A stylized illustration of a young girl with dark hair in two buns, wearing a white dress with a yellow pattern and a yellow sash. She has large, bright yellow wings with black spots, resembling a butterfly. She is standing on a green grassy hill, surrounded by various green leaves and plants. The background is a light blue sky.

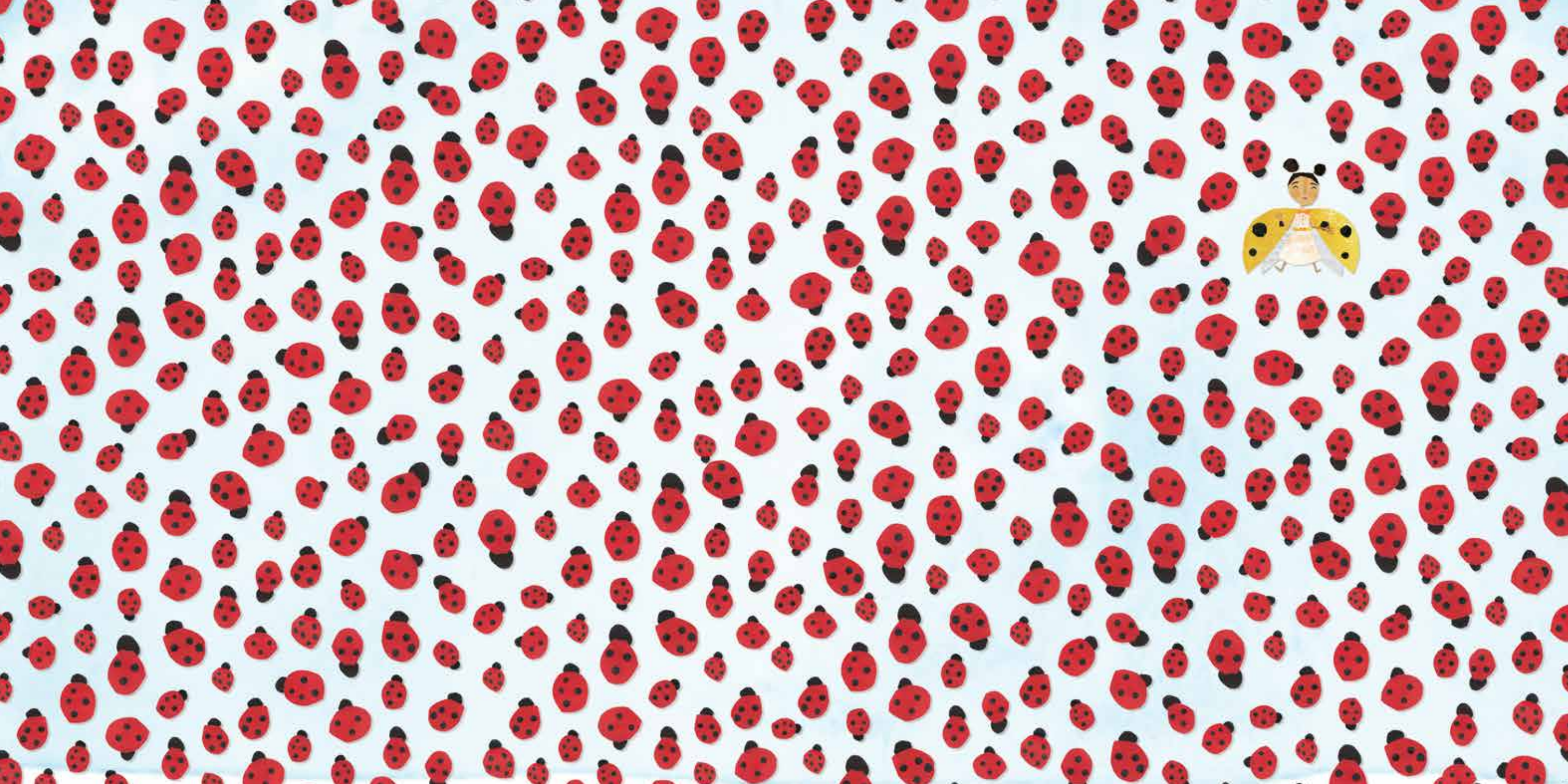
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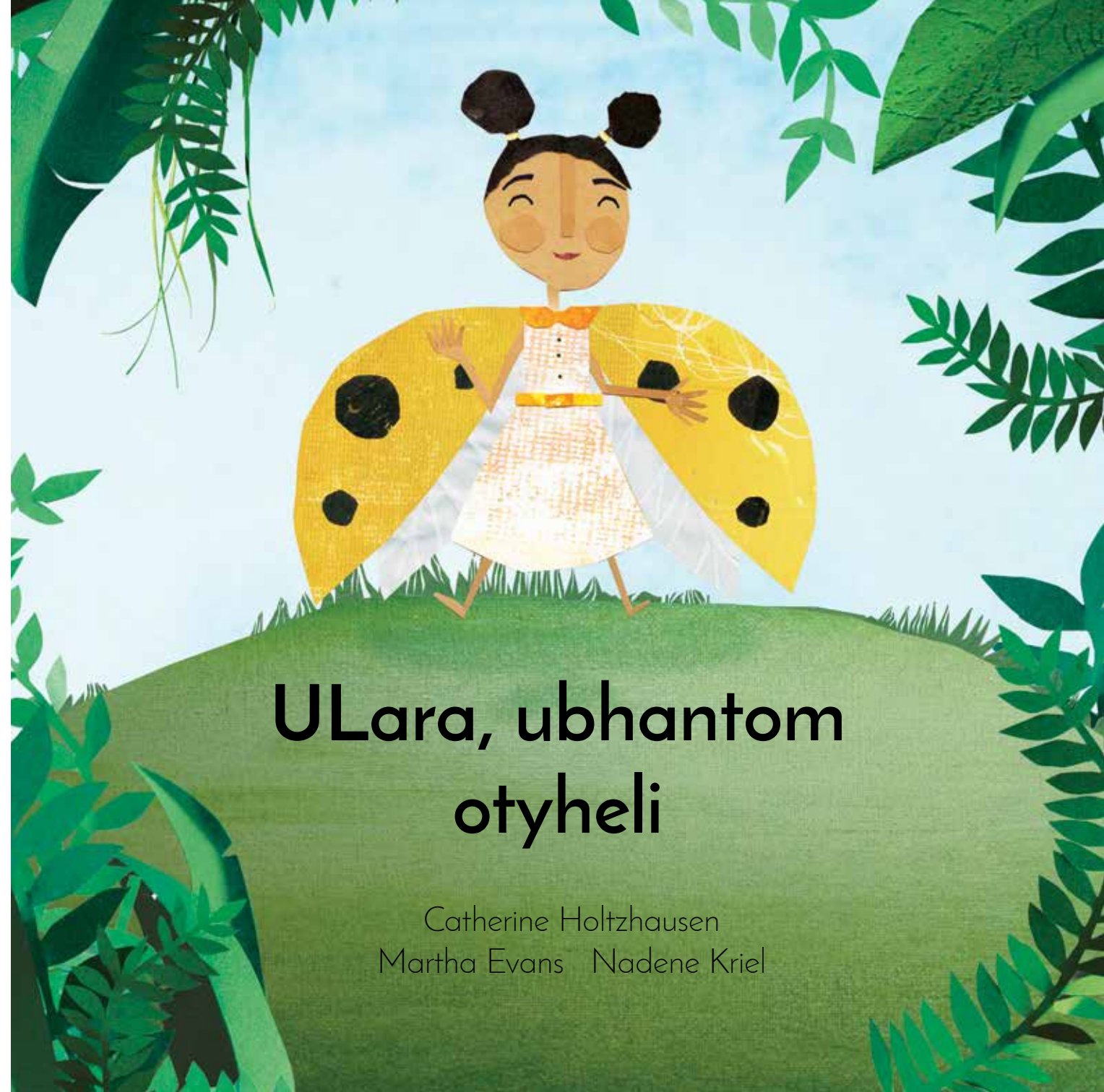
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ULara, ongubhantom, wayeyirhorho
ekhethekileyo. Wayengafani tu nabahlobo
bakhe, kuba yena wayenamaphiko
akhazimlayo natyheli.



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
owambuliso 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, uwapeyintile na amaphiko akho atyheli!”



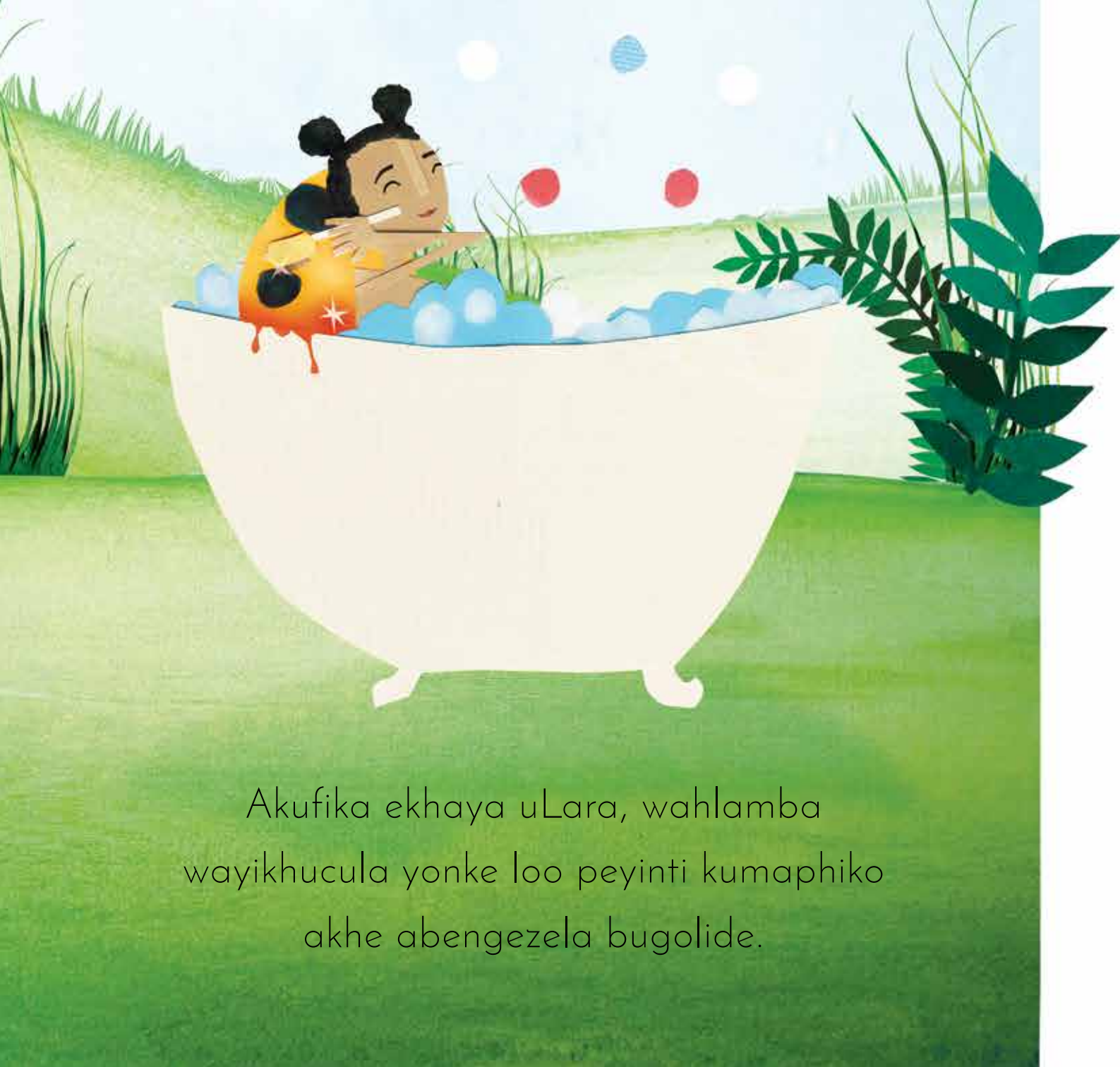


Oothuka kakhulu amaqabane kaLara.
“Amaphiko akho atyheli akhethekile!”

“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.”



