



scenes inspired by the paintings of Henri Rousseau come alive on the walls thanks to the craftsmanship of African Sketchbook, a local collective Sue commissioned to work with artists from neighbouring townships. On the day I'm there, master florists have done a gobsmacking installation around the fireplace with lily pads plucked from the dam to match those on the walls. That night, after a delicious dinner (yes, the villa is fully catered), as I sprawl out on the lawn with my family to watch the latest version of *The Secret Garden* under the stars, a line from the film stays with me: "As long as you have a garden you have a future, and as long as you have a future you are alive."

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