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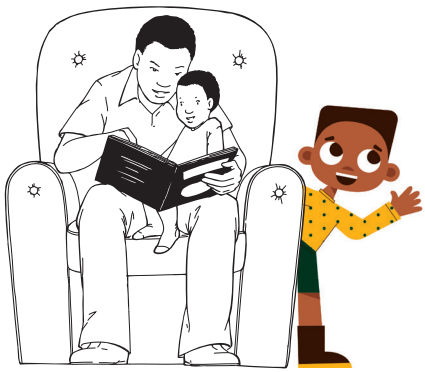

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“Reetsa!” ga bua Luthando.
“O utlwa eng?” ga botsa Sonto
“Lamatlhatso.”
“Lamatlhatso o utlwala jang?”
“Go didimetse go na le Labotlhano,”
ga bua Luthando.
“Mongwe le mongwe o santse a robetse.”

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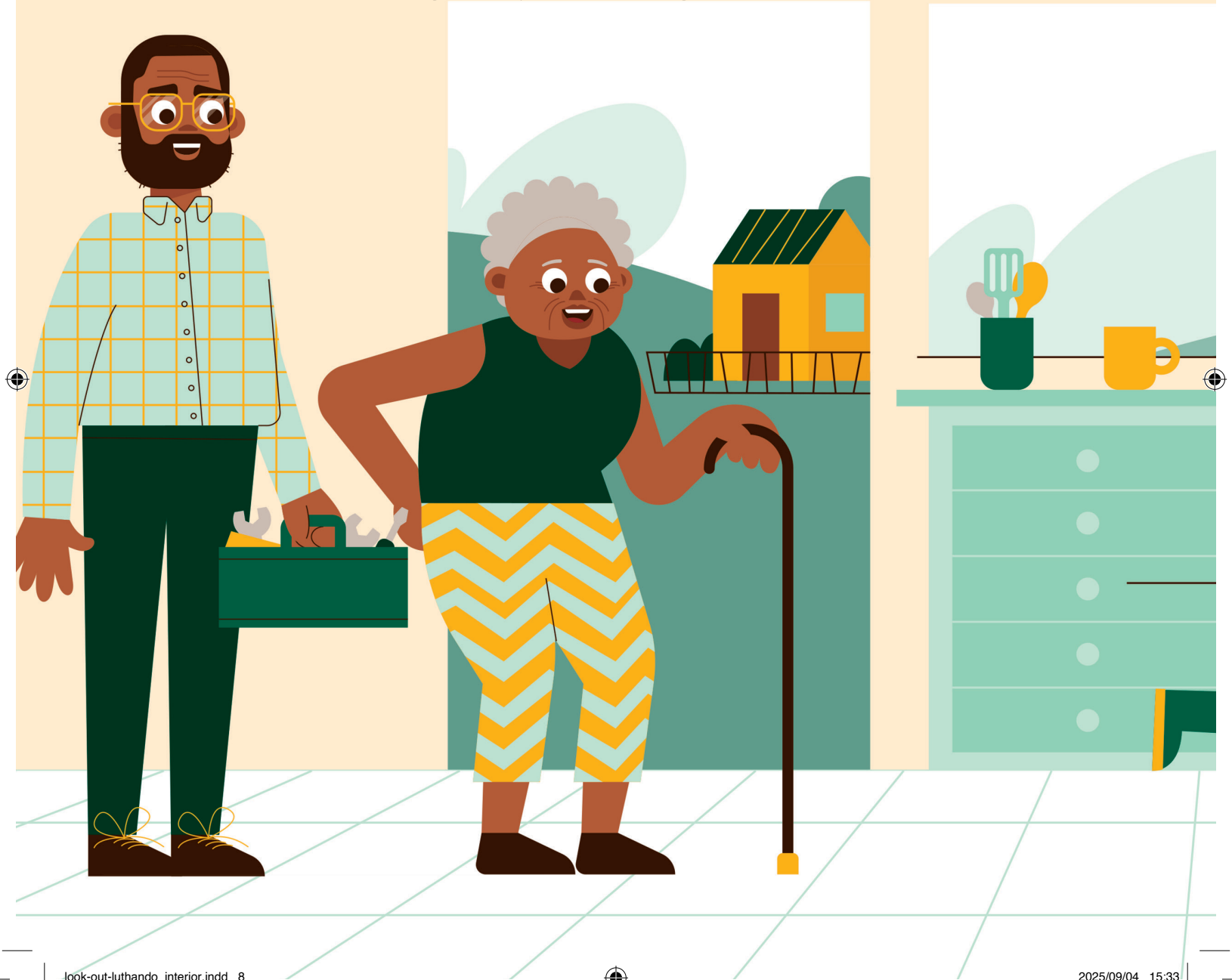
“Ke tshwanetse go baakanya heke ya ga Nkoko gompieno,” ga bua Ntate.



“Bebetsididi go mongwe le mongwe yo o nthusang go rwala dilo tse ke di rekileng go ya gae,” ga bua Mama.
“Re tla go thusa, Mama,” ga bua bana.

“Lebelela, Luthando!”

“Ijkg!”

“O a tshegisa,” Sonto a tshega.

“Ke utlwa sethuthuthu,” ga bua Luthando.

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“Ga go na sethuthuthu,” ga bua Sonto,
a bo a leba go dikologa.

Sethuthuthu sa feta.
“O itse go reetsa
sentle, Luthando.”

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“Lebelela, Luthando!”
“Ijkg!” ga bua Luthando a tsena mo letangwaneng.

“Bona gore o metsi jang,”
ga bua Mama.”

“Ntate o tlile gae.”
“O itse jang, Luthando?” ga botsa Sonto.

“Ke kgona go utlwa monko wa dijo tsa gagwe,”
ga bua Luthando a dupelela mo moweng.
“Le wena o kgona go dupela sentle,”
ga bua Mama.

“Lebelela, Luthando!”

“Itšhu!”

“Lebelela fao o tsamayang teng,” ga bua Mama.

“Luthando ga se motho yo o lebelelang sentle,” ga bua Sonto.

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“O bona eng, Luthando?”
ga botsa mosadi yo o botsalano.
Luthando o ne a ngotla matlho a gagwe.
O bona makgasa a mantsho mo leboteng.

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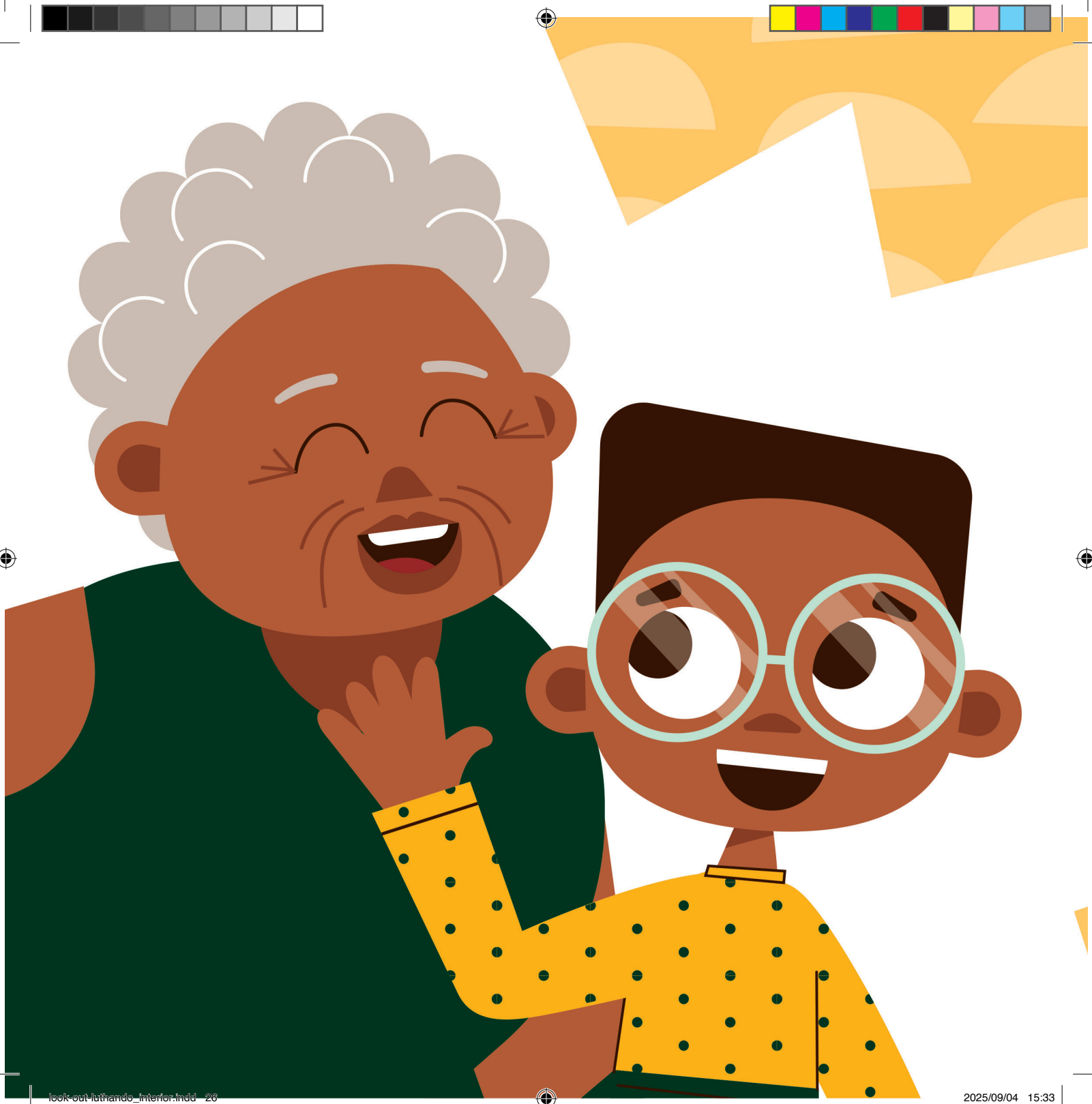
O leba ka diborele.
“Ke bona ditlhaka,” a rialo.
“Bontle thata!”

“Bona, Koko!”
“O na le diborele,” ga bua Koko,
a phaphata diatla tsa gagwe.
“Go gontle. Mpolelele gore o bona eng.”

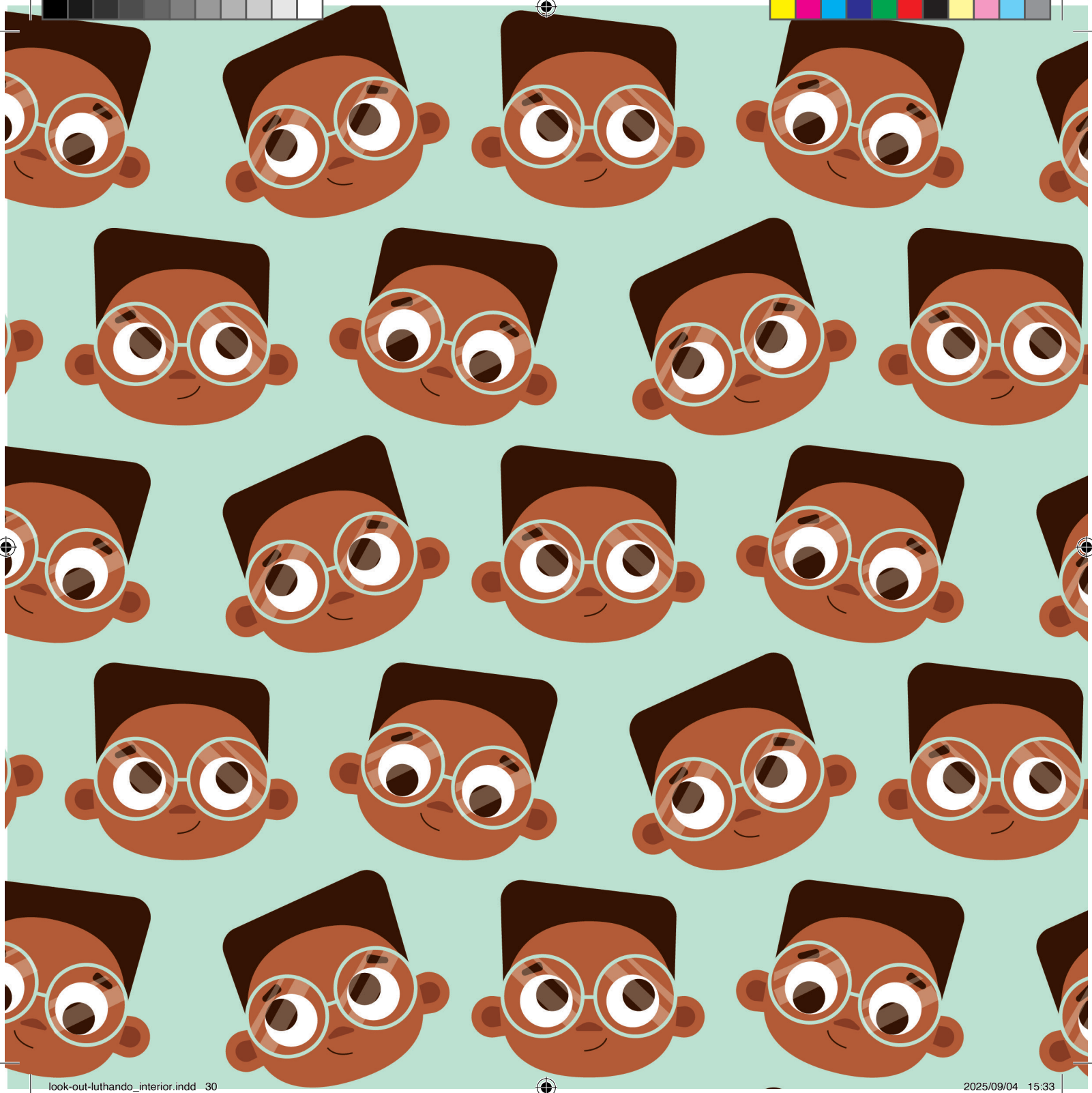
“Ke bona ditshenekegi le ditshoswane
le dinotshe.
Ke bona TSOTLHE jaanong.”



“Koko, sefatlhego sa gago se na le metsero,”
ga bua Luthando, a kgoma sefatlhego
sa ga Koko.
“Hai... Luthando! Dilo tseo ga se metsero.
Ke mela mo sefatlhegong sa me e e bakiwang
ke go tsofala le go tshega dilo tsotlhe tse di
tshegisang tse o di buang.”

“O seka...”

“Bona, letangwana!” ga bua Luthando.



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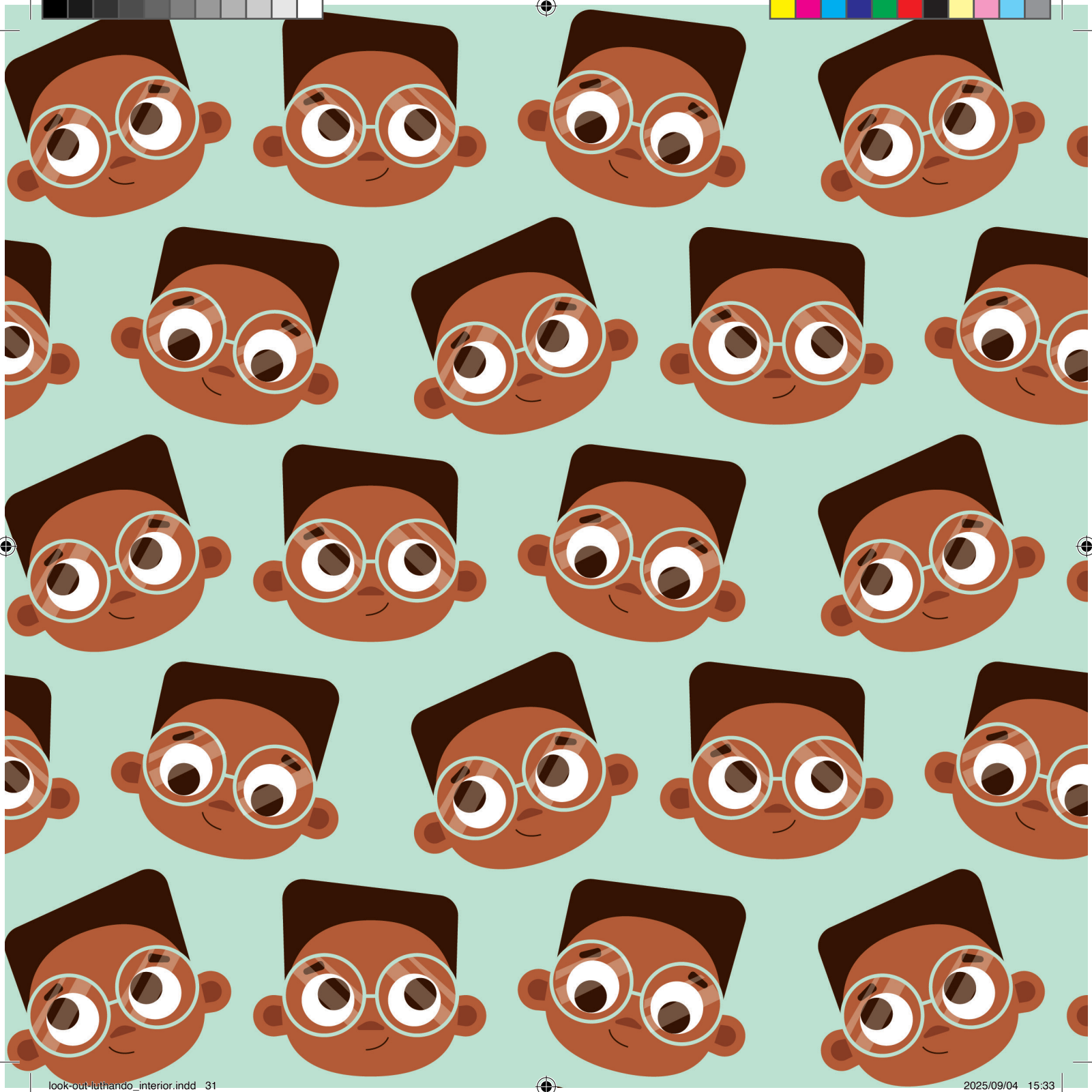

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