

IT'S MY BIRTHDAY!

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“Kurukukuuu!”

Wake up, Zingisile!
Today is your birthday!”



It's my birthday, and
it's also a school day.



“Mama, Mama!

Guess what day it is?” I shout.

I always ask my mama every
morning on my birthday.



“This is your birthday porridge.
Now, quickly, eat up
and get ready.



You can't be late on
your birthday!”



Mmmhhh.
I love mealie porridge when
it's runny...



At preschool everyone knows
it's my birthday.

They sing **happy birthday**
and give me handmade
love notes.

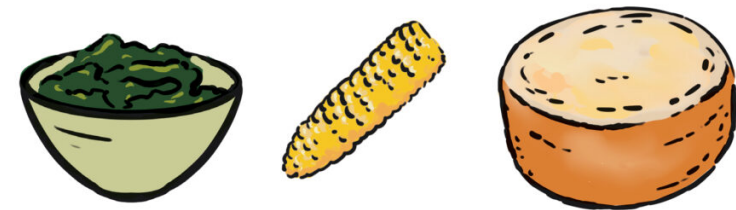


I can't wait for my special meal from Mama.



I can't wait to see my favourite cousin, Sisipho. She is also my best friend. Her birthday is coming in September.

Which chicken will Mama cook for me? I hope it's the fat one.



A woman with curly hair, wearing a blue top, is sitting and reading from a book. She is looking towards three children. The children are standing in front of her. One child, a girl with pigtails, is looking at the book. Another child, a boy, is looking at the book. The third child, a girl with curly hair, is pointing up at a speech bubble. The background is a dark green wall with a light blue base.

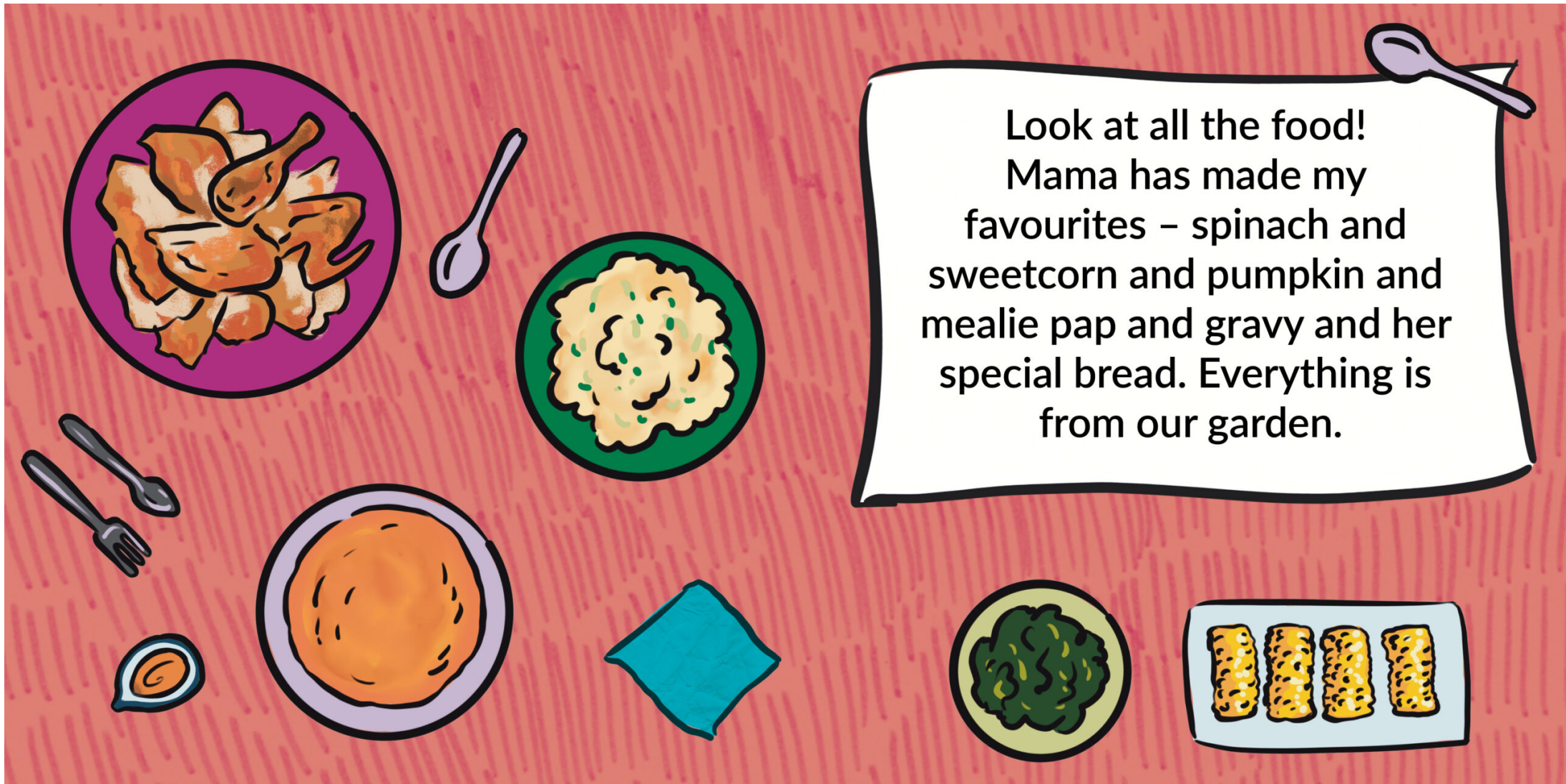
“Zingisile, what was
your favourite part of
the story?” asks
Mrs Mkombe.

“Pumpkin and mealie pap!”
I shout, still in my
daydream.
All my friends laugh.

When I get home, Luhambo is excited. He has only had one birthday, on the 28th of April.



Now I've had five birthdays already!





“Happy birthday, Zingisile!
Mini emnandi kuwe, Zingisile!
How old are you now?”

“I’m five years old now!”
I sing back.
My papa picks me up
and spins me around.

“My Zing-star!
You’re so old you’re
almost a teacher!”



Mama lets me pick the
biggest piece of chicken.
She dishes for me first.

I dip my delicious bread in
the gravy and I smile.
I can't wait for my
next birthday!





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