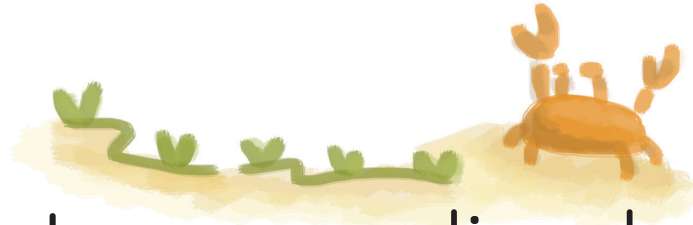




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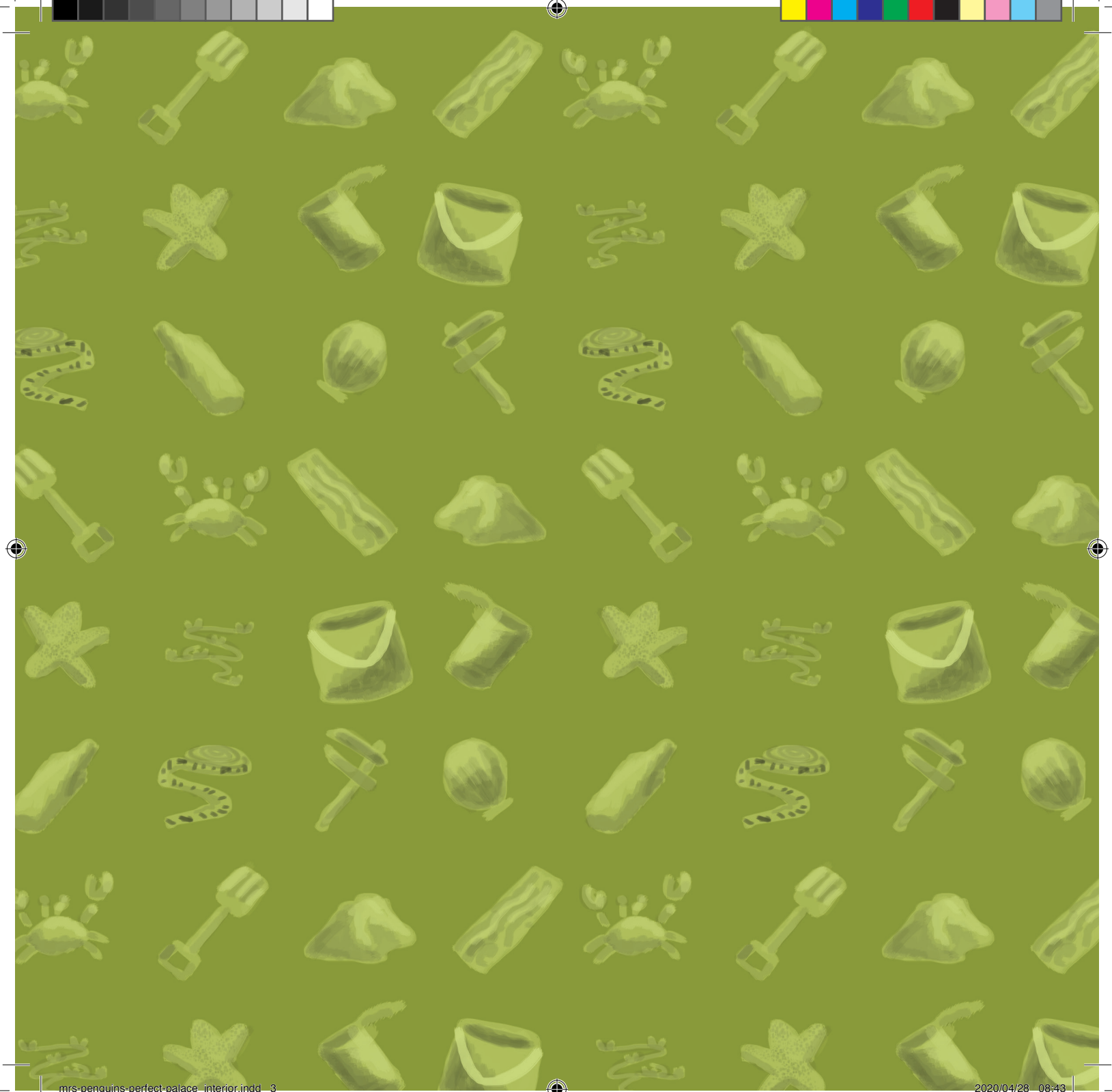


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# Ibhotwe eliFezekileyo likaNksk Nombombiya



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“Akwaba bendiNENDLU!” watsho uNksk Nombombiya.  
“Andithandi ukuhlala enkunkumeni.”





“Nksk Nombombiya Endimthandayo,” watsho  
uMnu Nombombiya. “Siza kukwakhela ibhotwe.”





Ngoko ke usapho  
lakwaNombombiya  
lwaqalisa ngomsebenzi.

“Isanti ilwenza  
lurhawuzele ulusu lwam,”  
wambombozela uSisi.



“Imilinganiselo  
ayichanekanga,”  
watsho uBhuti.





“Ndilambile,”  
watsho uRhalayo.



Wakhwina uNksk  
Nombombiya.  
Wonke umsebenzi  
wawusenziwa nguye.





Ekugqibeleni ibhotwe  
lagqitywa.





Kodwa kwafika iliza lalikhukulisa lemka.  
“Siza kuphinda sizame,” watsho  
uMnu Nombombiya.





“Yizani bantwana, siza kwakhela uMama indlu enkulu ngamatye.”





Ngoko ke usapho lwakwaNombombiya  
lwaqalisa ngomsebenzi.





“Ayasinda amatye,”  
wambombozela uSisi.



“Imilinganiselo  
ayichanekanga,”  
watsho uBhuti.





“Ndisalambile,” watsho uRhalayo.





Ekugqibeleni indlu enkulu  
yagqitywa ... kodwa  
kwafika umoya  
wayiphephethekisa  
yemka.





Wayekhathazekile uNksk  
Nombombiya. “Andizi  
kuphinda ndisebenze,”  
watsho.





“Siza kuzama kwakhona,” watsho uMnu Nombombiya.

“Andikwazi kucinga nangantoni ngoku,” watsho uSisi.

“Kunzima kakhulu.”

“Asinasamente kwaphela,”  
watsho uBhuti. “Akukho  
ndlu ifanelekileyo  
inokwakhiwa ngaphandle  
kwesamente.”



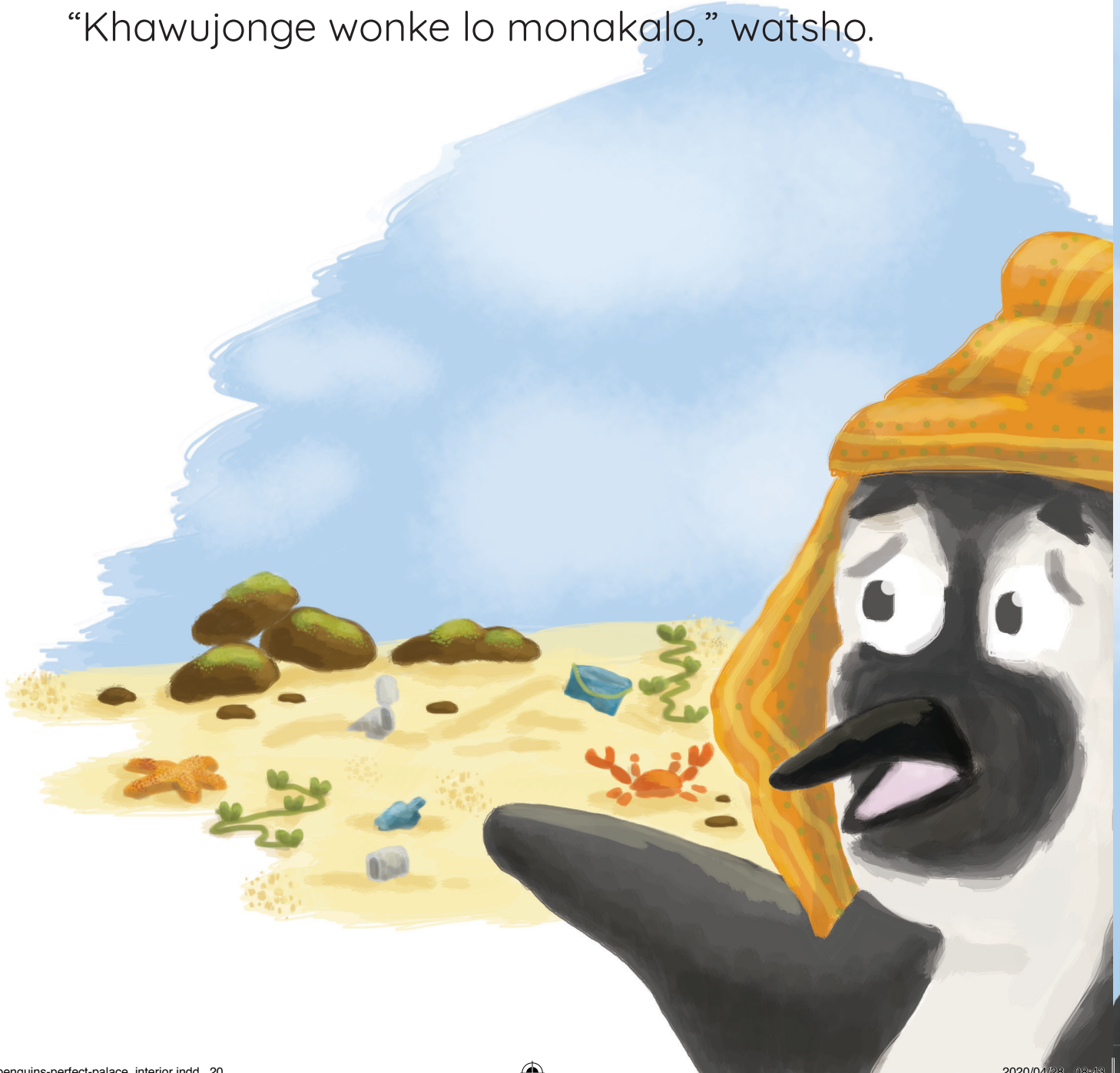


“Ndilambile,” watsho uRhalayo.  
Wakhwina uNksk Nombombiya. Wayengasayi  
kulifumana ikhaya lakhe.





“Khawujonge wonke lo monakalo,” watsho.





Kuthe kanti uNksk Nombombiya unoluvo analo.





“Bhuti, yiza  
namaplanga,”  
watsho.

“Sisi, khangela  
iinethi.”





“Rhalayo, yiza neplastikhi.  
Mnu Nombombiya  
yiza nehamile.”

Basebenza  
imini yonke.





“Ndidiniwe,” utshilo uSisi.

“Qhuba usebenze,” watsho uNksk Nombombiya.

“Imilinganiselo ayichanekanga,” utshilo uBhuti.

“Qhuba usebenze,” watsho uNksk  
Nombombiya.





“Ndisalambile,” watsho uRhalayo.

“Qhuba usebenze,” watsho uNksk Nombombiya.





“Kuza kuba kuhle ngenene,” watsho  
uMnu Nombombiya.  
“Mhle umsebenzi wenu,” watsho  
uNksk Nombombiya.

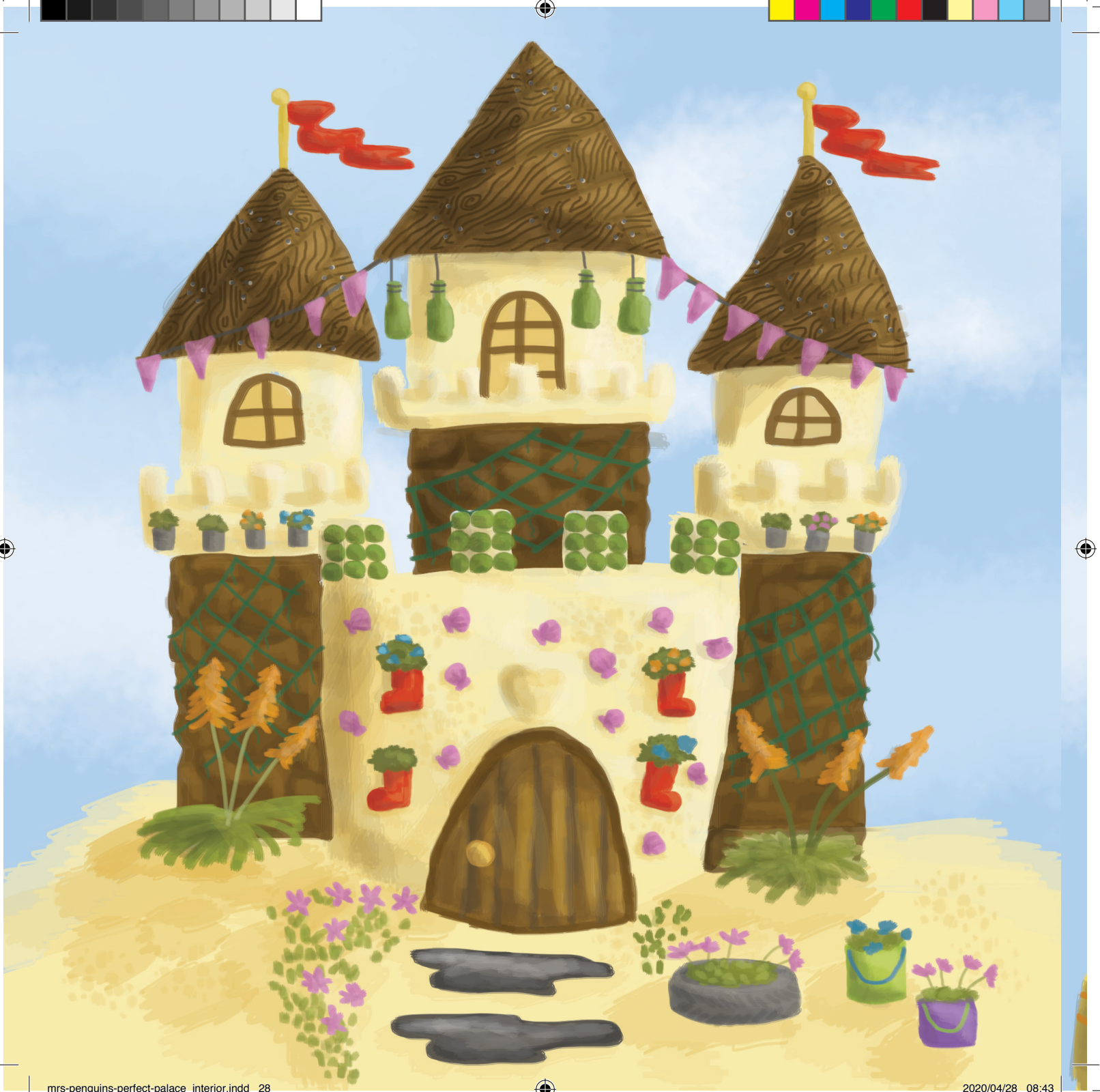




Ngoko ke basebenza,  
basebenza baqhuba  
besebenza ...

... kwaze  
ekugqibeleni  
lagqitywa ikhaya.







“Wamkelekile kwibhotwe lakho,” watsho  
uMnu Nombombiya. UNksk Nombombiya waqhwaba  
amalungu okuqubha akhe. “Ndiyabulela,” watsho.

“Libhotwe eliGqibeleleyo likaNksk  
Nombombiya.”







