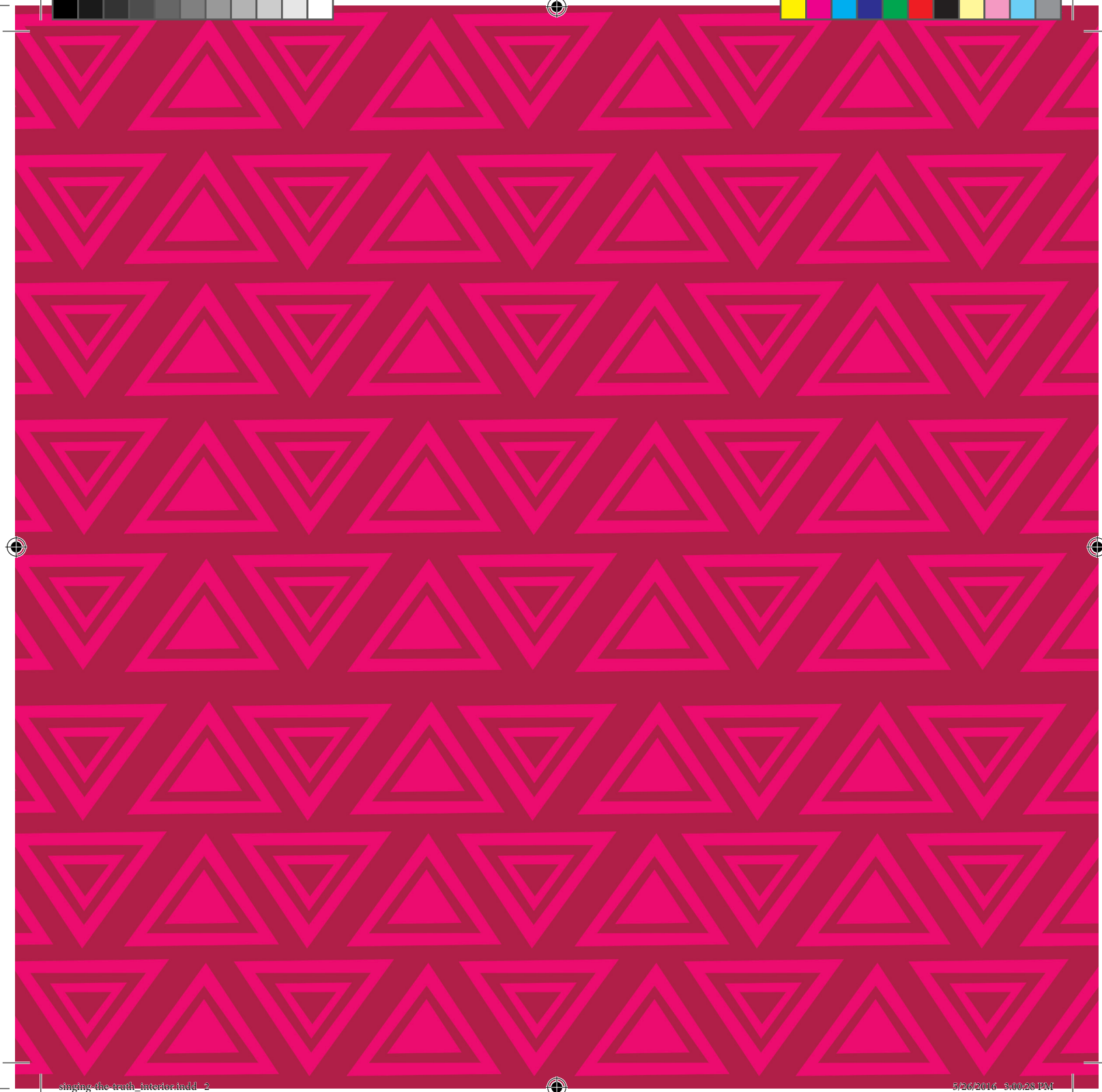


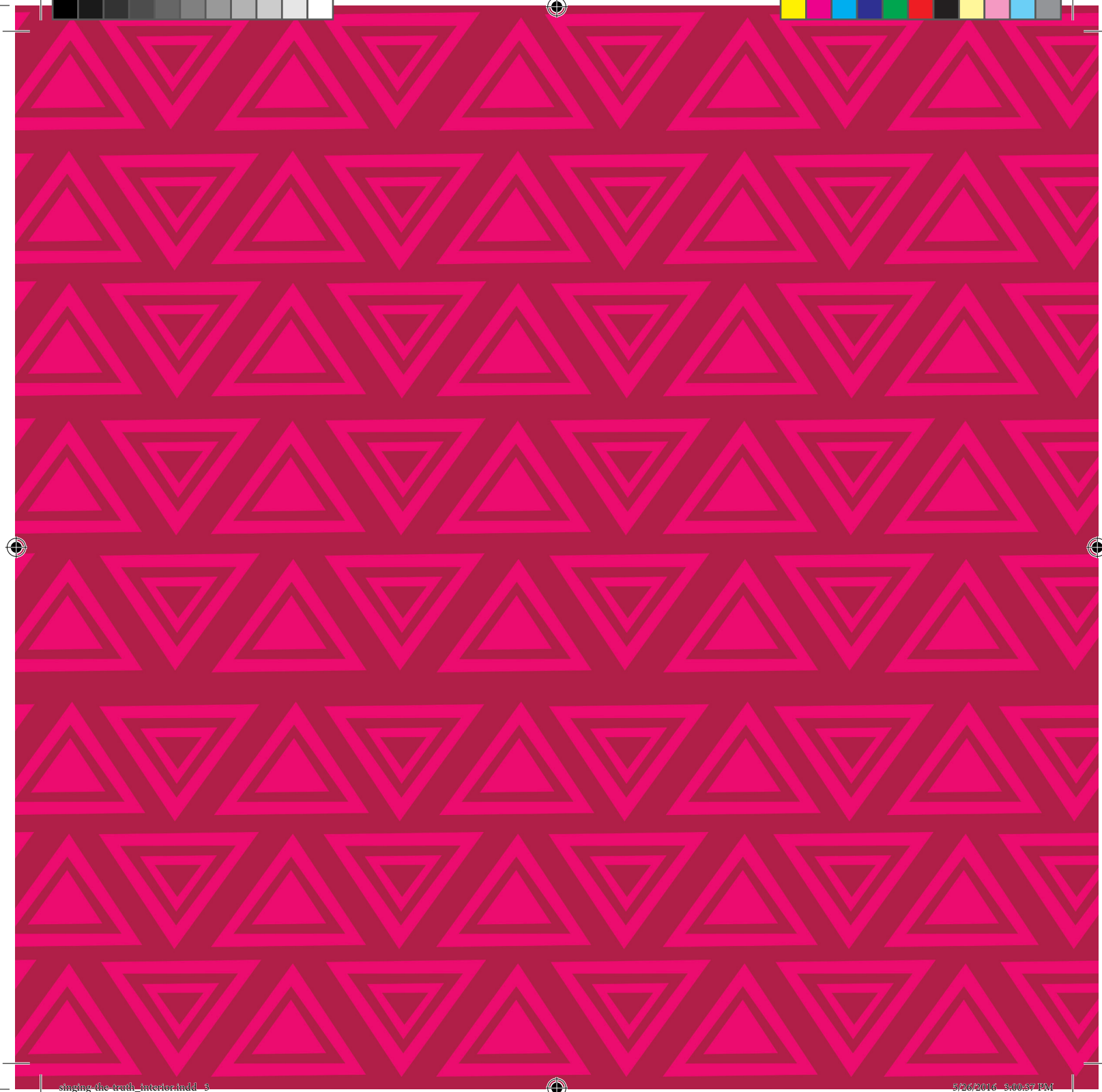


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Indzaba yaMiriam Makeba





Kadzeni, edolobheni lelikhulu
iJohannesburg, kwatalwa
umntfwana wentfombatana.
Loyo mntfwana loyo bekungimi.
Make wami wangetsa ligama
watsi nginguMiriam.
Miriam Makeba.







Make wami bekasangoma, kepha
futsi bekasebenta agcina emakhaya
alabanye bantfu ahlobile futsi abunono.
Bekulukhuni kumake wami kutsi
ahole imali lesenele sobabili.
Wacala kutsengisa umcombotsi
kute kutsi atfole imali lenyenti.







Imitsetfo yemhlaba beyitsi
kutsengisa umcombotsi lophiswe
ekhaya akusikahle.

Emaphoyisa abopha avalela make
wami ejele tinyanga letisitfupha.

Benginemalana la-18 ebudzala
kuphela, futsi ngimdzinga make wami.

Ngako-ke nanoma nje
bengiluswane, nami ngaya ejele.







Ngiseseyintfombatana lencane
bengikutsandza kuhlabela.
Ngatsi nasengimdzadlana, bengisita
make wami kuhlanta tindlu.
Kuhlabela tingona nangisebenta
bekwenta kutsi umsebenti wami
uhambe masinyane kantsi futsi
nemalanga bekabukeka achakatile.
Kuhlabela bekungenta ngijabule
ngendlela lengingeke ngiyichaze.







Bengihlabela esontfweni lakitsi, futsi
loku bekujabulisa nalabanye. Umculo
unemandla ekuhlanganisa bantfu
ndzawonye. Nasihlabela besitiva
sinesibindzi futsi sinemandla.







Bantfu bebatsi liphimbo lami lisipho
kantsi futsi tingoma tami betikhetsekile.
Ngahlabela nalabaye bahlabeleli
futsi umculo wetfu walalelwa
emhlabeni wonkhe.







Likhaya lakitsi bekuseSophiatown,
indzawo yemasiko nemculo.
ISophiatown, bekuyindzawo lapho
khona bantfu baseNingizimu
Afrika bebenta umculo ngekuvana
baphindze futsi badanse ndzawonye.
Kepha bantfu labebabusa lomhlaba
ngaleso sikhatsi bebangakutsandzi
lokuhlangana kwetfu.
Labaholi bebangafuni kutsi bantfu
labamnyama nalabamhlophe
babe bangani.







Bengati kutsi akusiyo intfo lenhle
kuphatsa bantfu ngekwehlukana
ngenca yembala wesikhumba sabo.
Angitange ngikufihle lengikholelwa
kuko, futsi labobantfu bebaphetse
ngaleso sikhatsi bebangifuna
ngiphumile kulelive. Ngesikhatsi
ngihlabela eMelika ngatjelwa kutsi
angeke ngiphindze ngibuye ekhaya.







Bonkhe bantfu emhlabeni
jikelele bayiva indzaba yami.
Tingoma tami netindzaba tasita
bantfu labanengi babona kutsi
bekute bucotfo eNingizimu Afrika
kulabo labanesikhumba lesimnyama.
Ngencuma kuchubeka nekuhlabela
futsi ngikhulume liciniso ngelive
lami, nanoma kwentekani.







Umhlaba wawutsandza umculo wami
futsi ngemukelwa emaveni lamanyenti.

Ngatfola tindodo ngaphindz efutsi
ngahlabelela bantfu lababalulekile
emhlabeni wonkhe jikelele. Imphilo yami
beyikahle, kepha kukhona lebekushoda.

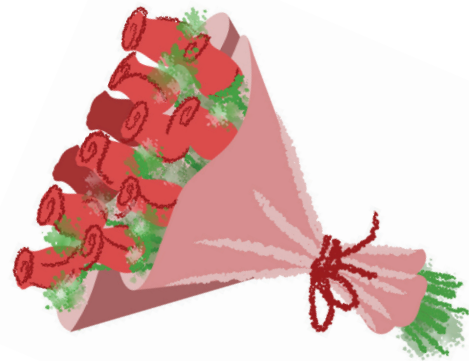
Bengingakhoni kuhlabela eveni lakitsi,
futsi bantfu lapho bebangakakhululeki.







Kwabese kufika lilanga lelihle kakhulu
ngesikhatsi Nelson Mandela aba
ngumengameli waseNingizimu
Afrika. Besekubusa bantfu lyaba
yesikhatsi lesendlulile. Ekugcineni
ngabuyela ekhaya nginelitsemba
lelisha enhlityweni yami.







Ngemuva kwaloko besengihlabela
eveni lelikhululekile lelikahle. Bantfu
betikhumba temibala leyehlukene
besebajabulela umculo ndzawonye.
Ngelekelela kwenta loku kwenteke
ngoba benginesibindzi futsi
nginemandla. Bengihlabela liciniso
kuto tonkhe tingoma tami.

