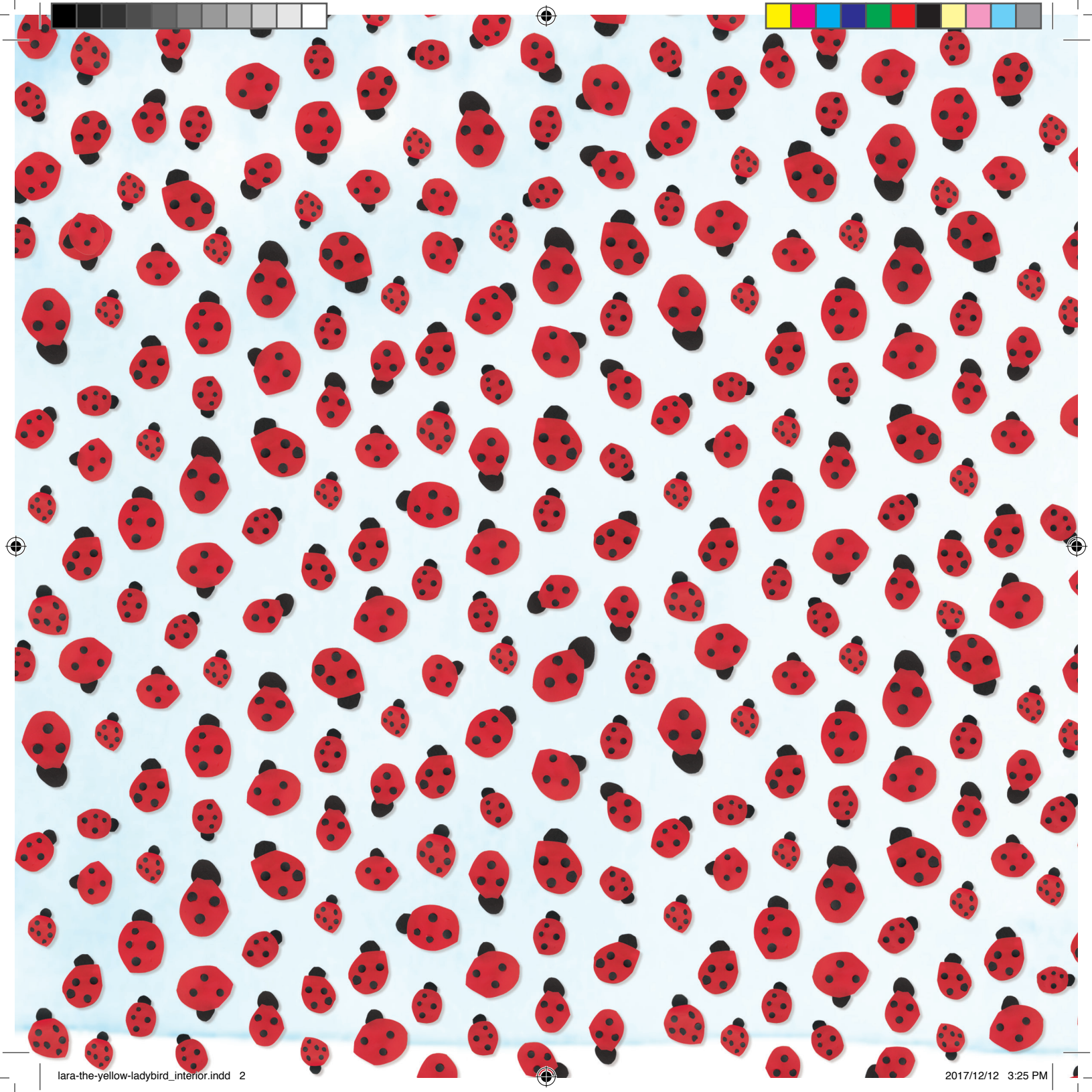


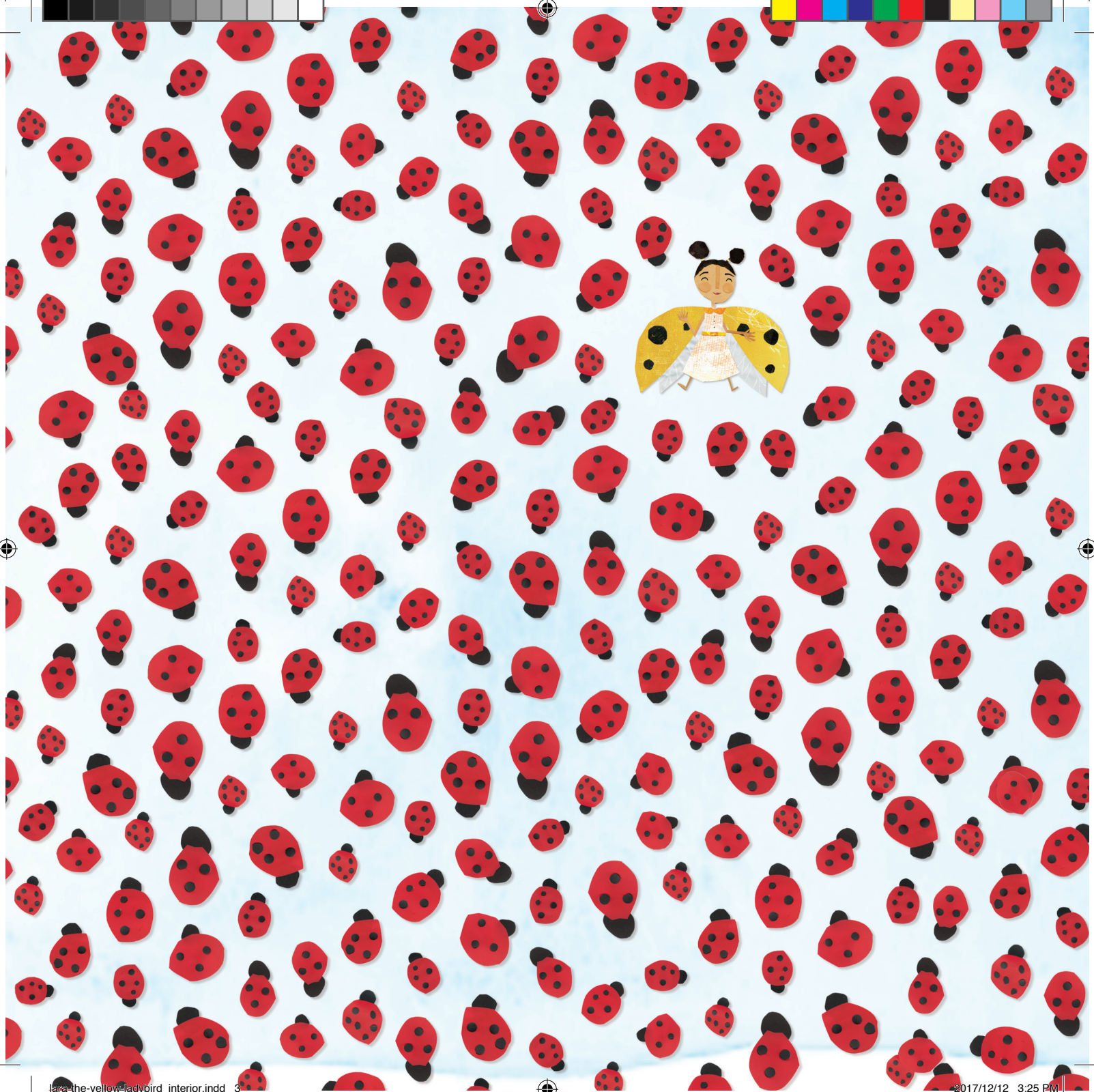


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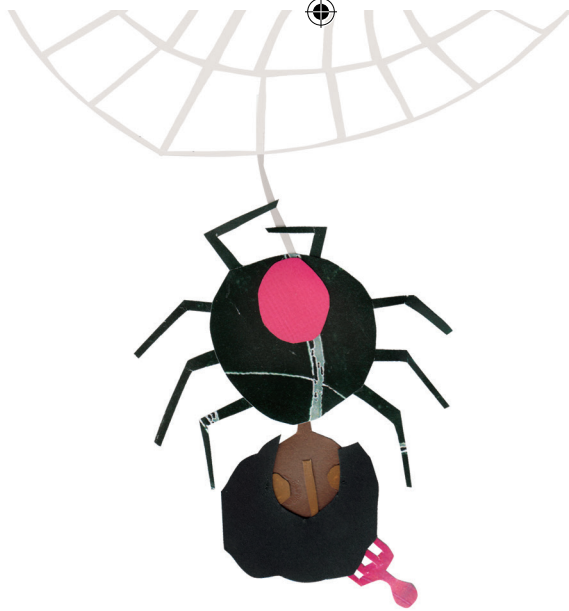
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ekhethekileyo. Wayengafani tu nabahlobo
bakhe, kuba yena wayenamaphiko
akhazimlayo natyheli.



Wonke umntu wayewathanda
amaphiko akhe atyheli.



Rhoqo kusasa, uBhibhi Bhabhathane
wayebulisa uLara, kanti noManto
Mntanezulu wayethanda ukumbulisa,
ngokumwangawangisela.



Nkqu noSesa Sigcawu onolunya kunene
wayekuvuyela ukubona uLara.



Esikolweni, uLara wayedlala
nabahlobo bakhe abaninzi.





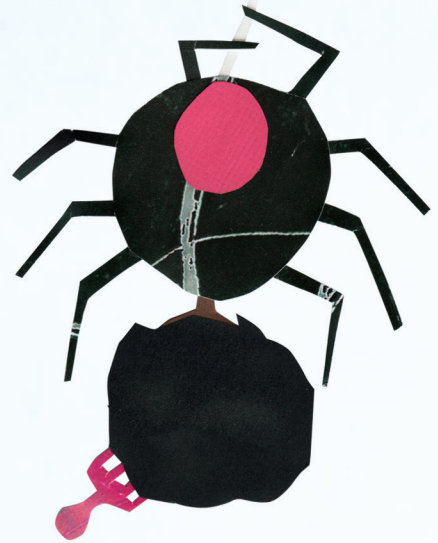
Kodwa uLara wayefuna ukufana nabanye
oobhantom. “Akwaba bendinamaphiko
abomvu njengawe lo, Mama,” watsho elila.





Ngenye imini, umama kaLara
wapeyinta amaphiko akhe abomvu
krwe, ngelizama ukumonwabisa.







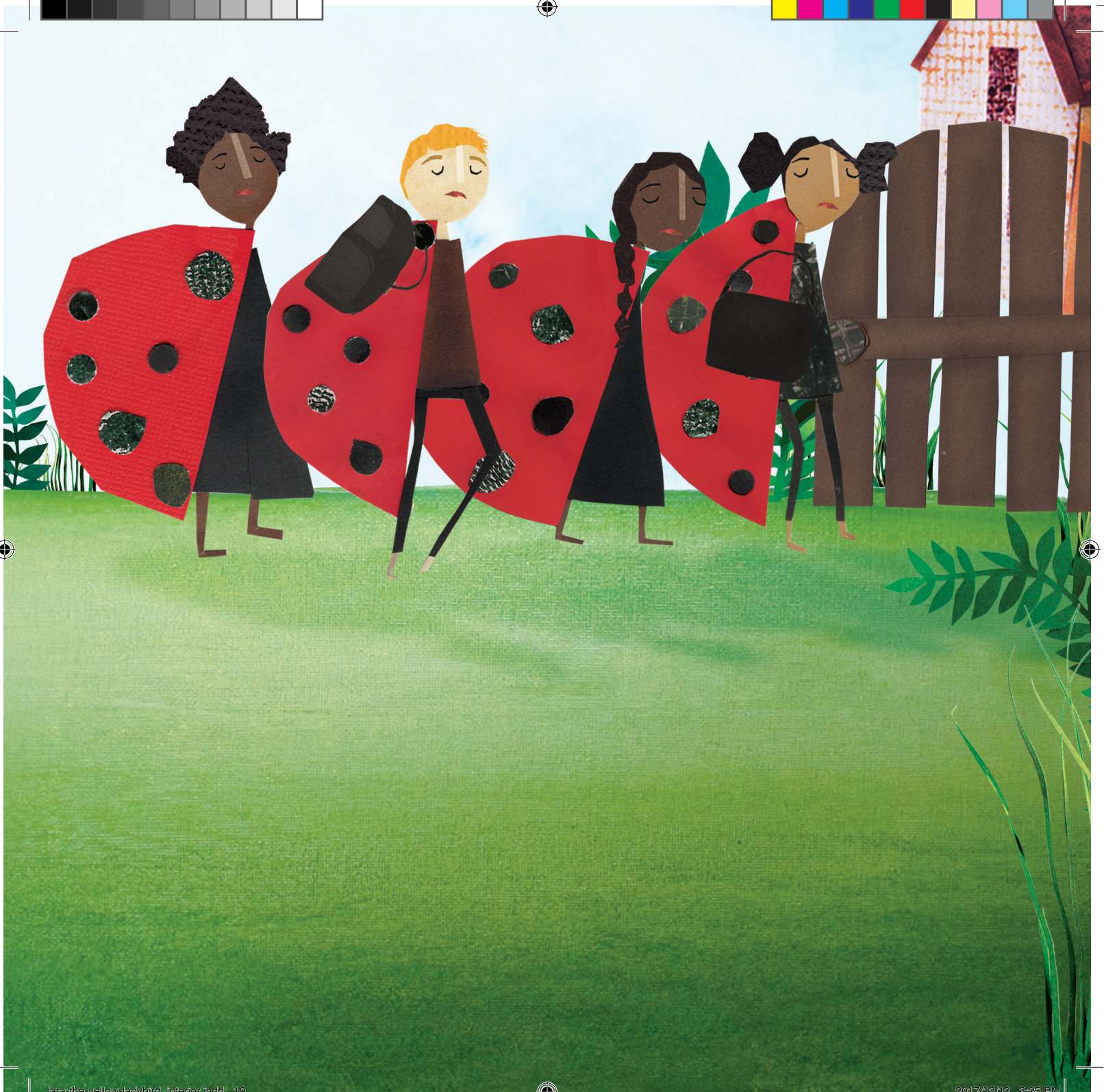
Ngentsasa elandelayo,
akukho nomnye umntu
owambulisayo uLara
endleleni eya esikolweni.





Akufika esikolweni, akukho namnye
kubahlobo bakhe owamnika nomolo lo.







ULara wahlala yedwa tshu.

Akho namnye owawaqaphelayo
amaphiko akhe amatsha abomvu wade
uNkosazana Miya wambona wathi, “Lara,
uwapecintile na amaphiko akho atyheli!”







Oothuka kakhulu amaqabane kaLara.
“Amaphiko akho atyheli akhethekile!”





“Awaqhelekanga tu!
Anqabile kakhulu!” batsho.

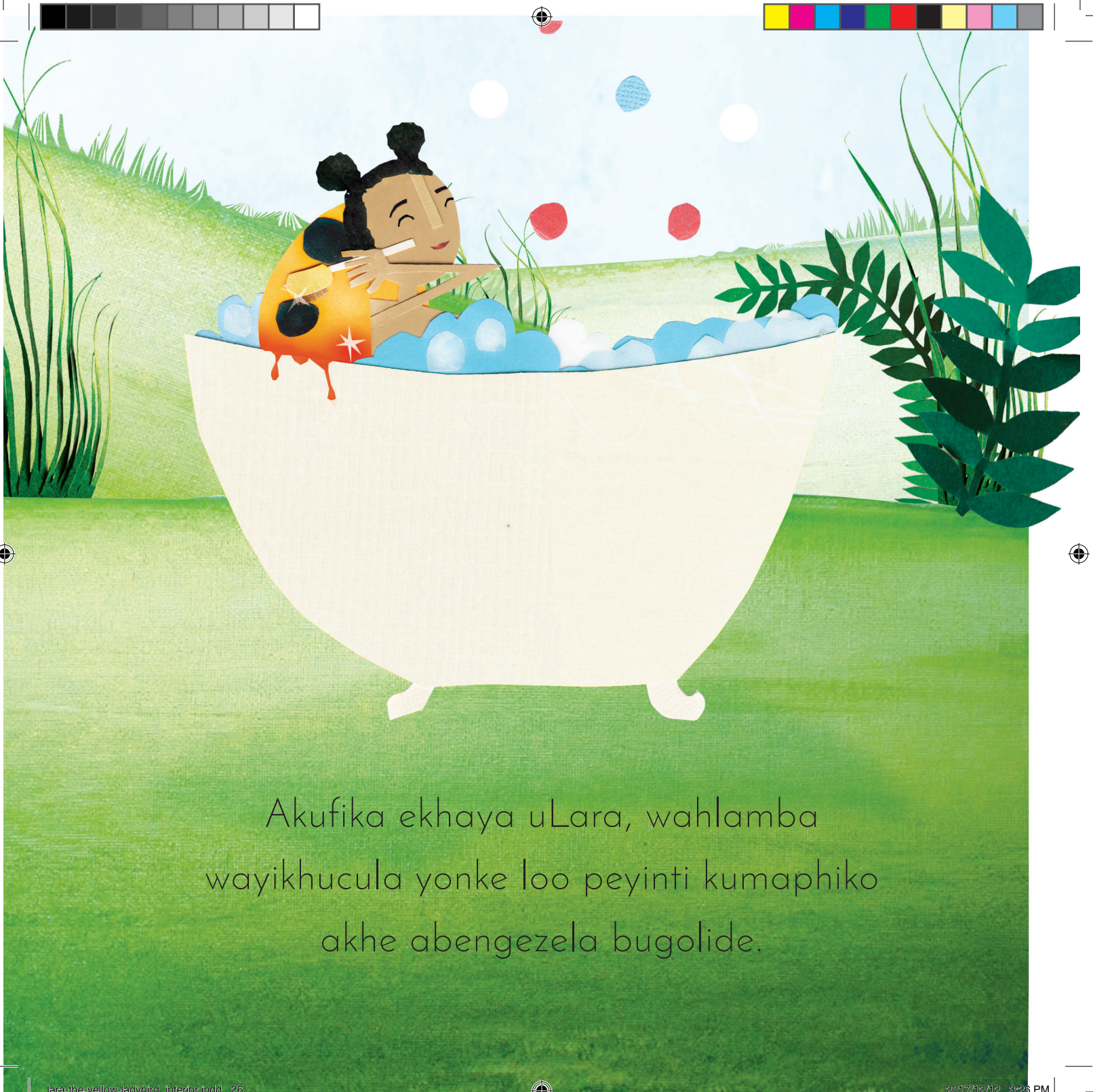




“Lara,” wakhwaza watsho uNkosazana
Miya, “amaphiko akho atyheli ngawo
akwenza ube ngulo mntu unguye -
njengechokoza likaSipho nemilenze kaSally.”







Akufika ekhaya uLara, wahlamba
wayikhucula yonke loo peyinti kumaphiko
akhe abengezela bugolide.



“Soze ndiphinde ndiwapeyinte amaphiko
am!” wacinga njalo. “Mhlawumbi
ndakukwenza oko kanye okanye kabini ...”





“...ndizame umbala omfusa ... okanye
enye nje into entle. Kodwa ingabi
yinto esisigxina, ibe yinto nje yokuzonbisa.”





