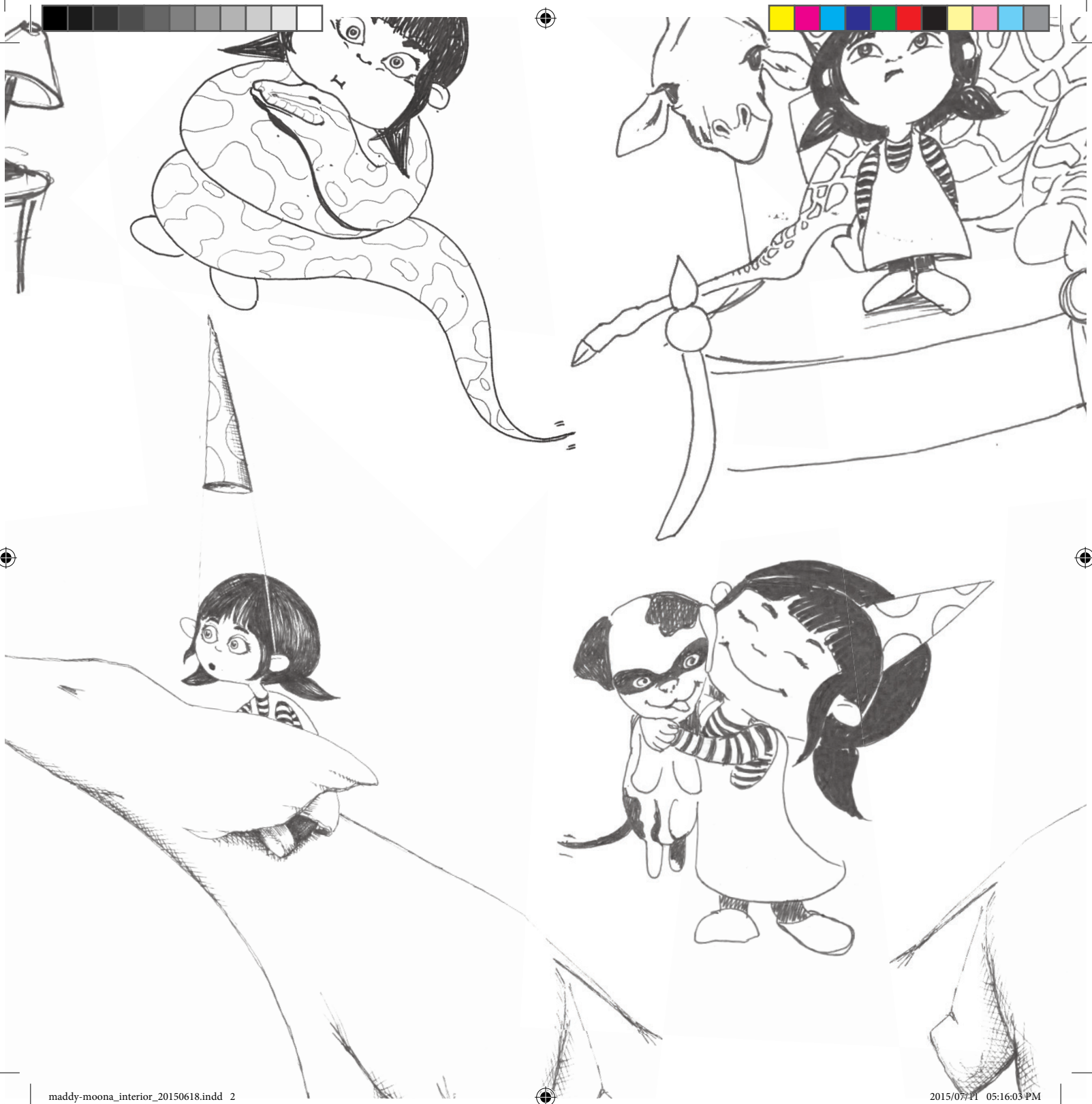
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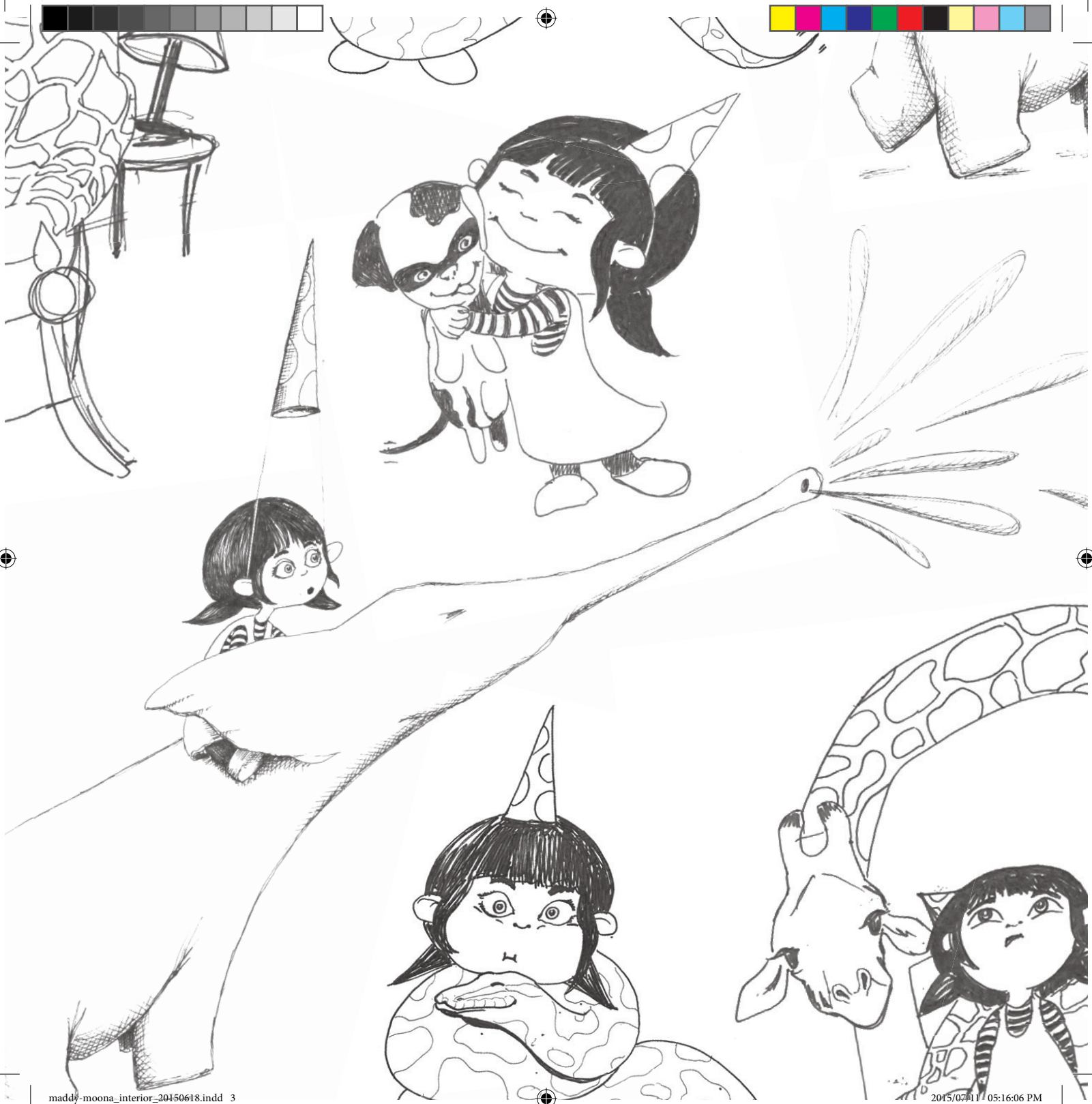
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My name is Maddy Moona.
Today I'm turning five.
Dad promised I could choose a pet.
A real one! Something live!

We'll travel through the whole wide world,
from Mali to Tibet,
until we find the perfect one...
I know just what to get!

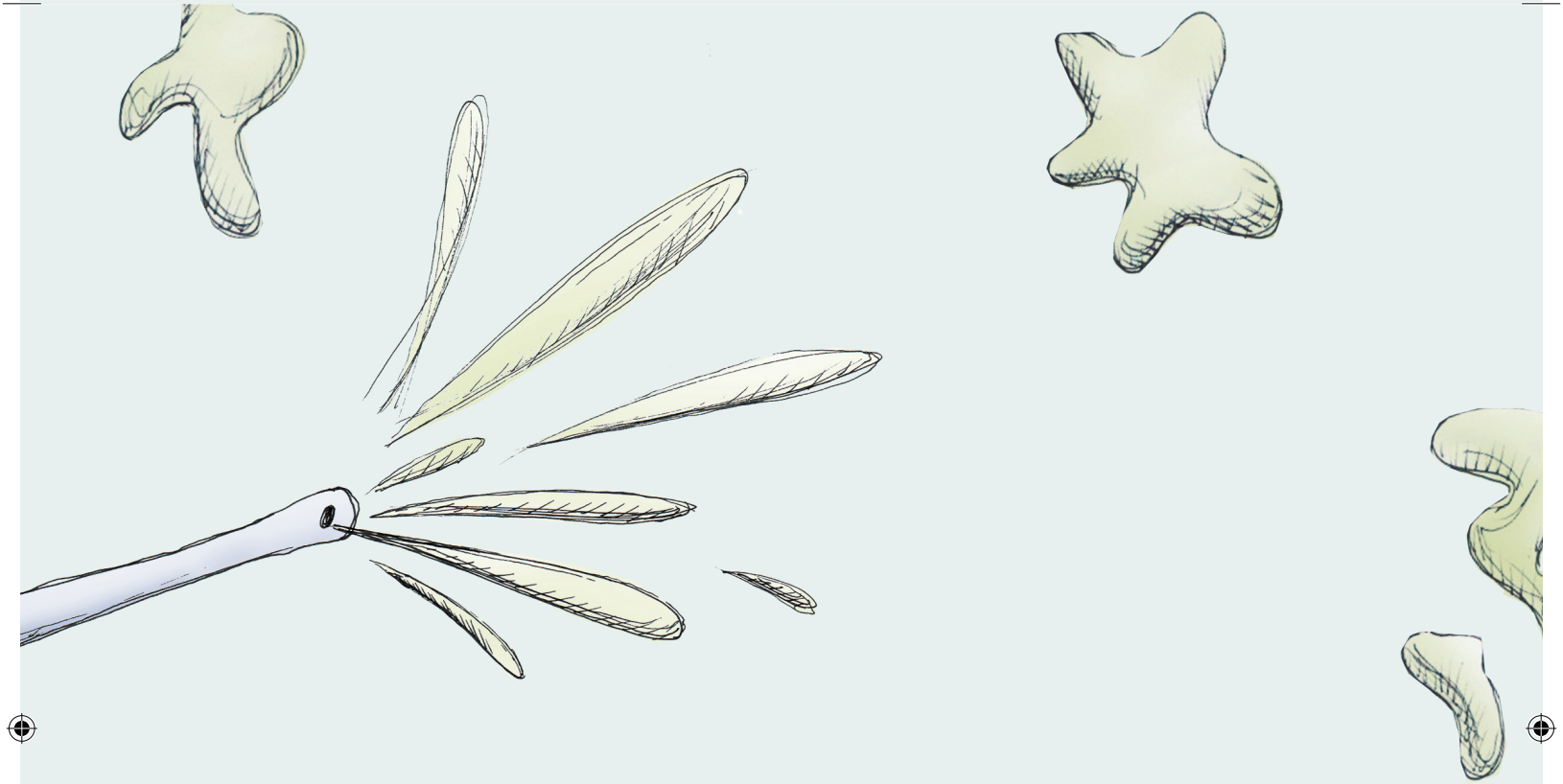
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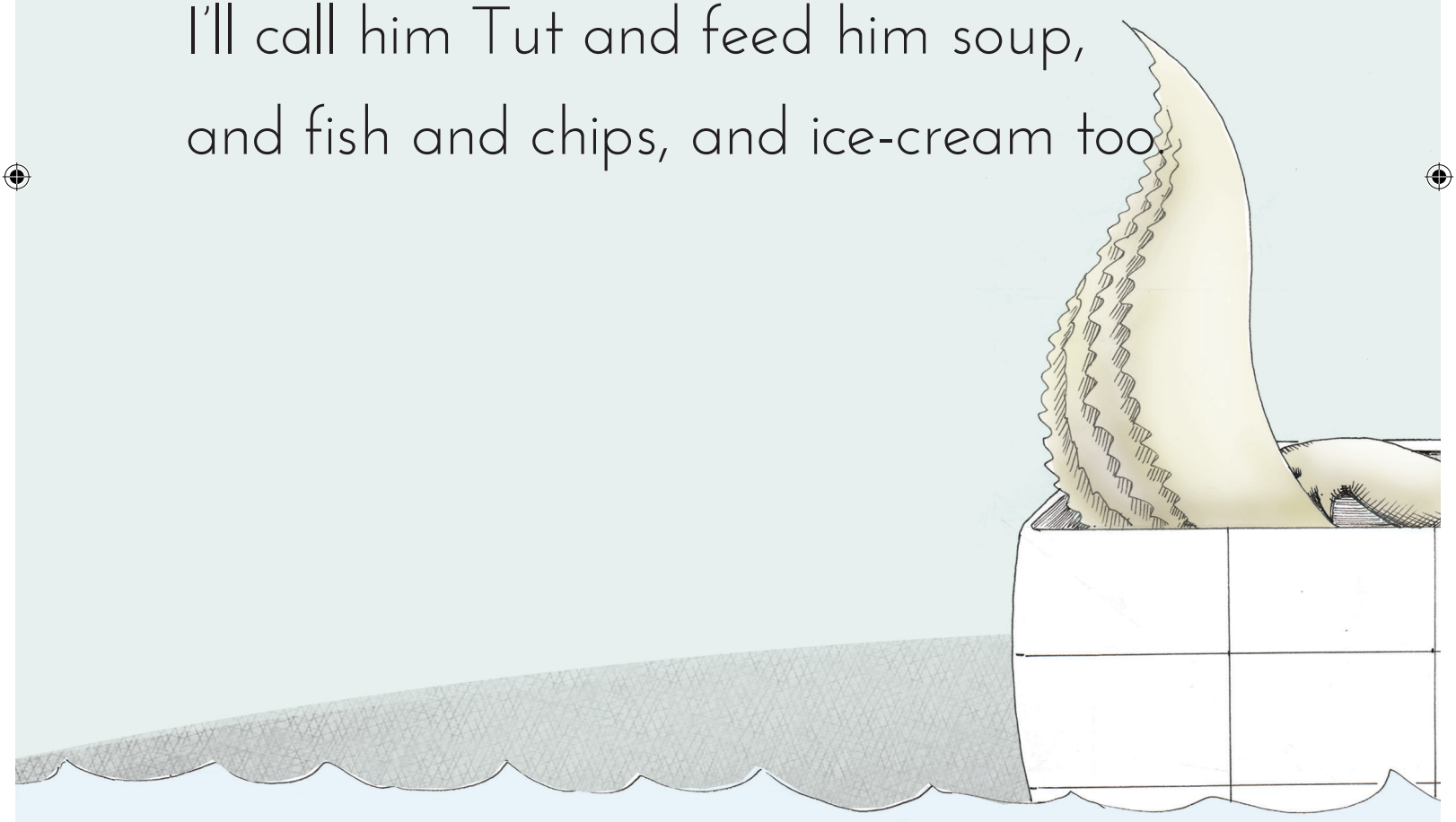
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But... what if Ellie caught a cold?
I guess she'd sneeze.... A LOT!
There'll be no tissue big enough
to wipe up all that snot.

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I want a Nile-green crocodile,
a present from the pharaoh's zoo.
I'll call him Tut and feed him soup,
and fish and chips, and ice-cream too.



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I'll keep him in the bathtub
and brush his pearly whites.
But... what if flossing all those teeth
takes every day and night?



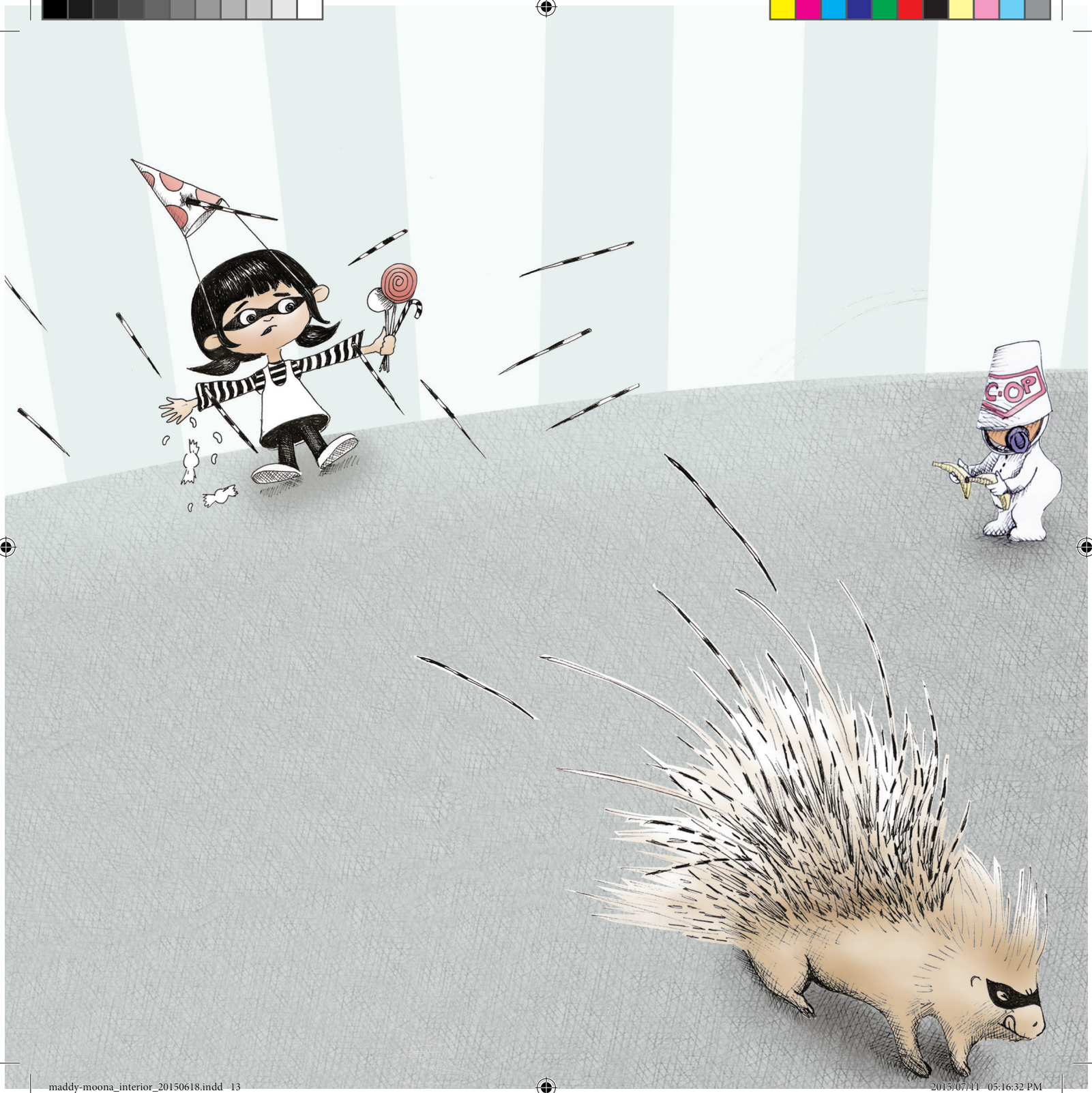
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Perhaps a pair of porcupines,
for games of thieves and cops.
Then we can use their prickly quills
to hold up sweetie shops.

I'll munch away on candy bars
while sharpening their spines.
But... what if my sharp-shooting pals
put *me* in their firing lines?



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Perhaps I need a stealthier plan.
We'll clear the store with funk!
I'll choose the smelliest beast on earth:
that's what I want — a skunk!

But... what if I can't go inside
once Skunk has left his stink?
And sweets will rot my lovely teeth.
Bad plan. I'd best rethink!

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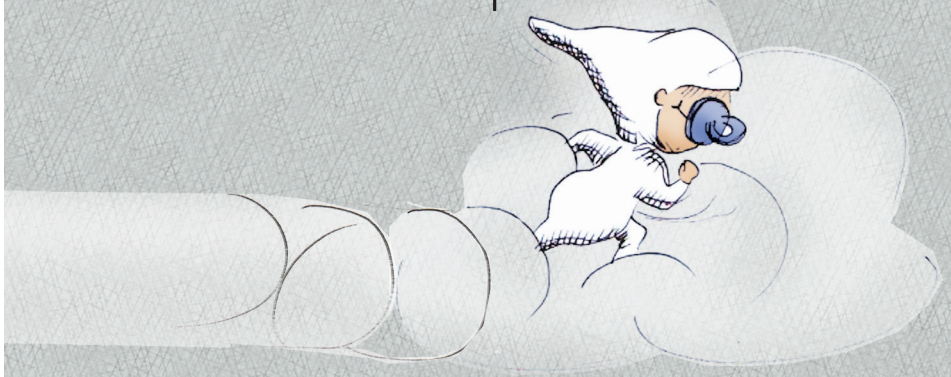
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A rhino! Horns, big stomping feet,
and armour on each flank!
Bill wouldn't bug me any more
if I had my own tank.

But... what if he gets clumsy?
Think what could happen then!
Teacups crashing! Smashing plates!
I'd clean up till I'm ten!

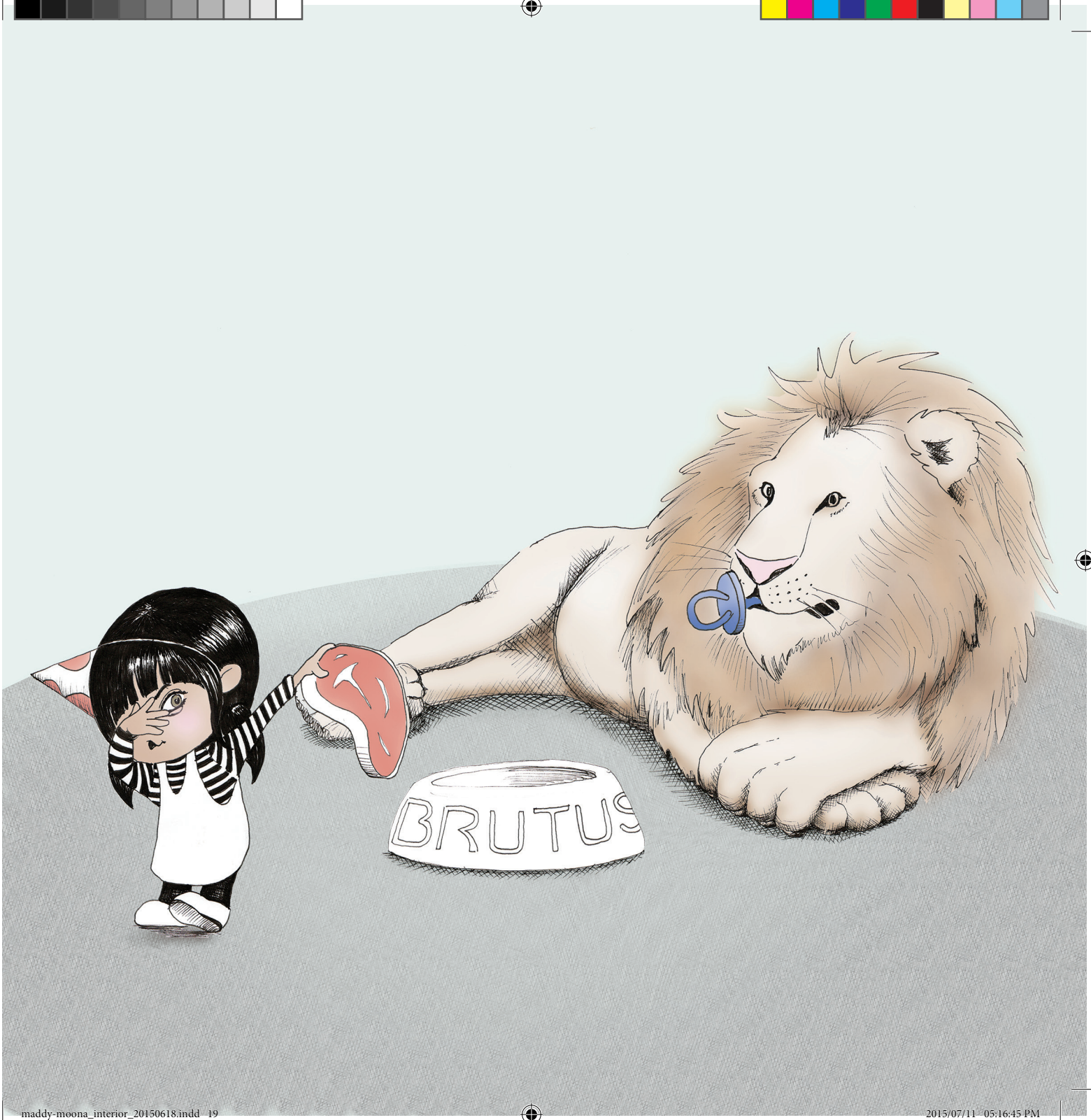


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To tame my brother, I will need
a beast that growls and roars!
A LION! Bill could be a snack...
Yes! That would settle scores.

But... a lion needs a lot of food,
and Billy is too small.
And once he's had one Moona,
he'd turn to me for more!

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My Daddy wants a cuddlier pet.
He is so hard to please.
So, what would give the biggest hugs?
A python! Those have squeeze!

But... if he likes me just too much,
he'll choke me with affection.
And honestly, I can't love snakes,
and they can't take rejection.



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No, reptiles aren't the way to go.
I need a pet that's taller.
You know what's cool? A big giraffe
to lift me when I call her!

But... giraffes are taller than a house!
She'd never fit inside.
And I would need a ladder
to take her for a ride.

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I just can't find the perfect pet.
Oh, what will I decide to get?

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Those animals are just not right.

This choosing is a slog.

I need a friend who'll follow me.

Oh wait! I know — a dog!

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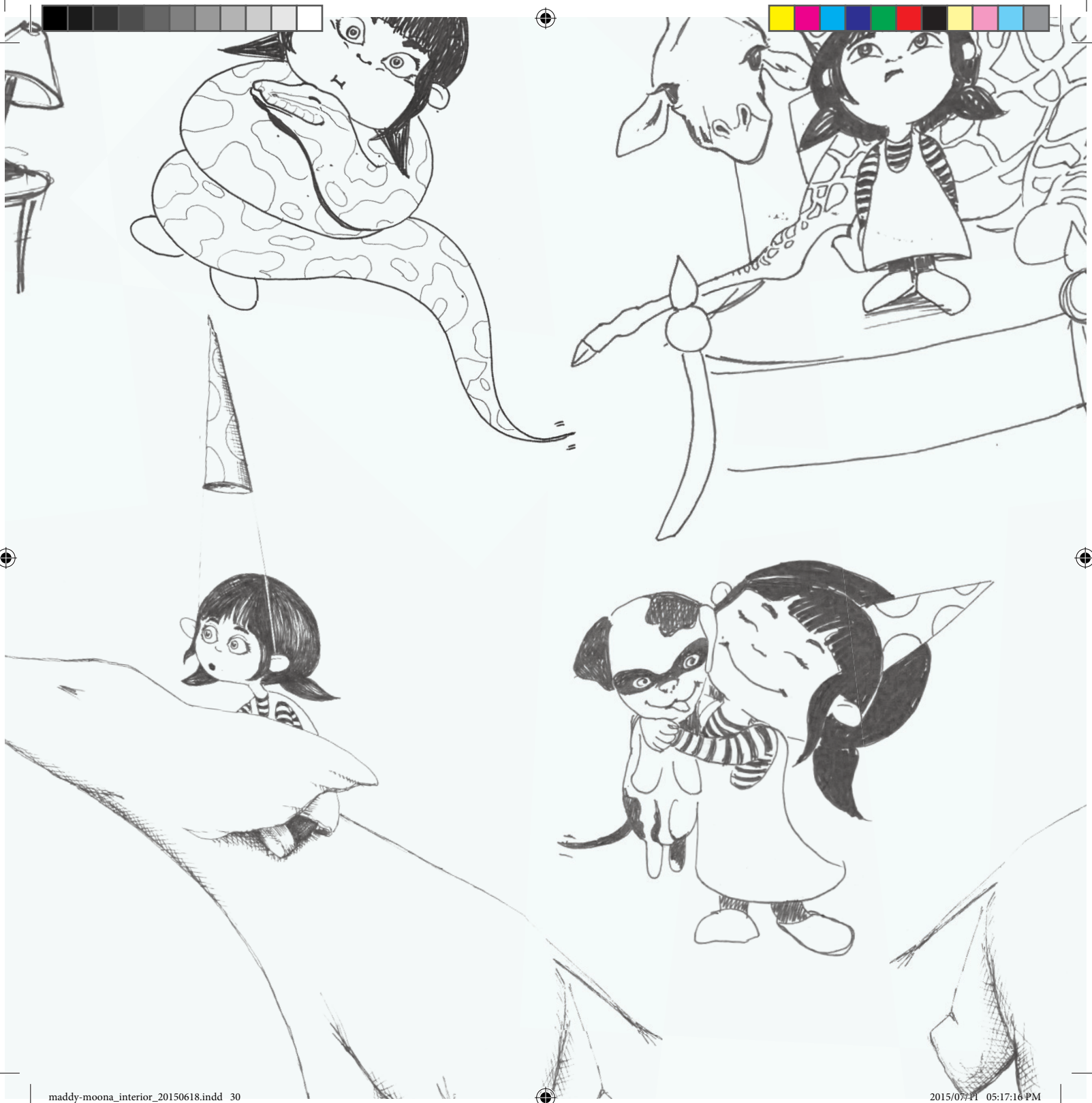
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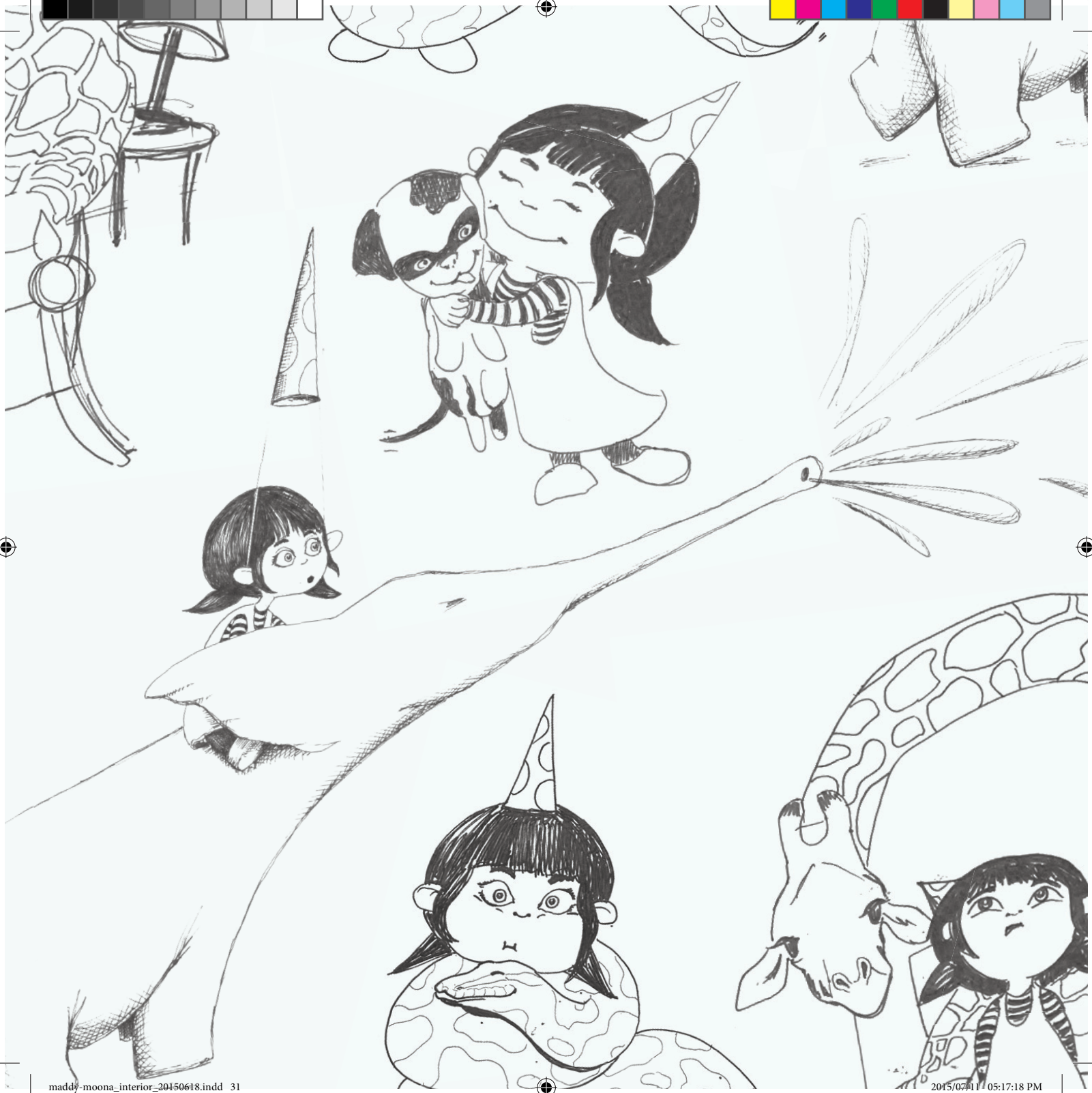
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My Bandit has the biggest bark!
He's faster than the rest!
Not even bedtime stops us!
I love him. He's the best.

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