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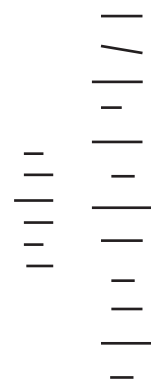


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# A B O U T M E

As a kid, I viewed life as if it was a fairytale. People were heroes, princesses, villains, etc. As I grew up, I began losing track of my rose-colored glasses. I did not want to lose my wonderland. So I began storing everything in my paintings. My paintings are like the episodes of a tv series. As connected as they are, each of them tells a different story. The textures and layers in my work, are inspired by the complexity of emotions and the unpredictability of life. As a result of creating new things while continuously growing and changing, my pieces represent different values. GOLD plays a crucial role in art for me. It symbolizes value and prize. Depth, stitching, and elevated surfaces are just a few examples of the many techniques I use in my sculptural paintings.

Over time, the lessons we hear from our elders turn into clichés. They lose their value and their impact. But I think the valuable lessons we learn from life should be seen. That is why, behind all my paintings, there is a story, a message, and countless thoughts.







*" To all the lessons I have learned "*







# STITCHES

2017





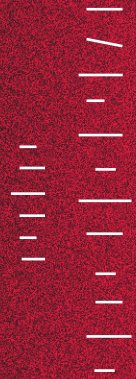
WE ALL HAVE



PROM THE PAST.



THEY  
MAKE  
US  
WHO  
WE  
ARE



BE PROUD OF THEM.

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*A loop of thread or yarn resulting from a single pass or movement of the needle in sewing, knitting, or crocheting.*







# DAPHNÉ

2017







# DAPHNÉ

TURNED INTO A TREE

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*Eros shot two arrows: one hit Apollo and filled him lust for Daphne, the other hit Daphne and filled her with abhorrence for all things romantic.*



AND HER LEAVES BECAME THE SYMBOL OF

NIKE



---

*Nike was the goddess of victory. Athletes who wanted to win worshipped her. Even today, she has some significance to athletes.*







# BURNS

2017



# ALWAYS

KEEP SOME



WITHIN YOU.





SOMEONE WILL MAKE IT GROW

---

*Robert Burns was a Scottish poet. He was one of the first poets to reference red roses in his work.*







# OROIDE

2017





YOU MAY BE A PIECE OF

**GOLD**

ON THE OUTSIDE





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Oroide is an alloy of copper and zinc or tin that has a gold color, used in making inexpensive

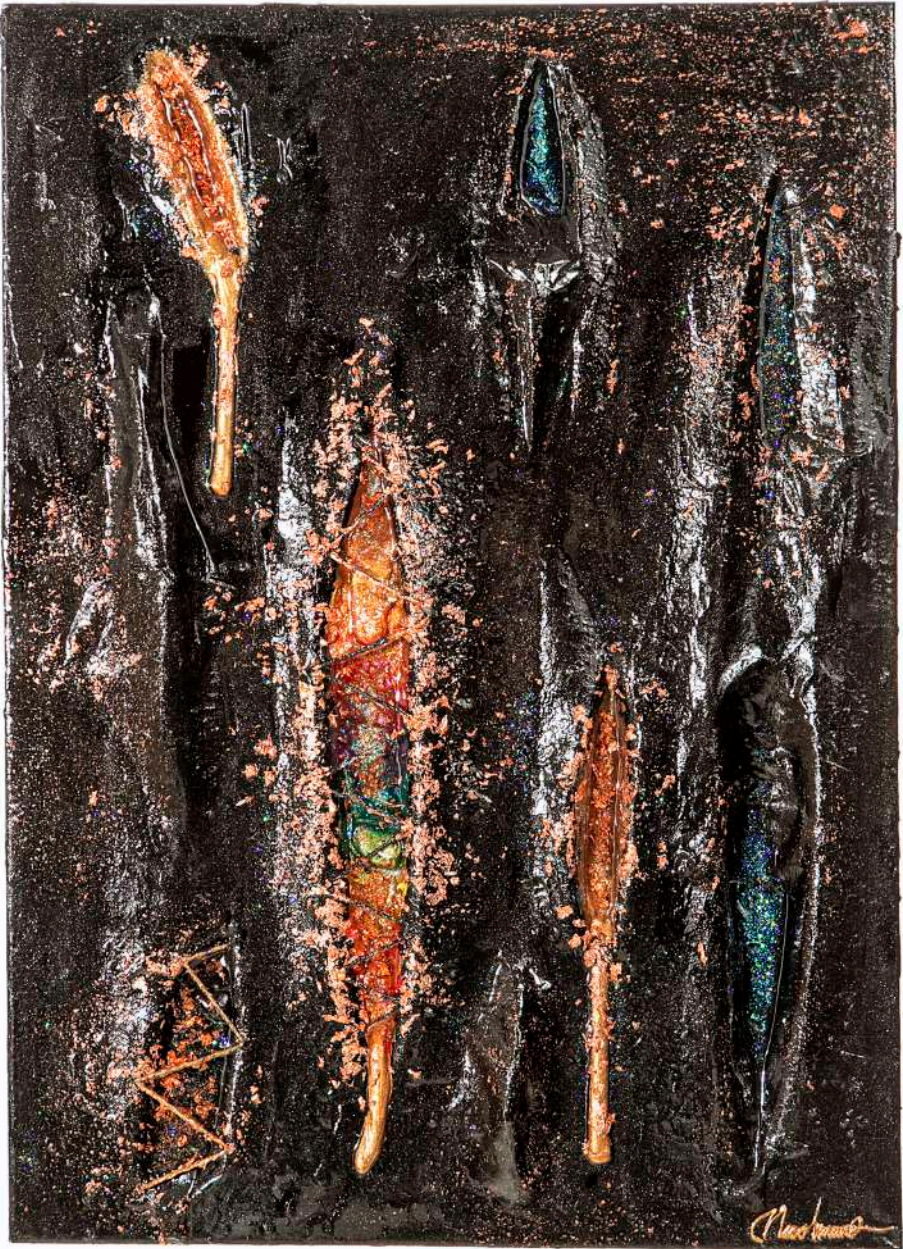






# LAVERNA

2018





THE LIES

ARE COMING OUT

THE MASKS

ARE FADING AWAY







BUT YOU CAN'T CHANGE THE FACT THAT  
THERE ARE LOTS OF OTHER ONES PEOPLE  
WOULD LOVE TO TRY ON.

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*In Roman mythology, Laverna was a goddess of  
thieves, cheats and the underworld.*











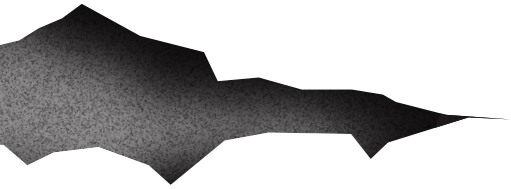
WHEN YOU TURN TO A

# CLEAN PAGE

YOU COVER THE PAGE UNDERNEATH.







BUT THE LATTER IS STILL

**THERE**

IT WILL ALWAYS BE THERE.

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*To cover an area of ground or a road with materials such as stone, concrete, or bricks that will form a hard, level surface.*













HOW MUCH LONGER CAN  
YOU KEEP YOUR

TRUE COLORS

HIDDEN INSIDE YOU?





THE

E X p L O s i O n

WILL

HAPPEN EVENTUALLY!

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*Craze is an enthusiasm which appears suddenly and achieves widespread but short-lived popularity.*





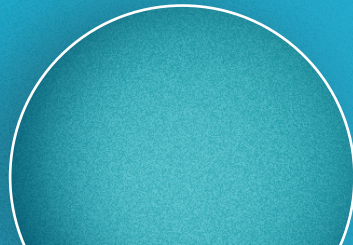
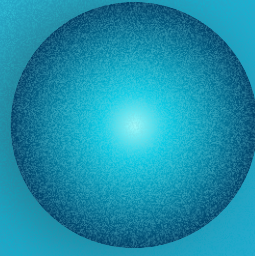
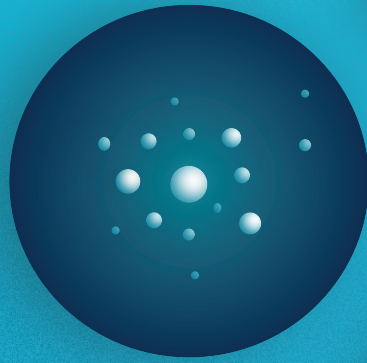






# THE PAST

IS LIKE A COURSE-BOOK.





# HIGHLIGHT

IMPORTANT INFORMATION,

learn  
learn  
learn  
learn

YOUR LESSON, AND SINK IT IN.



---

*Hylia was the Goddess of Light in ancient times, entrusted by the Three Golden Goddesses with the task of protecting the Golden power of the Gods.*







# SAPPHIRE

2019



find your treasure



I WAS  
**LOST**  
IN THE CROWD



SO I DUG A HOLE IN THE GROUND,

I FOUND A TREASURE INSIDE AND  
IT BECAME MY GUIDE.

---

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# MYKONOS

2020







MOST OF THE TIME, YOU' RE NOT THE ONE IN

# CONTROL

WHEN

THE  
CLIPS

START

TO  
ROLL





YOU  
**REALIZE**

YOU WERE ONLY  
PLAYING A  
ROLE.

UNTIL THINGS BECOME  
**WHOLE**

---

*Mykonos was a cover up I used to conceal my enthusiasm. I would act as if I was looking forward to going to Mykonos, when in reality, I had a secret plan.*







# ICE PRINCESS

2020





A HEART MADE OF

ICE

IN COLD,  
SHINY

PARADISE



W A I T I N G  
W A I T I N G  
W A I T I N G  
W A I T I N G  
W A I T I N G  
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TO ROLL THE DICE



IF POSSIBLE ONCE,  
WHY NOT TWICE?

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The idiom “ice queen” is a phrase used to describe heartless females who show little or no emotion.



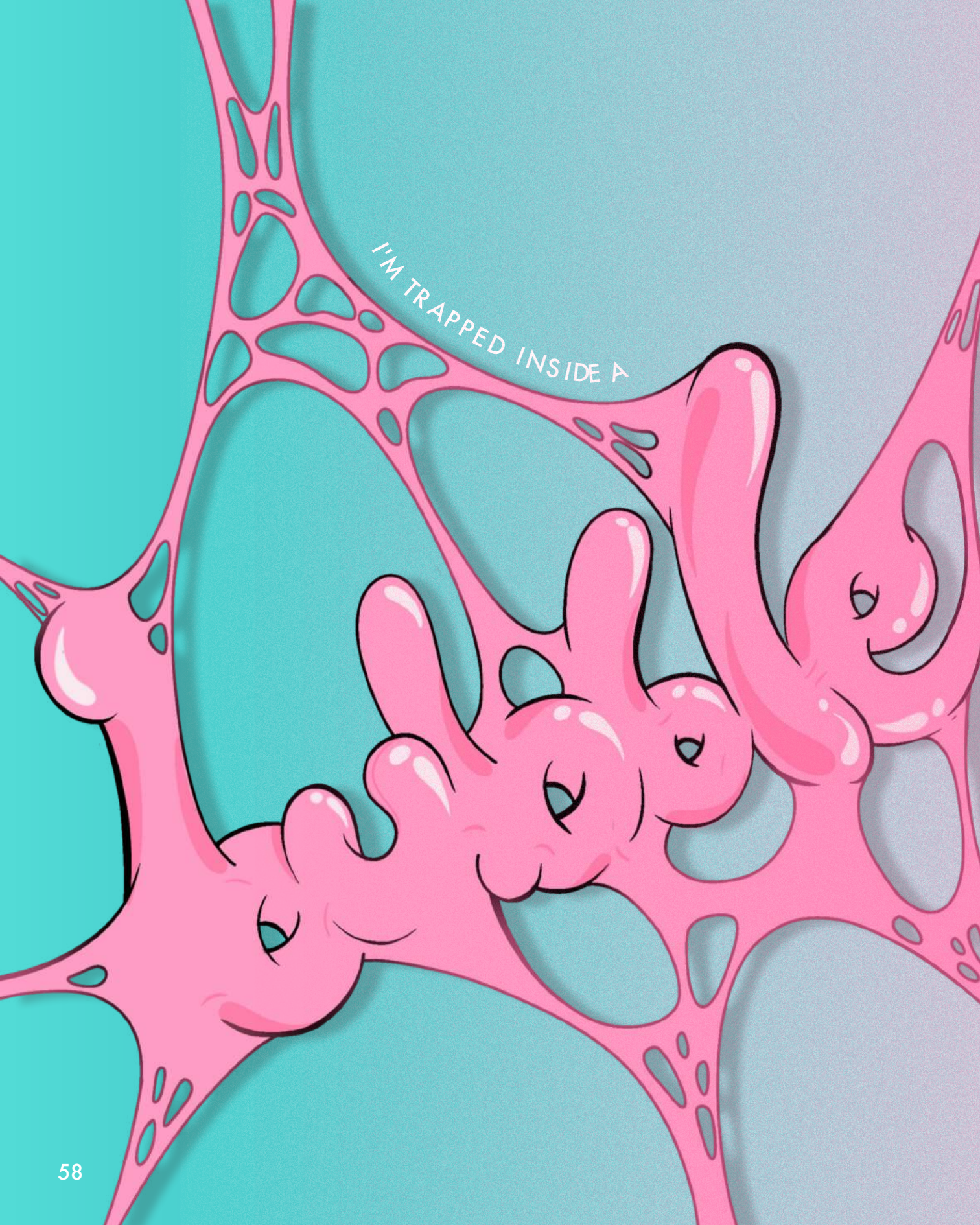








I'M TRAPPED INSIDE A





MEMORIZED EACH PIECE OF THIS

# PUZZLE

NOW I WANT TO ESCAPE SOONER,  
COME AND TAKE ME TO THE



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*"Sweet dreams are made of this, Who am I to disagree. I travel the world and the seven seas, everybody's looking for something"*







# TOGETHER WE'RE STRONG

2021





THERE ARE SO MANY WAYS OF

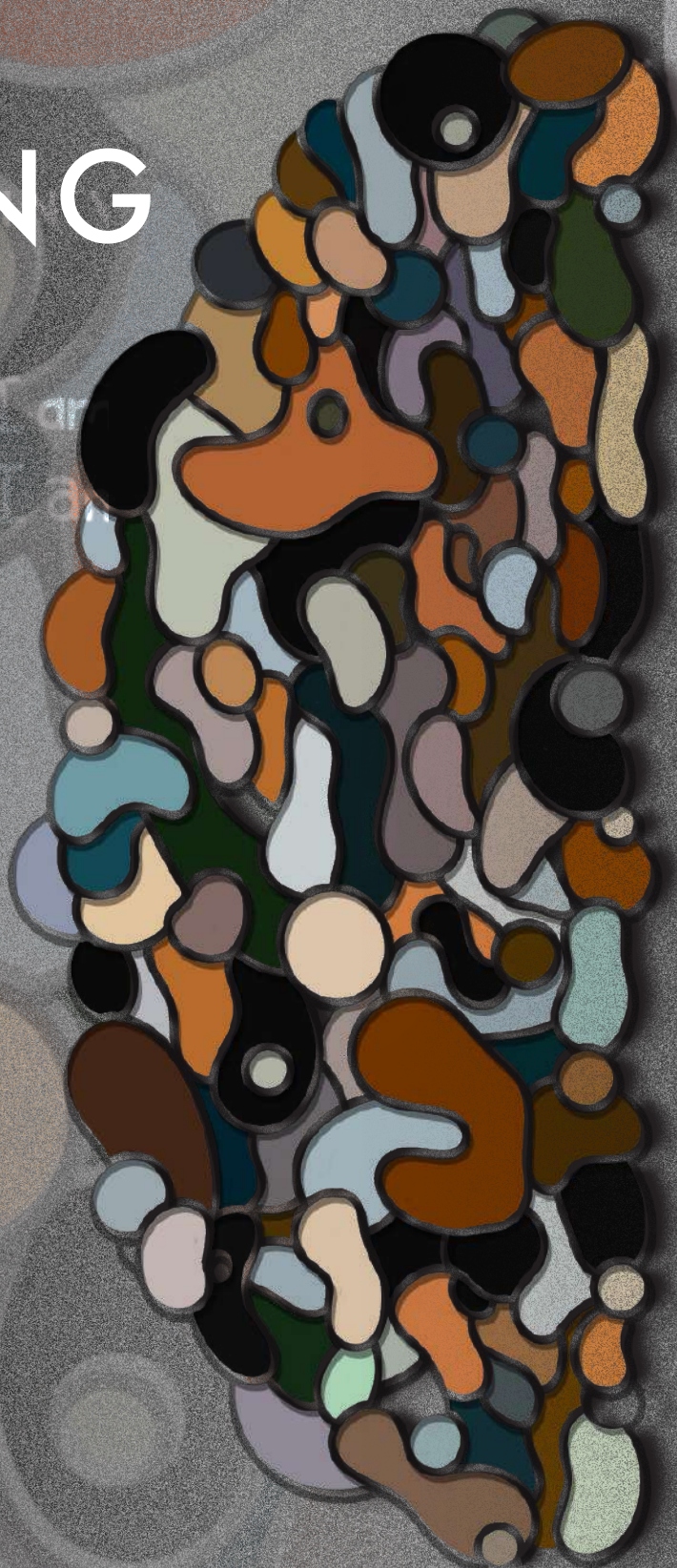
# LOOKING

AT THE WORLD.

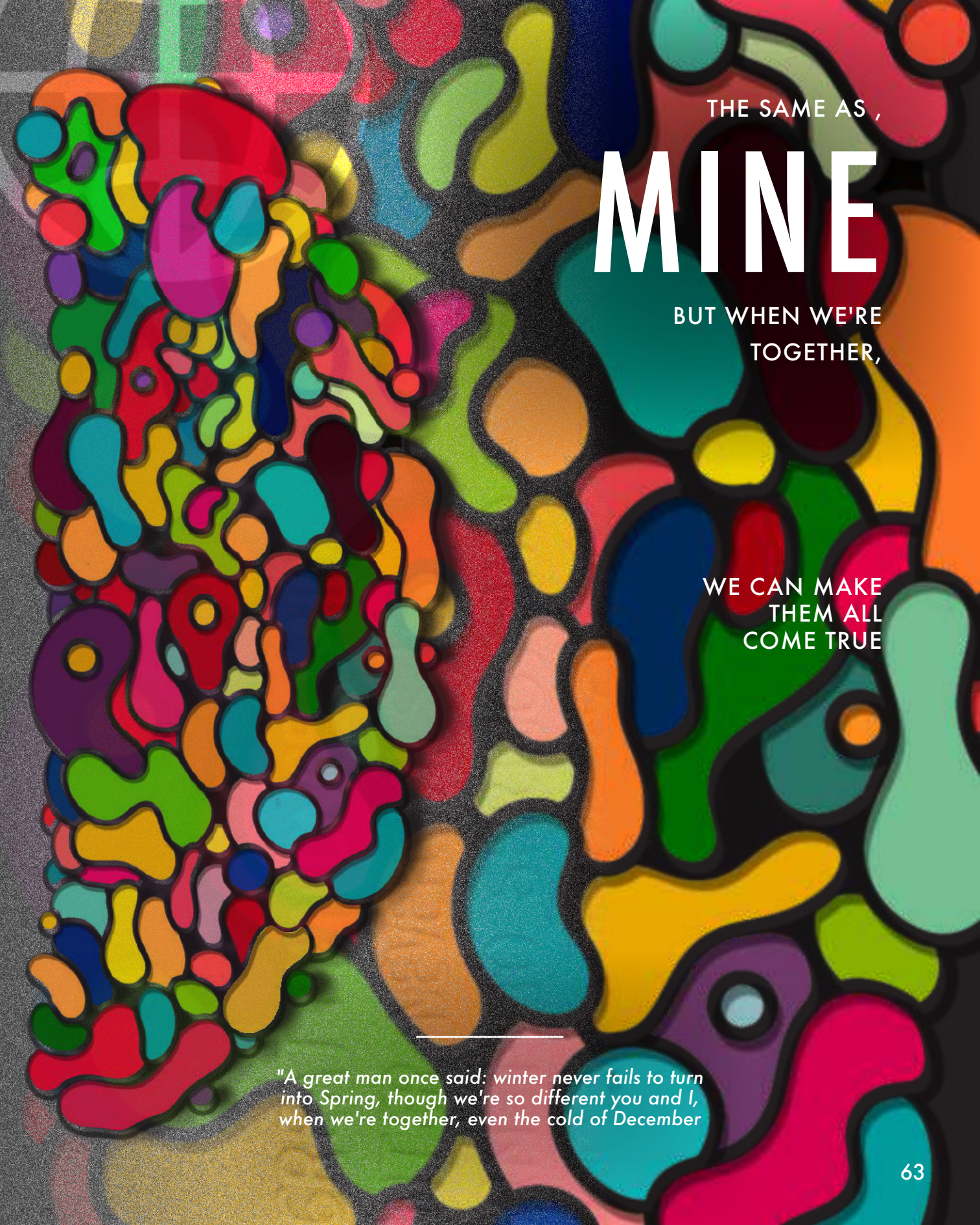
EVERYONE  
HAS A DIFFERENT  
DREAM.

# YOURS

MAY NOT BE







THE SAME AS ,

# MINE

BUT WHEN WE'RE  
TOGETHER,

WE CAN MAKE  
THEM ALL  
COME TRUE

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*"A great man once said: winter never fails to turn  
into Spring, though we're so different you and I,  
when we're together, even the cold of December*





VIP ENTRANCE

THIS IS WHERE

SPECIAL ONES



# SHAPE OF MY HEART

2022





I'M NOT A GIRL WITH TOO MANY FACES  
THE MASK I WEAR IS

**ONE.**

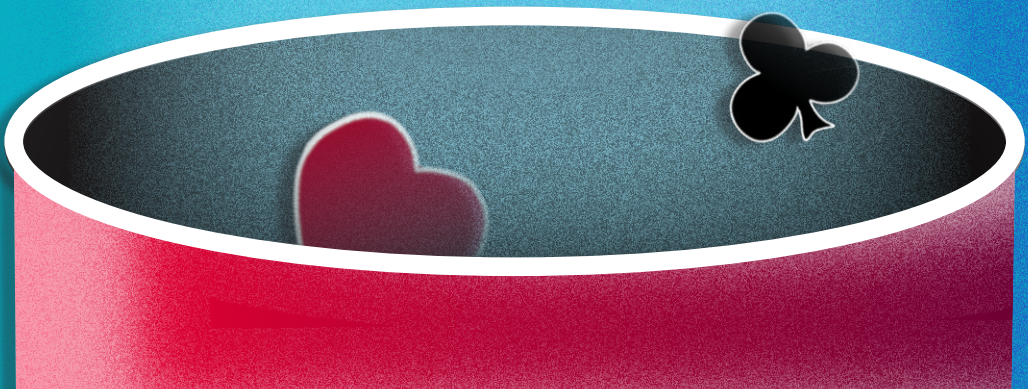
I FELL DOWN A RABBIT  
HOLE FULL OF

SPADES

HEARTS

CLUBS

DIAMONDS







MY JOURNEY HERE WILL FADE BUT THE  
MEMORY WILL SHAPE

# MY HEART

CURIOUSER, CURIOUSER

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*" I know that the spades are the swords of a soldier  
I know that the clubs are weapons of war  
I know that diamonds mean money for this art  
But that's not the shape of my heart"*



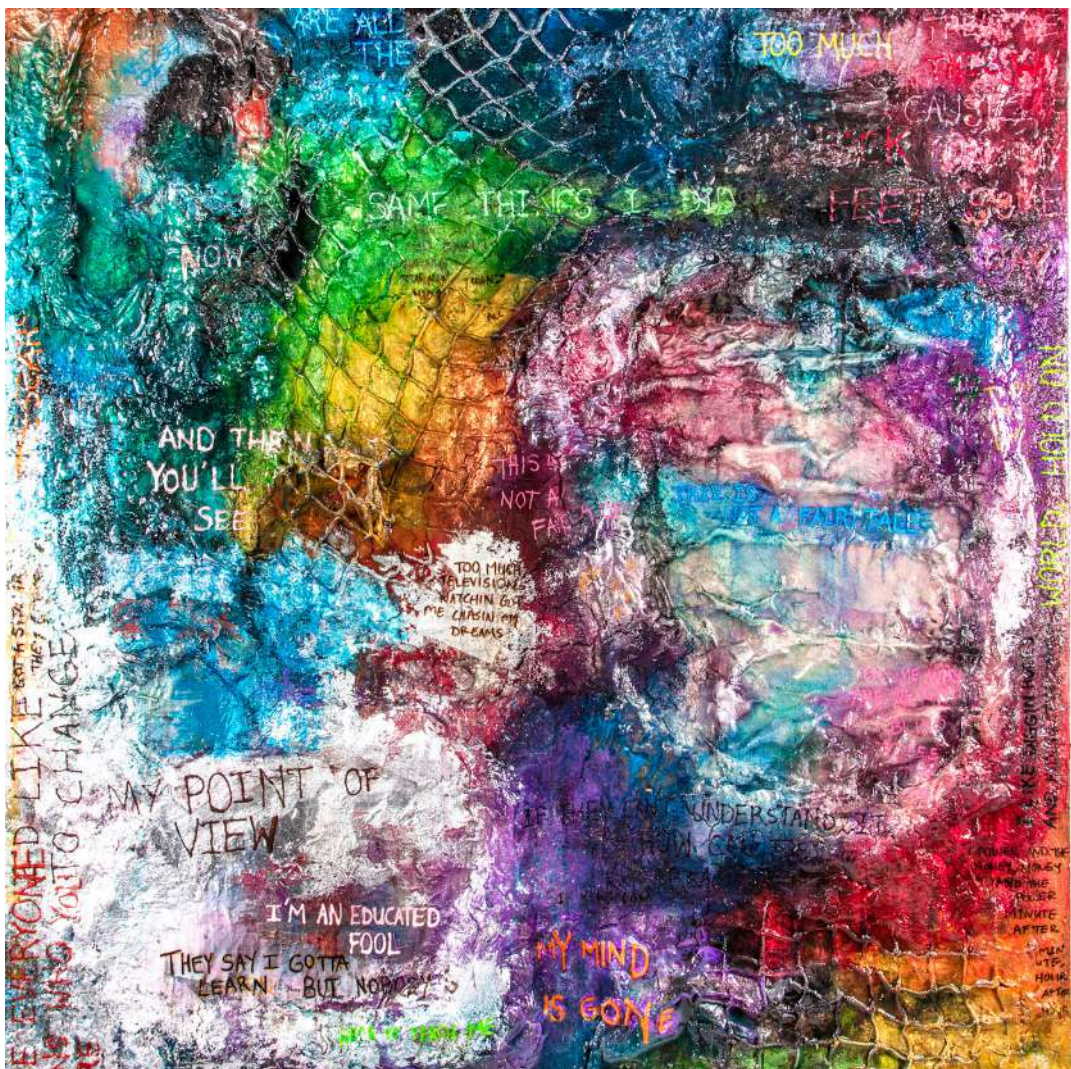
THIS IS  
NOT A  
FAIR GAME

TOO MUCH  
TELEVISION  
WATCHIN GOT  
ME CRASIN MY  
DREAMS



# GANGSTA'S PARADISE

2021







SAVE THE WORLD

NOT A FAIRYTALE

AND THEN  
YOU'LL  
SEE

I CAN'T SEE  
WHERE WE GO  
I CAN'T SEE  
WHERE WE GO

MY MIND  
IS GONE



THIS IS  
NOT A  
FAR  
T.W.E

TOO MUCH TELEVISION WATCHIN  
GOT ME CHASIN MY

# DREAMS

TOO MUCH  
TELEVISION  
WATCHIN GOT  
E CHASIN MY  
DREAMS

THE  
WORLD, HOLD  
WORLD, HOLD  
WORLD, HOLD

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"To Coolio, his collaborators explained, "Gangsta's Paradise" spoke to the real hardships and fears in a way that seemed to resonate with peo-

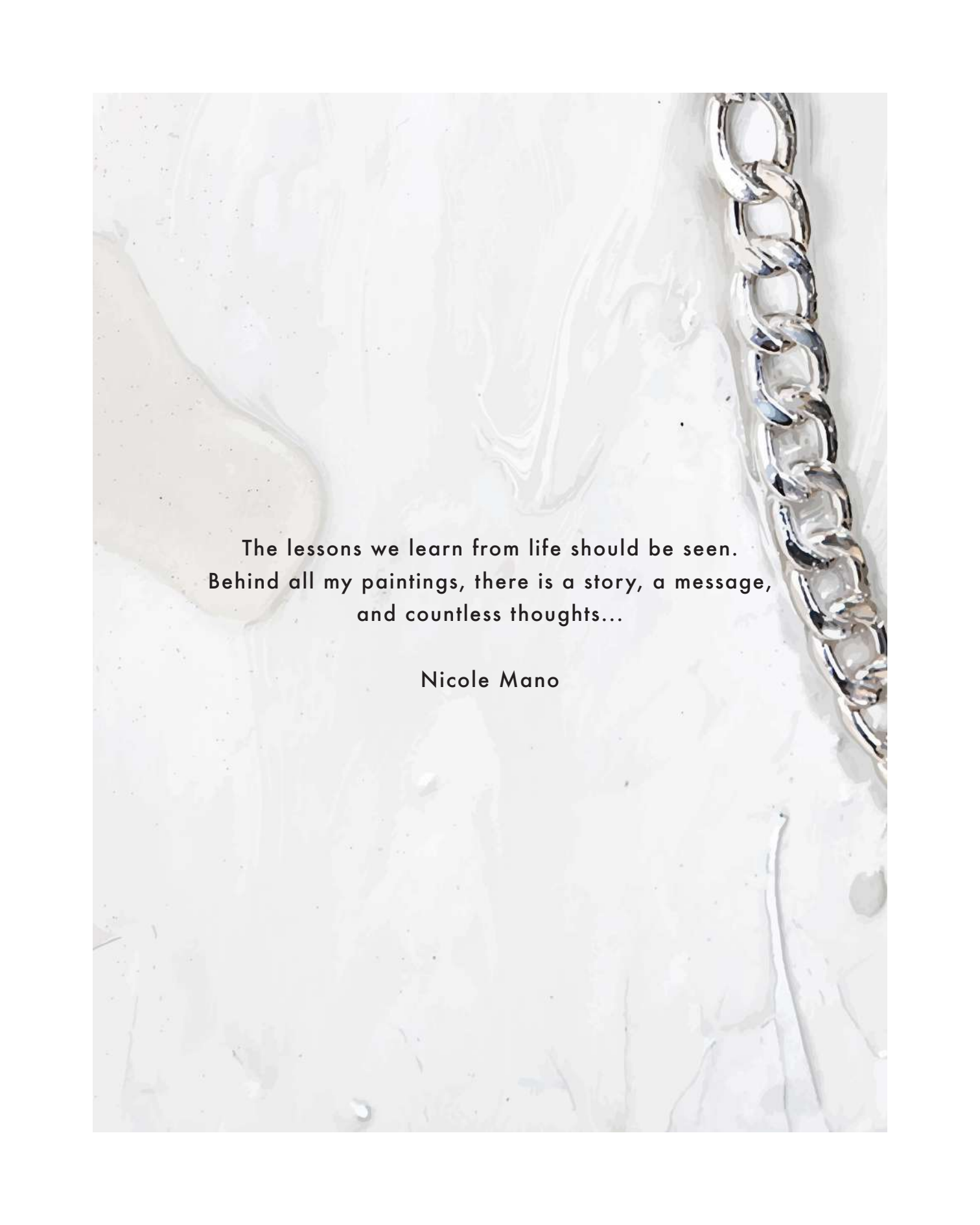












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