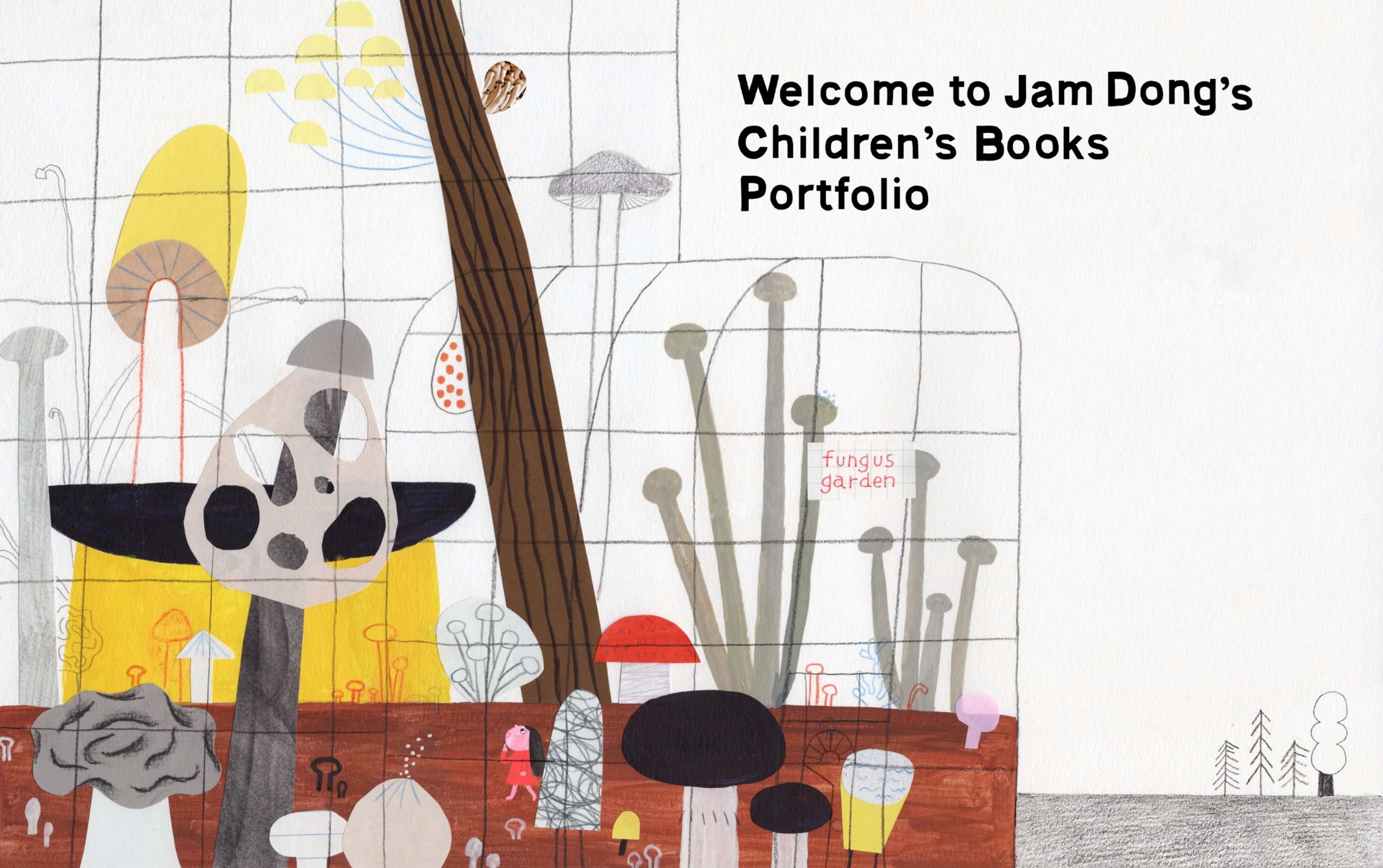


Welcome to Jam Dong's Children's Books Portfolio





Fungus Garden 2024 Acrylic, Pencil, Collage

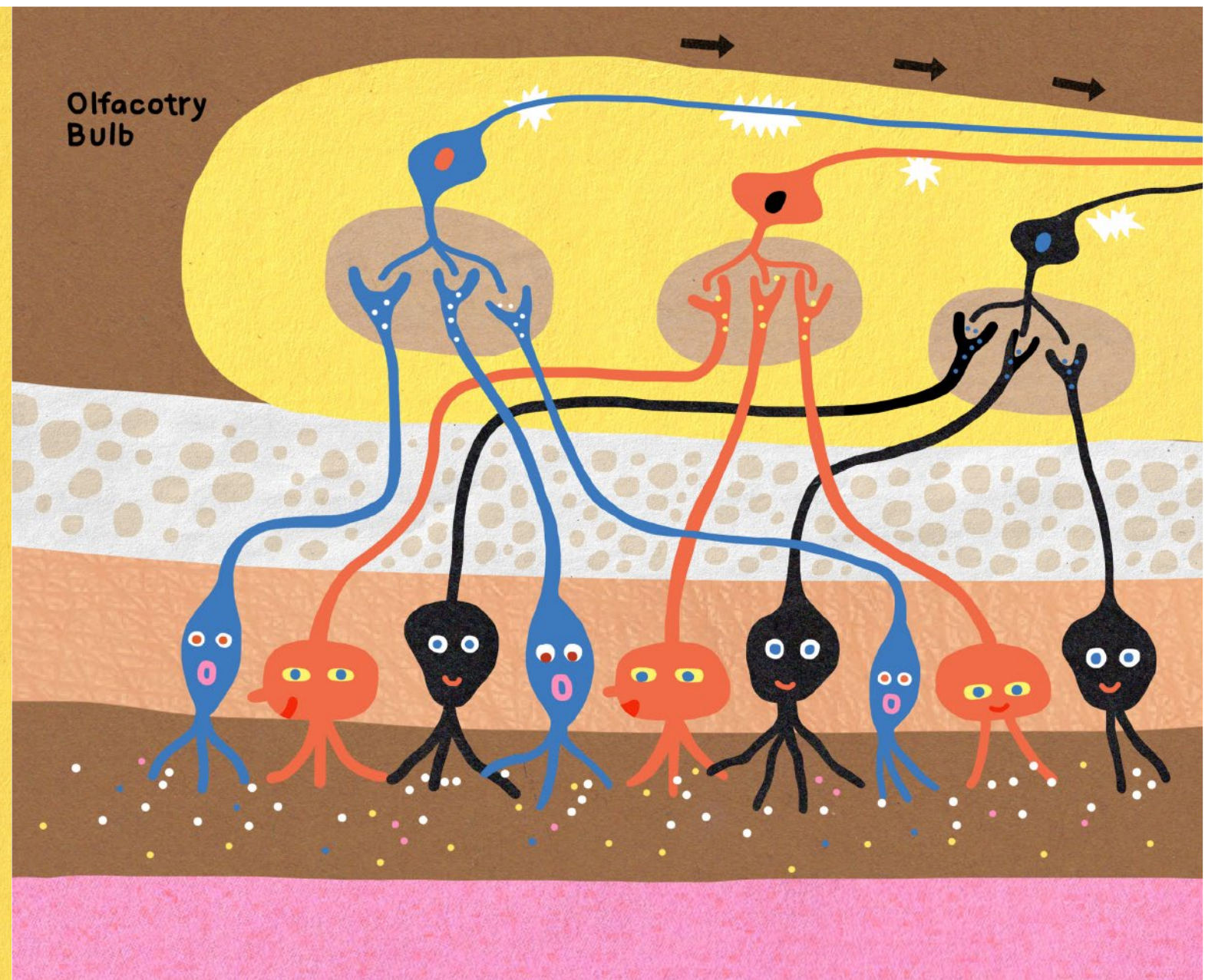
Nature & me

When I was a kid, I found myself obsessed with biology and nature. I love observing tiny creatures like fungi, snails, and bugs. I don't know where the passion comes from, maybe because they are so different in living habits and appearances from us. I'm also an introvert, so nature gradually builds a micro garden in my mind mixed with imagination. When I start to draw, I want to harvest all of my growing ideas.





Bug World 2024 Acrylic, Pencil, Collage, Digital

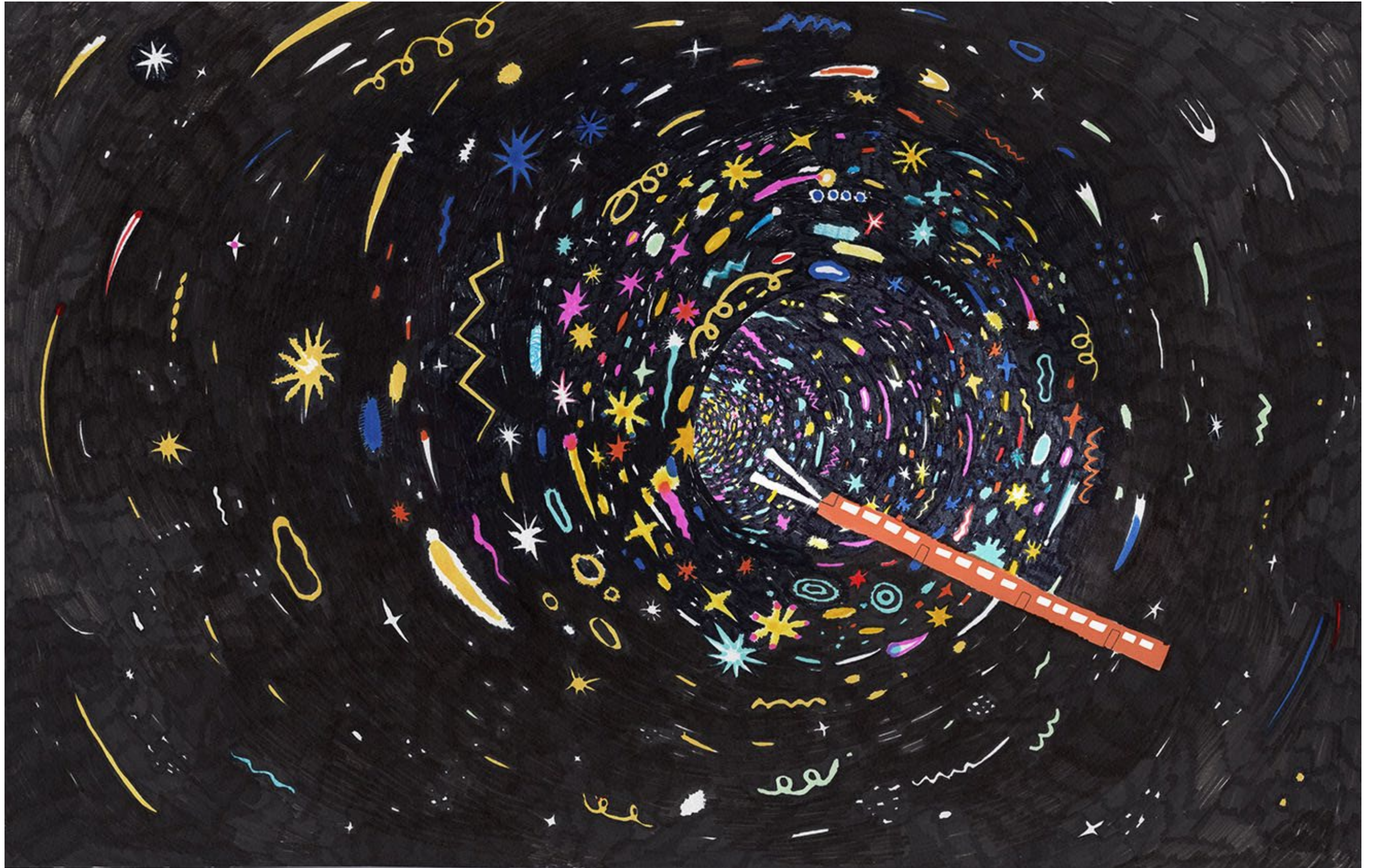


Olfactory 2024 Digital

Traditional or Digital?

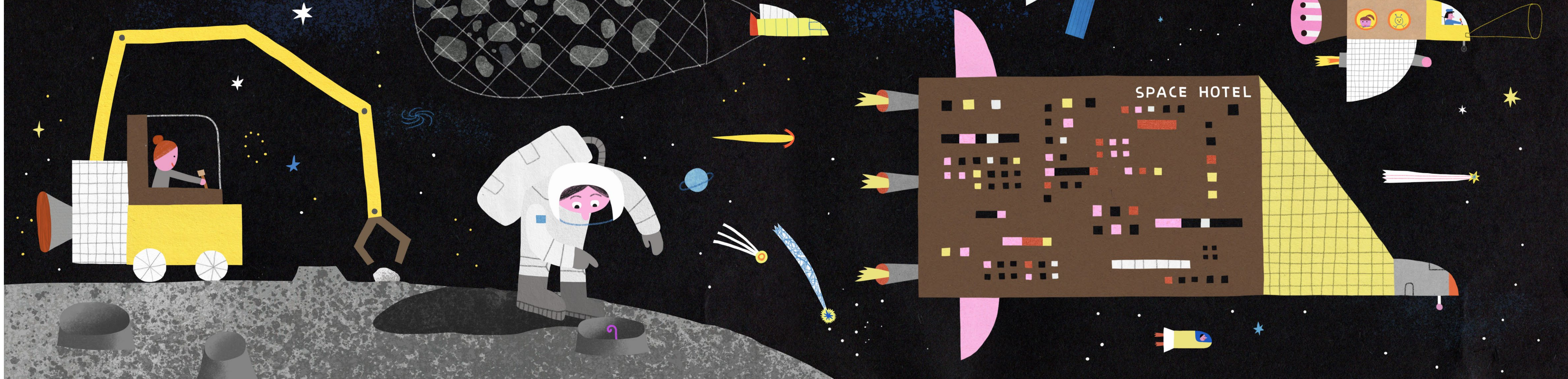
I draw with markers, watercolor, and pencil. I love doing collage a lot, and I also do printmaking sometimes. But most of the time, I draw with a tablet in Photoshop. No matter what medium I use, I try to choose the one that matches the story best.

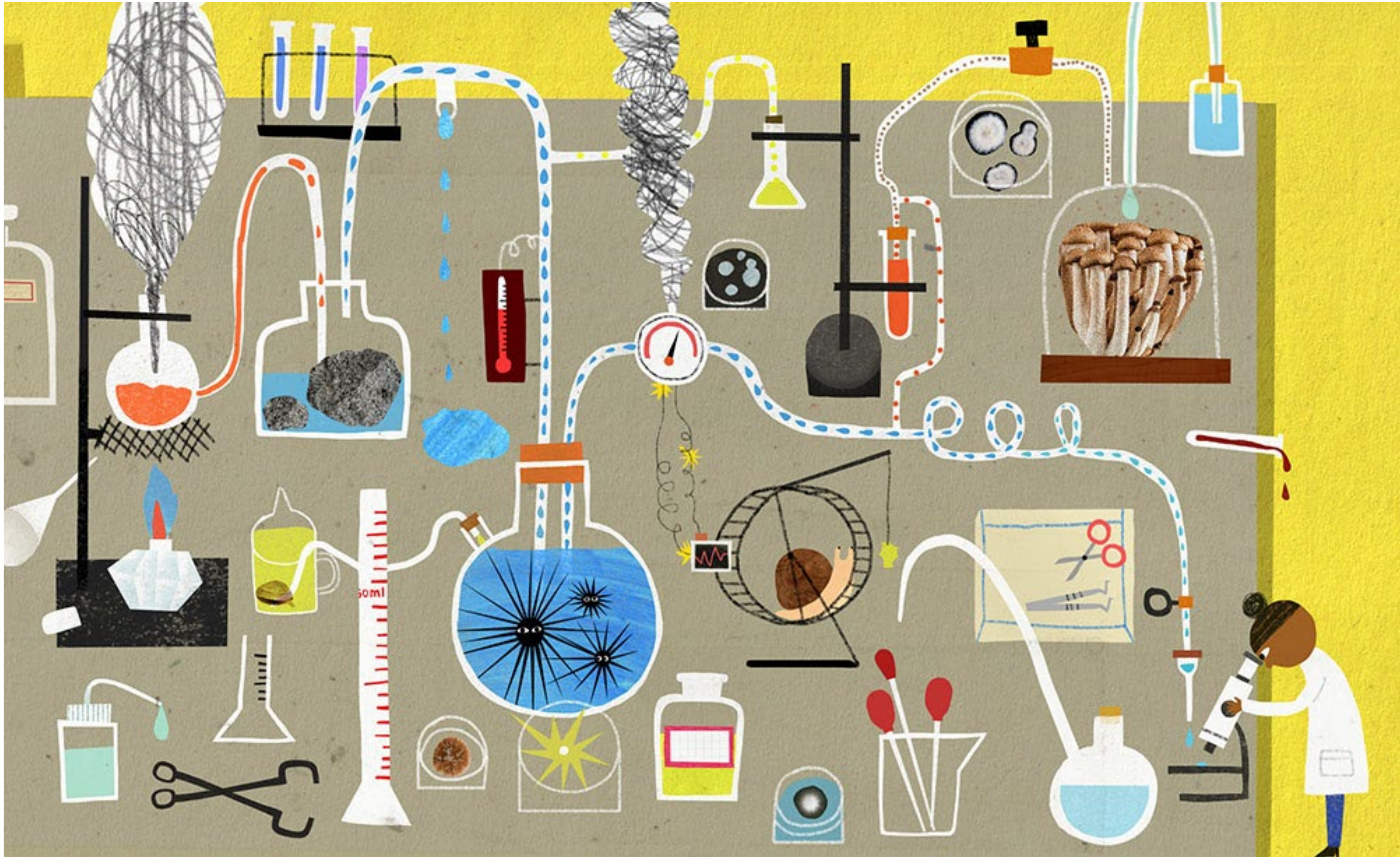
A book about fun facts of human bodies or medicine is one of my dream projects!

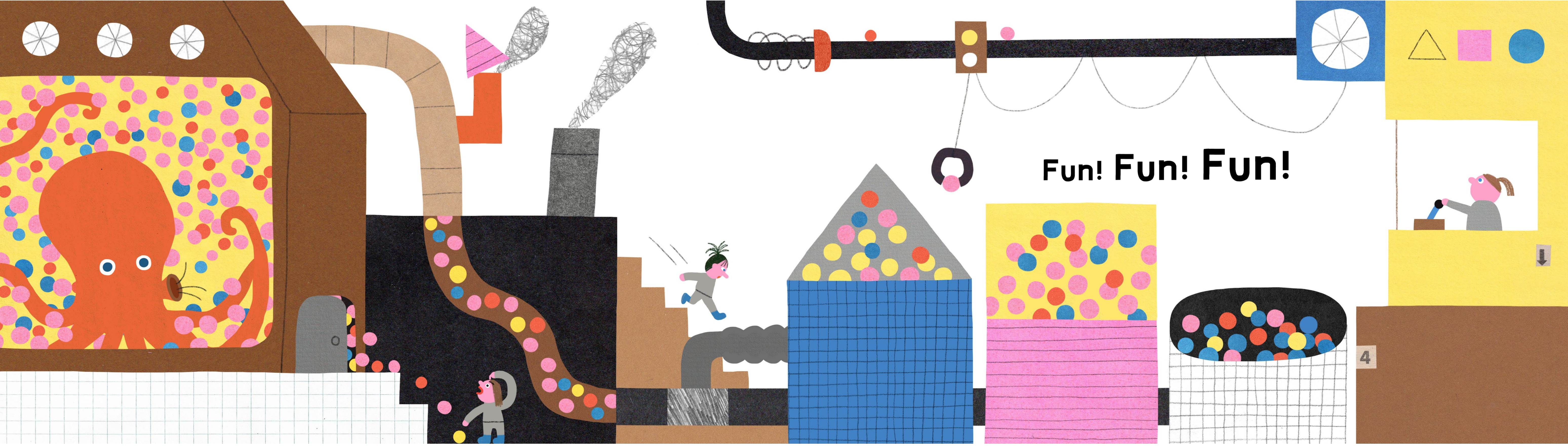


Worm Hole 2023 Markers

I like to use simple shapes and limited colors to draw. With different combinations, those basic elements could be turned into something complex and interesting, just like playing games. I love creating fun out of simplicity.







Fun! Fun! Fun!

Fun is the only thing that matters. Everytime I feel lost or don't know what to draw, I tell myself, "be fun, have fun, and don't forget a sense of humor!"



Factory on a Ship 2024 Digital

About me

I was born in Shanghai, China. I graduated from the Maryland Institute College of Art in 2021 and started my career as a freelance illustrator. Currently, I live in Boston, MA, with my family. My works have been selected by the Bologna Children's Books Fair in 2020, 2021, and 2022. Clients include The New York Times, The New Yorker, Lerner Publishing Group, Barefoot, Candlewick Press, etc. My debut author book, "The Story Factory," will be published by Candlewick in January 2025 (yay!). Thank you so much for reading this portfolio. Let's work together when the right project comes up:)

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