

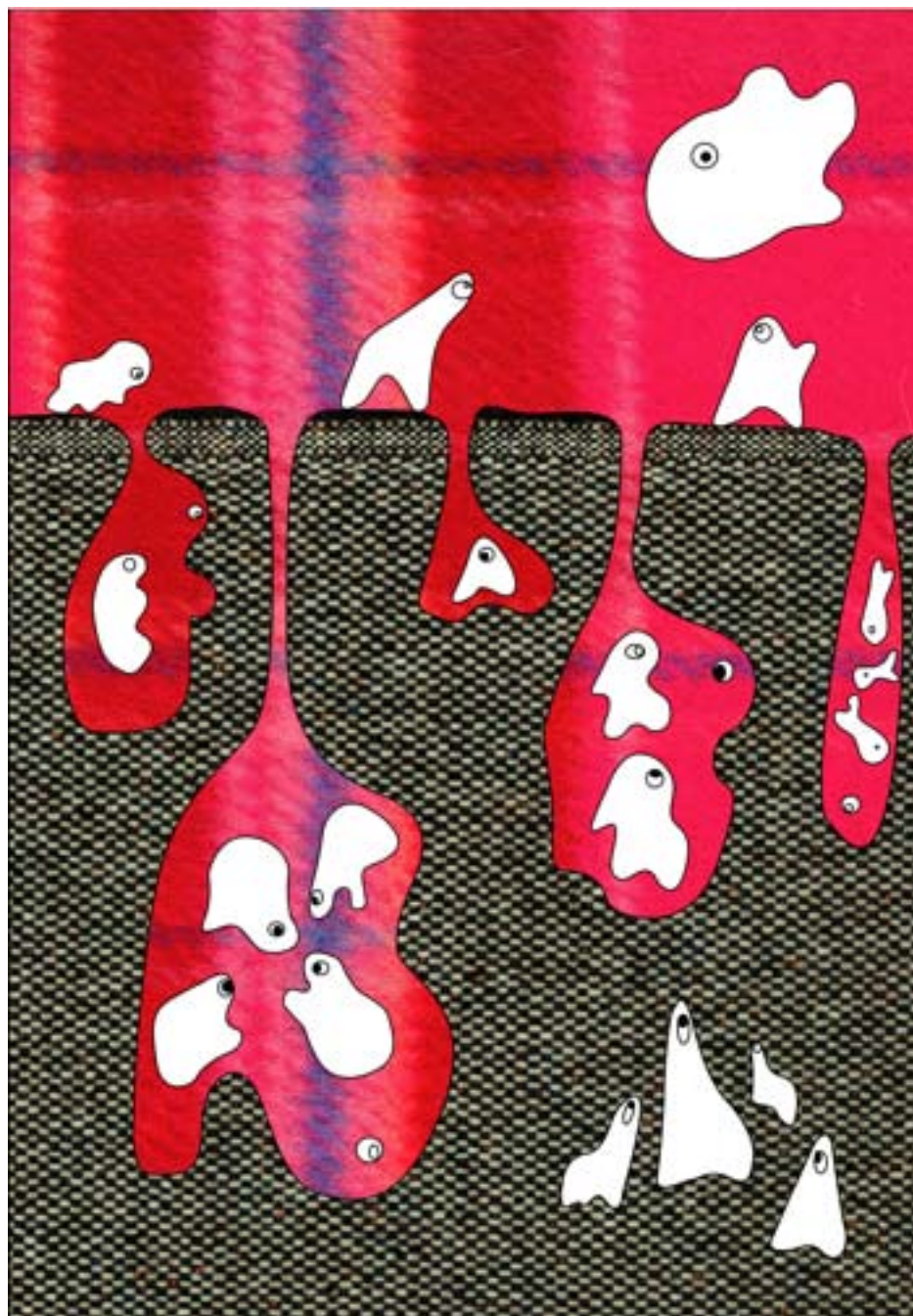


“Familiarities”

ILLUSTRATIONS WITH STORIES

Based on illustrations made by Miren Marañón, Juliana Loh
a Fabricante of the Writing Department was inspired to create wild stories
on the life of these puppets.

FABRICA FEATURES BOLOGNA
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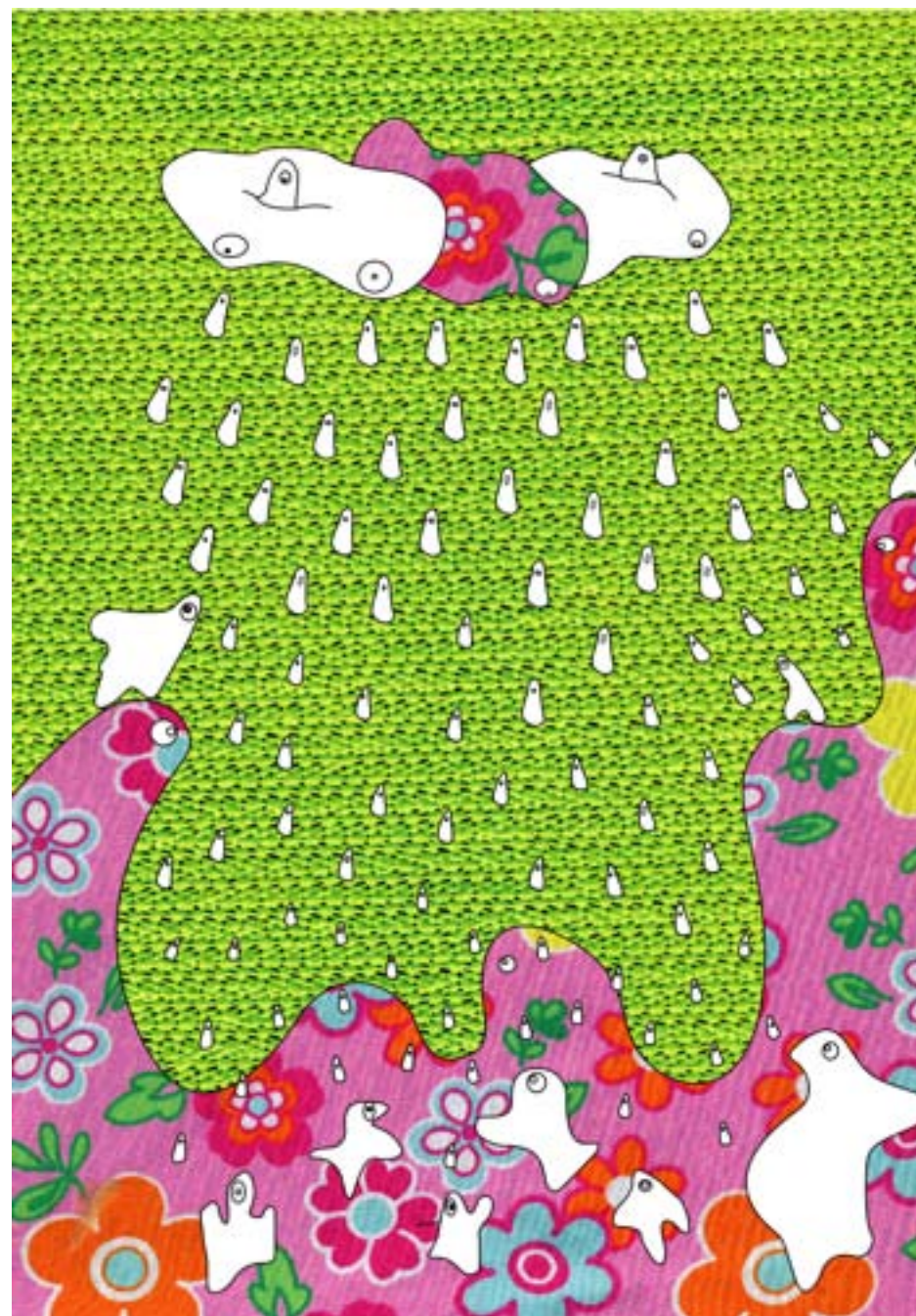


GESTATION FROM THE EARTH

Begis are funny creatures found around the globe. Most of them spring up from the ground, but it is the stronger Begis that help the young ones grow. Only they have the strength to dive deep into the soil and drill a hole to make themselves comfortably tucked underground. Made from wool, they act like a winter coat as the little Begis hop into this 'Womb of the earth' to grow safely. When the little ones are ready to get out and play, they burst out of the epidermis of the soil, like popcorn flying wildly out of a pot. They then wriggle about to shake the soil off their backs and start to walk and talk in their gibberish of "uurack...uurack..."

Some walk around the site curiously peeking into the earthy womb, threading carefully on their rounded toes. Should they fall in again, they would perish and melt into the soil. Other Begis wait impatiently underground for their turns, picking at the dirt around them.

And this is how their life cycle goes.



THE WONDERFUL SMELL OF SPRING

Like the flora and fauna outside, Begis grow best in Spring, drinking up the smells and sounds of nature. They run around to catch and drink rain pops to grow; the more droplets they manage to catch, the bigger they grow. They look like dancing sponges full of water toppling over the landscape. The atmosphere is a playful competition of sorts. Itziar was always slower than the rest of her friends, so she had turned up two days before, to climb the hilltop, hoping to drink up more rain pops. When the rain passes, some lay in the fields dreaming of the future as they blend into the colourful environment. The turn of season is marked by rain pops that taste like coconut juice, reflecting the fresh scent of Spring.



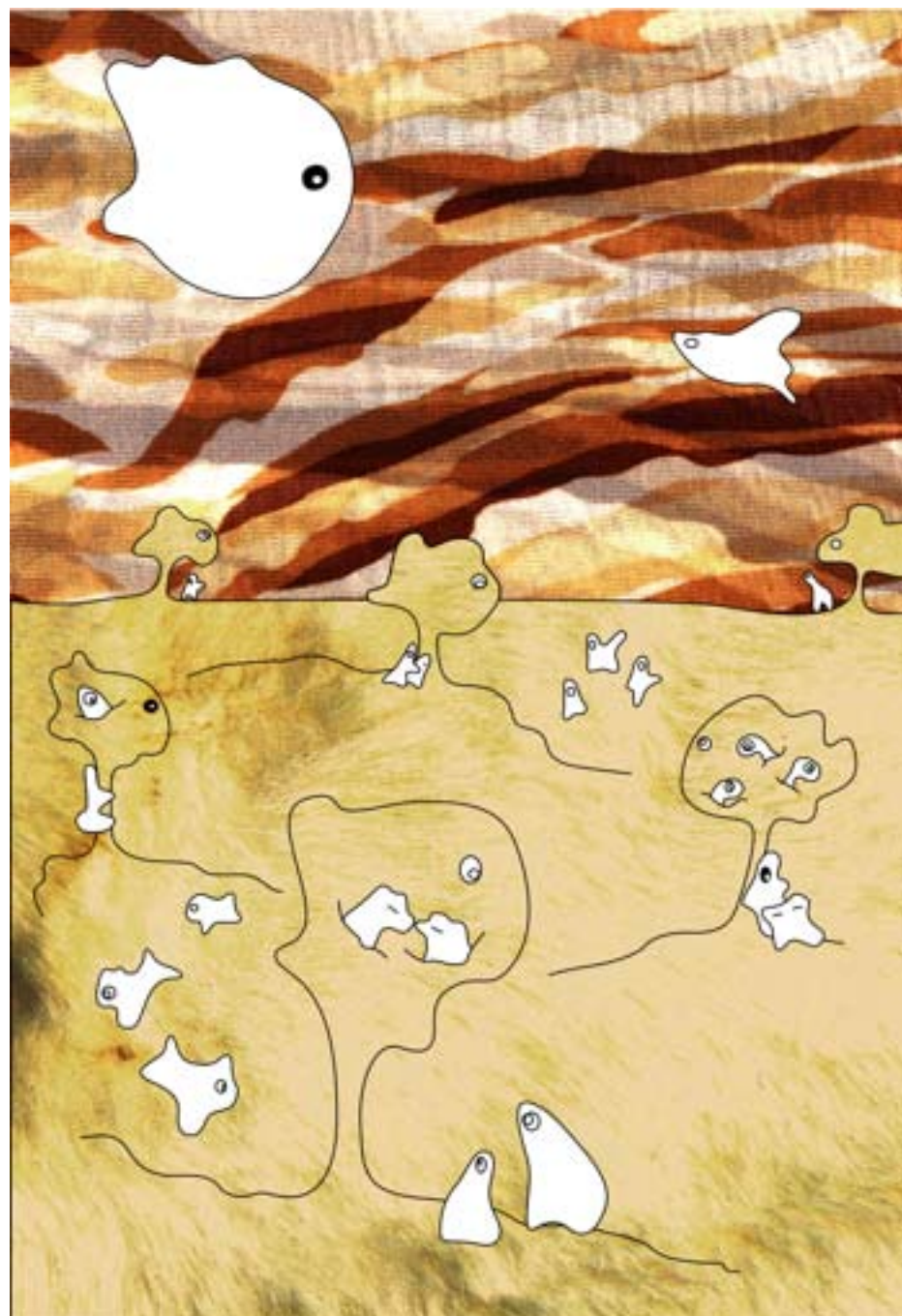
BEGIS GO TO THE CITY!

The concrete jungle can be very frightening for many. It is no different for the Begis. Here, it is a constant struggle to stay in their buildings without losing their calm. Many lose their balance and get shaken out of the windows. It has been increasingly difficult with the stripey predators who are particularly sharp about any movement outside the city buildings. The Sharkis eat up any Begis caught running astray from their fellows. Iñako just lost his mind and he has been scaring everyone else with his wide-open mouth containing a solitary tooth that is badly decayed. Those who can't handle the stress of the city find ways to escape, sometimes falling out of windows or sliding down the stairs!



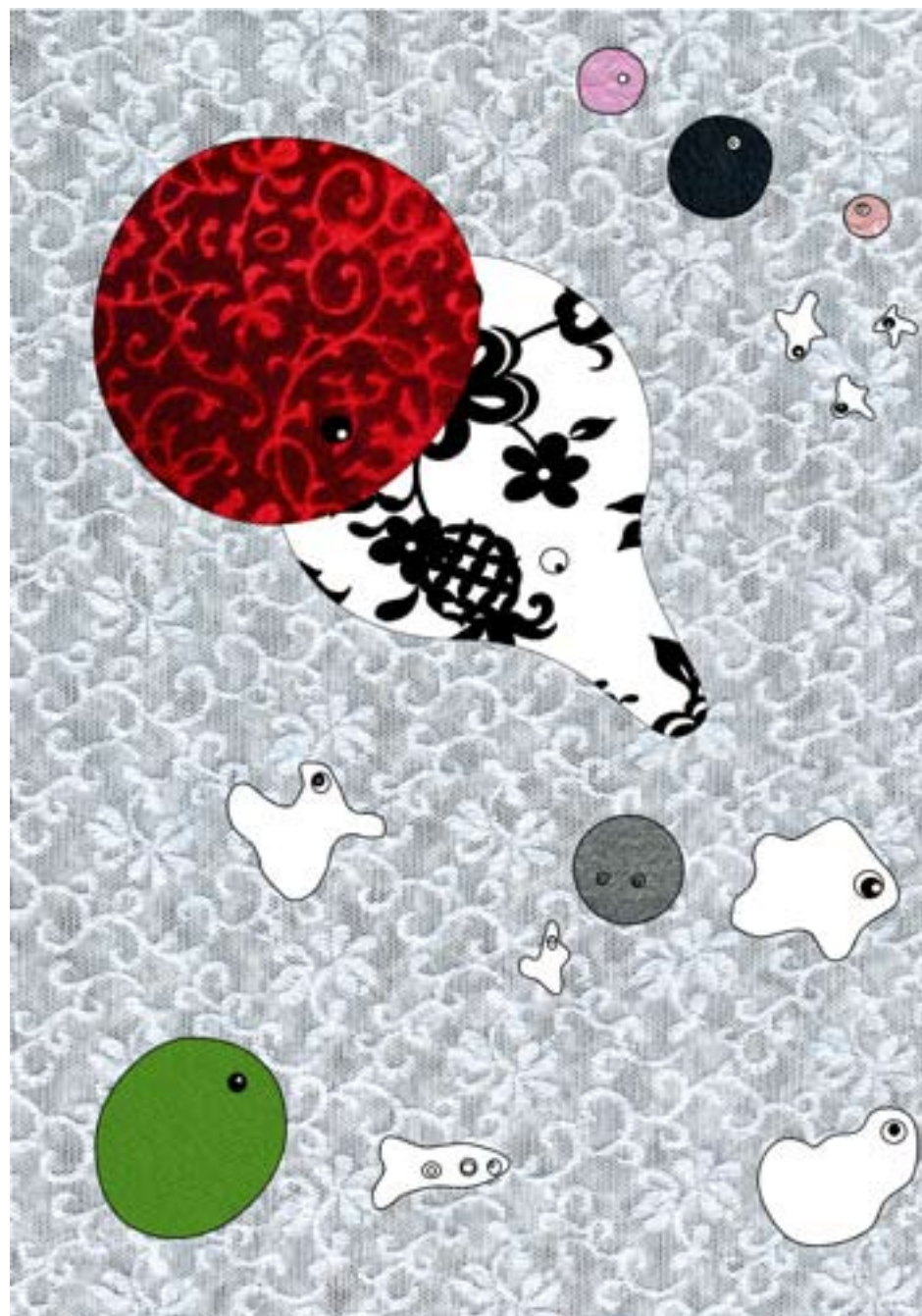
PARADISE CHIC

In the summer time, the stylish Begis travel to wonderful resorts and pamper themselves with lovely treats. They glide through the water that acts as a highway to spectacular holiday spaces. They are buoyant and their shrill whistle of high decibels frighten the water molecules, propelling them to go faster. Miryko and Jubon are seen at all the party hot spots. Both of them constantly try to outdo each other by 'collecting' friends and fans. Unfortunately, neither of them wins, as most Begis hate making decisions. Thinking too much gives them headaches, hence most of them continue to float around in neutral zone between the two competitors, undecided on whose side to take. While Miryko is passionate and easily angered into starting fights, Jubon on the other hand is composed, only that he could never conceal his envy, because he would go green every time he saw Miryko.



DESERT LOVE

The Begis enjoy traveling and often make their way to different islands and planets together with their families and friends. Some who prefer an undisturbed free reign lifestyle migrate to the desert. They are peace-loving individuals that live without a care in the world. Then, there are the greedy ones like Txori who takes it upon himself to mate freely with everyone he fancies. Fortunately for the freedom to love, Begis in the desert never shrink from their lack of fluids. They choose their partners and mate all day. The exchange of fluids keeps them in healthy shape and condition, without ever going thirsty.



COSMIC DREAMERS

The philosophical Begis float about this space, protected by the neighbouring planets. They are the most intelligent of the species and drift to Space to unravel mysteries of their community. They find new solutions to all the problems that worry Begis. In Space, they float around and think clearly without the weight of their troubles.

The Begis in Space are gifted gymnasts; they spin around, doing impossible stunts to swing out of the way of meteorites, the slower ones that get hit dissolve like a sprinkle of magic dust. This explosion leaves behind their mark as stars which store their unfinished ideas and philosophies. The stars blink continuously, signaling for others to pick them up to continue the philosophical research. Those who are tired of Space and would like a change of environment can hop into a Space Shuttle that takes them back to earth for a short holiday in one second.

The cosmic dreamers love dancing and have learnt to predict the future by the movement of their feet. They are the holding pillars of their future generations as they continue to dance and dream.