

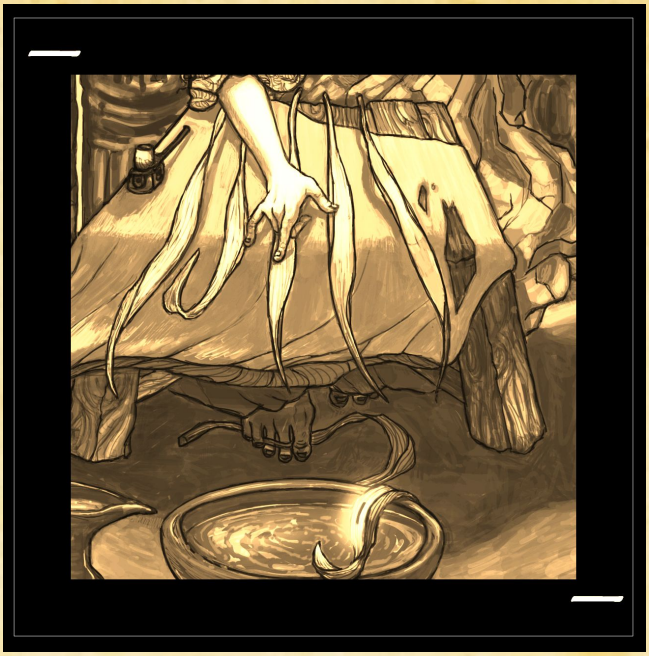
Oracle

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Great Mother breath and Blood in the sacred water

Positive: *Cybele, the Creator and Destroyer of worlds, is with you.*
Negative: *from the Underworld, Persephone put an obstacle on your path.*

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Past

The Oracle is inspired by the myth of Sybil, last priestess of Apollo The Sun Bearer, reading the future in her cave in Cuma near Naples to kings, generals and struggling lovers of the ancient world.





Her fame endures the ages as we still call *sibylline* something cryptic, of not easy interpretation, just as the godly words she used to write on leaves, then scattered by the winds of the long corridor.

Animals and divinities of the Oracle and their meaning come from indo-European pagan traditions, old sayings and legends, as you will discover in the next pages.

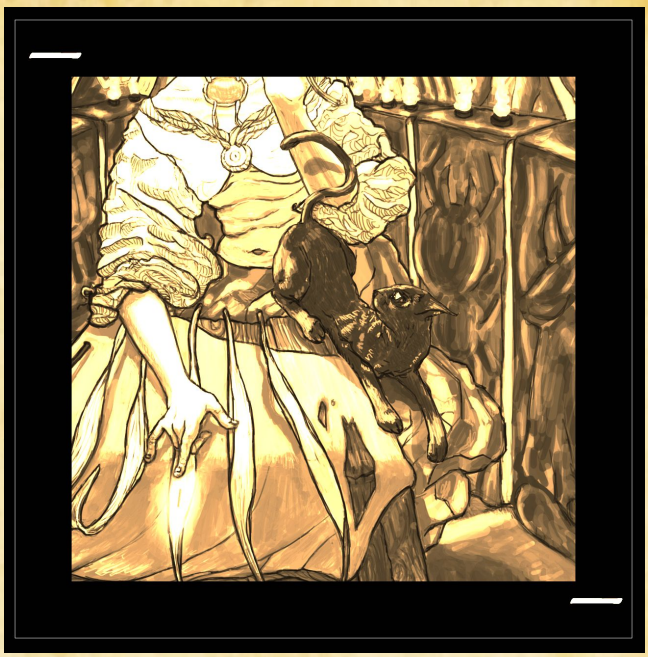




Snake and Rabbit

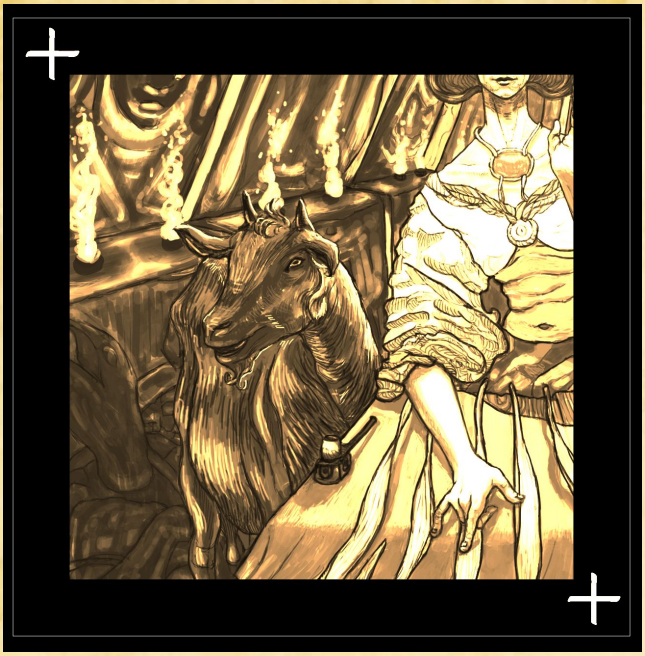
Positive: *Asclepius sent a snake to help you heal.*
Negative: *a suspicious rabbit is one of Hecate's spies; She used to own this place before Apollo.*





Bee and Cat

Positive: *here comes Potnia Theròn the Life Goddess, riding the queen of all Springs, the bee.*
Negative: *the magical cat is as powerful as it is unpredictable.*

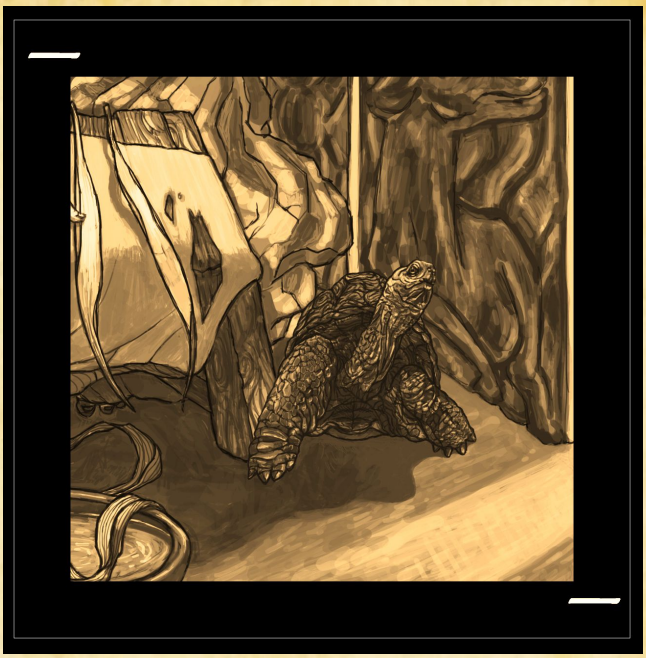




Goat and Moth

Positive: *can you hear Pan's flute? The goat is the God's invitation for you to celebrate.*
Negative: *the gentle moth can fly near your mouth and steal your soul.*

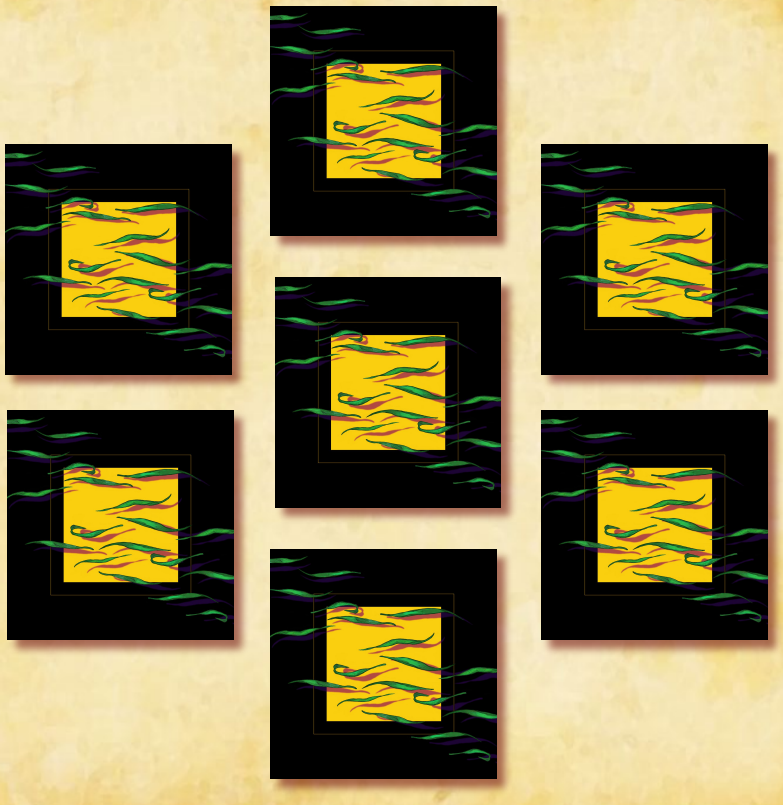


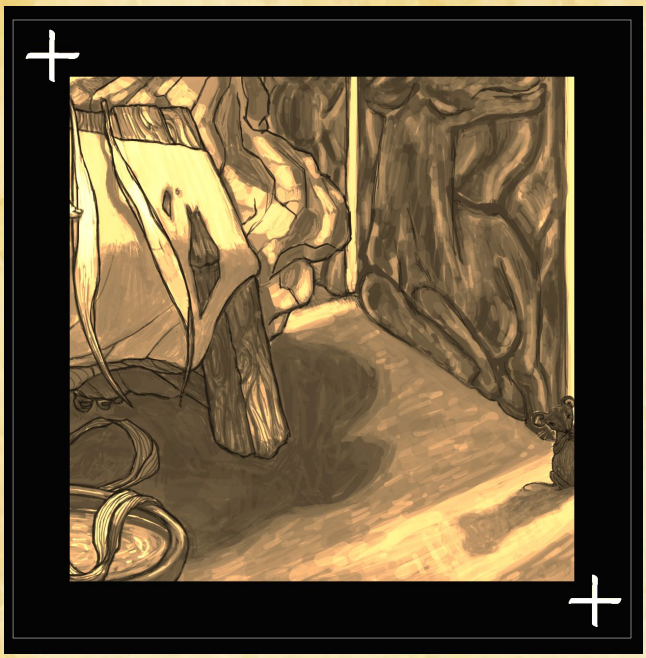


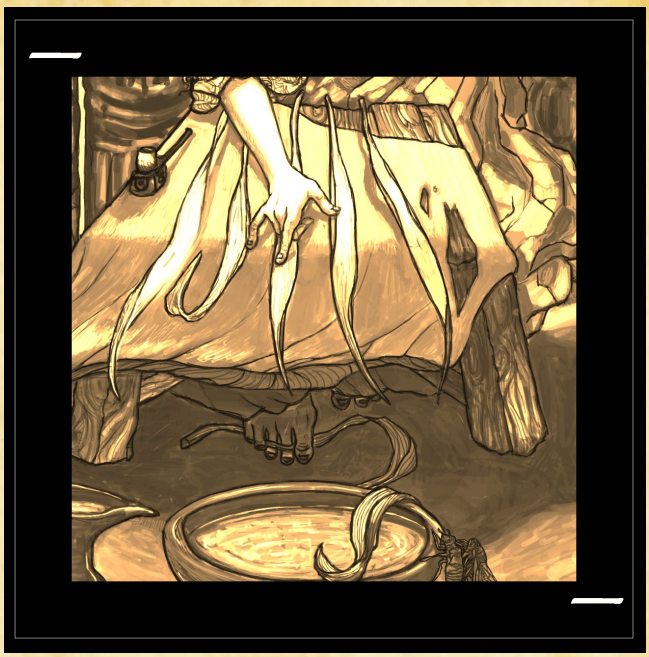
Spider and Turtle

Positive: *there's no better mother than the spider, willing to be eaten by her own offspring to allow its survival; the Great Mother approves of you.*
Negative: *the ancient tartaroukhos slowly crawled its way out of Tartarus, in Hell, to bring you bad luck.*

After shuffling the deck, think about your question and pick seven cards; arrange them on the reading table, paying attention to only show their backs.
When you feel ready, flip the cards!







Mouse and Cicada

Positive: *if the humble mouse visits your house, you have Apollo's favours!*
Negative: *the Goddess of Dawn granted Her lover, Tithonus, his wish of immortality; he forgot to ask for eternal youth, though: unable to die, he was transmuted into a cicada that will sing at the first sunlight.*





Apollo, the Sun Bearer

Positive: *periodically the God visits Sybil with his True Light: from the second half of the sixth of each month, brighter during the seventh, you can still see Him for the first half of the eighth day.*
Negative: *when the Sun Bearer looks away, there's only misfortune.*

Future

The Oracle is meant to be readable by everyone with a little mathematical training. It's based on the concept of plus and minus and how their interaction can generate positive or negative outcomes.
You'll notice that on each card's upper left and lower right angle there's a symbol, a minus or a plus.
To understand how to read their succession on the table, we will follow the simple rule:

(+ +) equals (+) (- -) equals (+)

(+ -) equals (-) (- +) equals (-)

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Symbols sequence: _____

Result: _____

Notes: _____



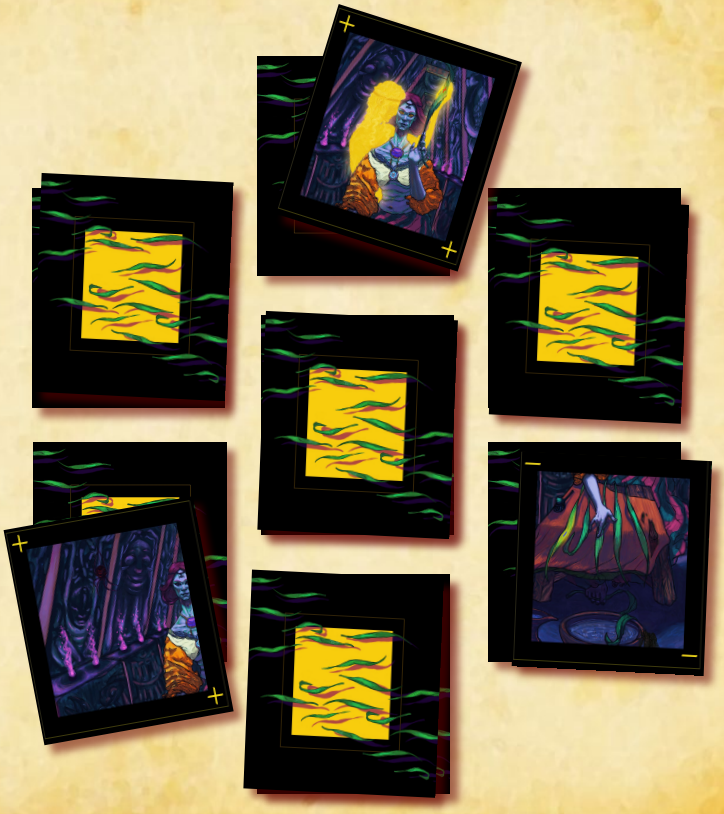
Now let's take note of the symbols, reading from top left: - + + + - - +.
For more clarity we will separate them using parenthesis, then resolve the sequence:
(-+) (++) (--) (+)
(-) (+) (+) (+)
(-+) (++)
(-) (+) = (-)
The result of this reading is negative/no.

Reading your Oracle: expert mode

Prepare the cards in seven stacks of two: the negative and positive version of the same card as specified in the 'Past' section of this booklet.

In absence of the mythical corridor's winds, shuffle each deck till you forget what's in it, or ask a friendly hand to rearrange the deck's cards for you.

Pick one card from each deck and proceed to take note, resolve and read your Oracle's response!



Thank you very much for collecting this edition of the Oracle!



Enjoy your time with Sybil, and may the Goddesses and Gods be with you.

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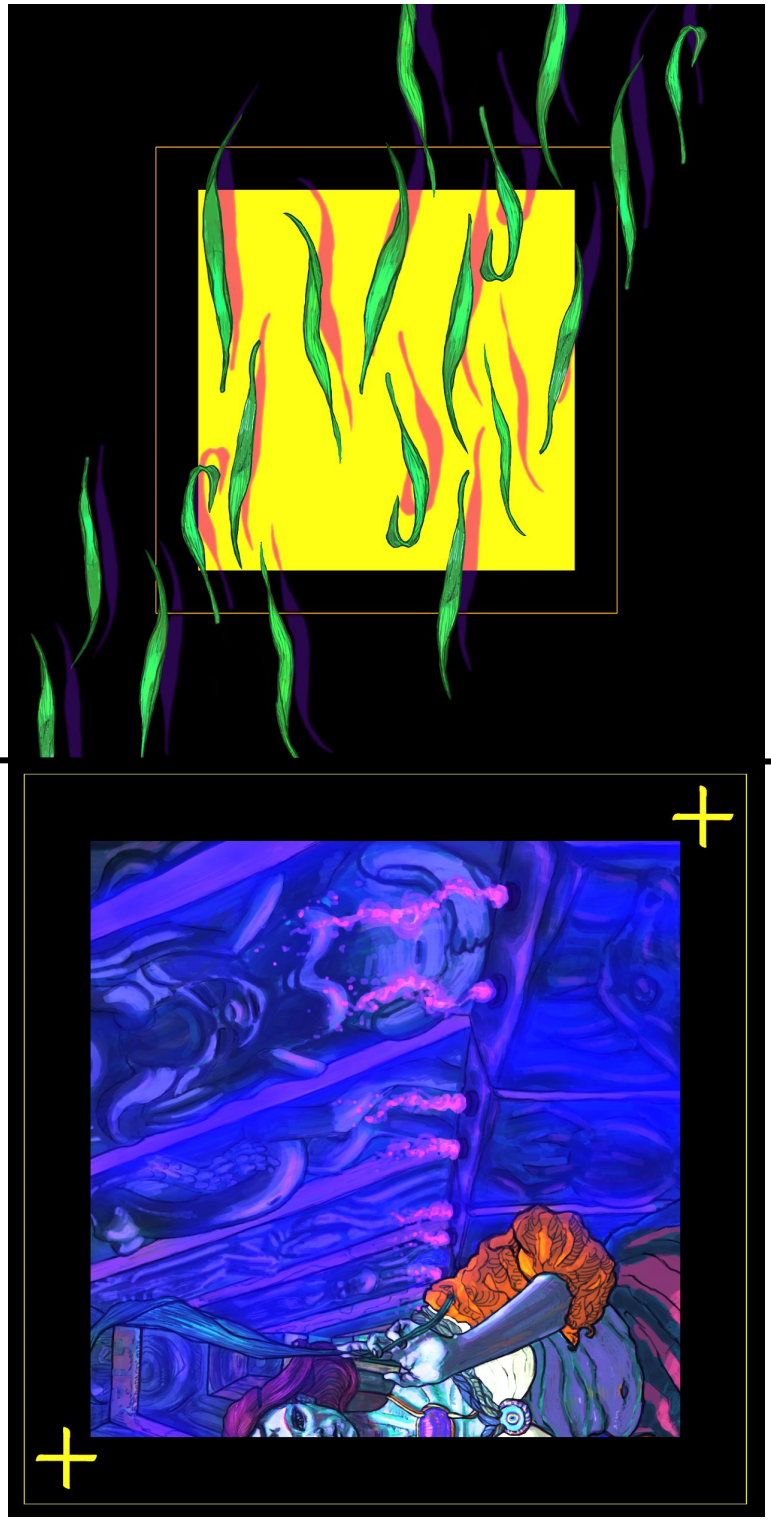
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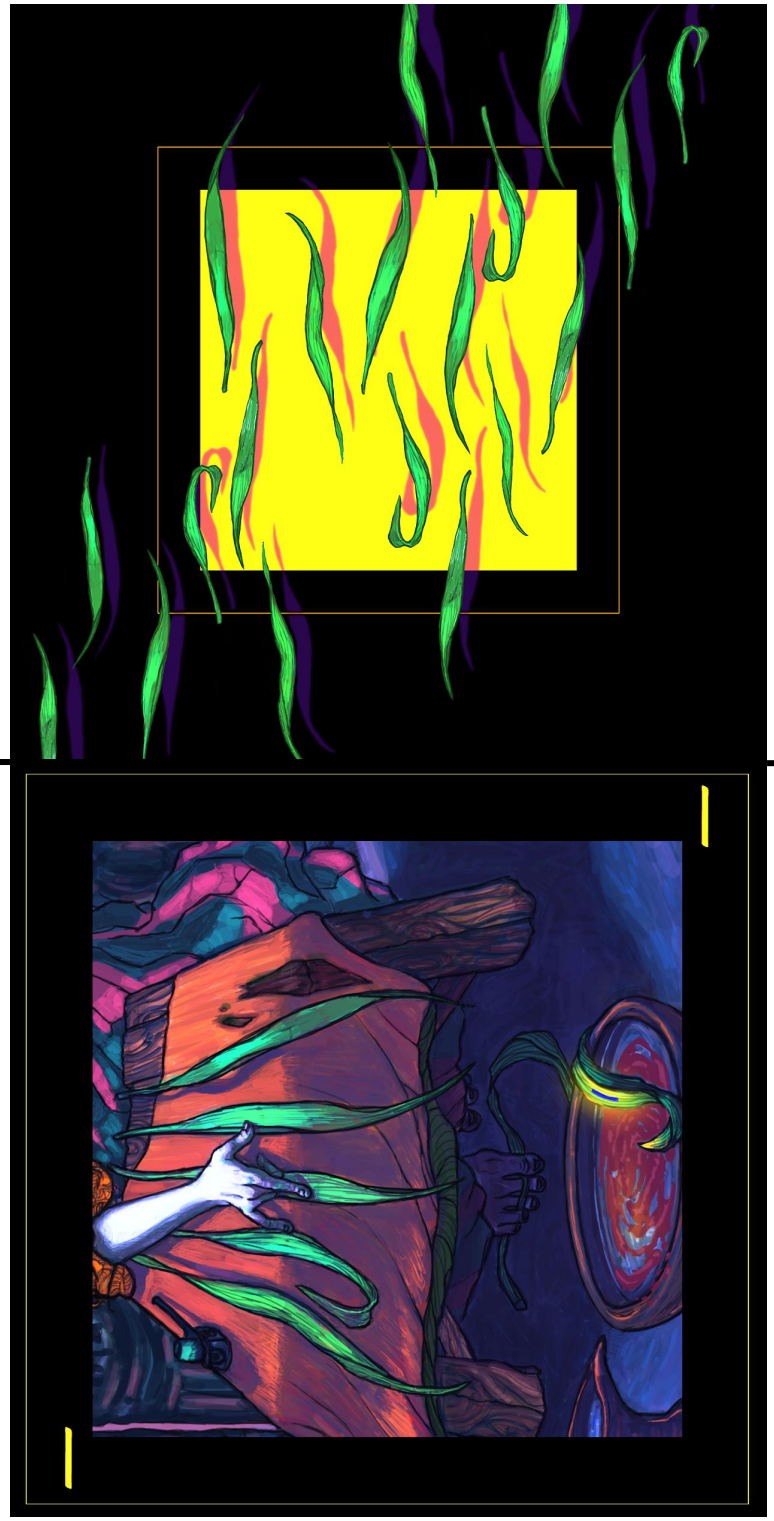
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14 printable cards

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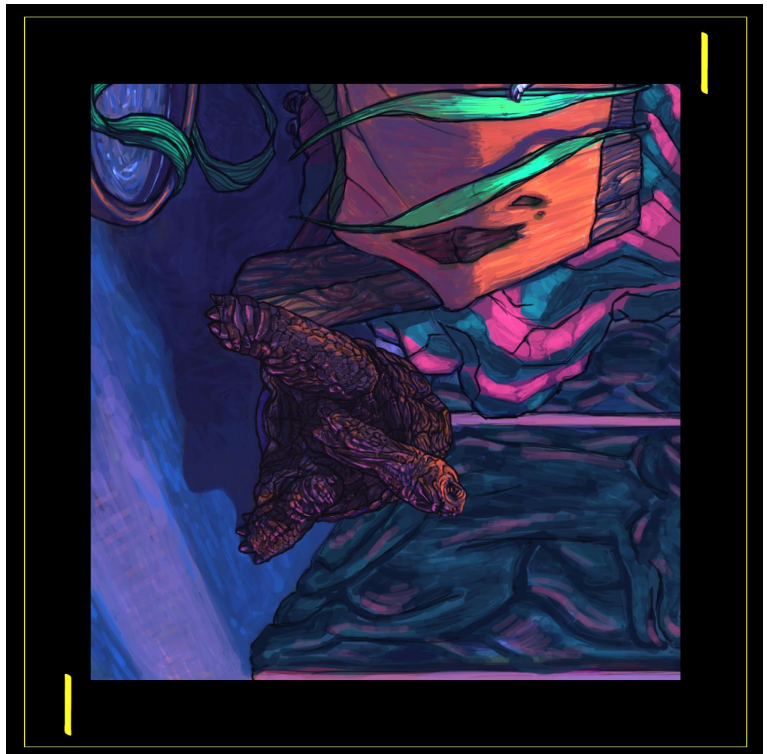
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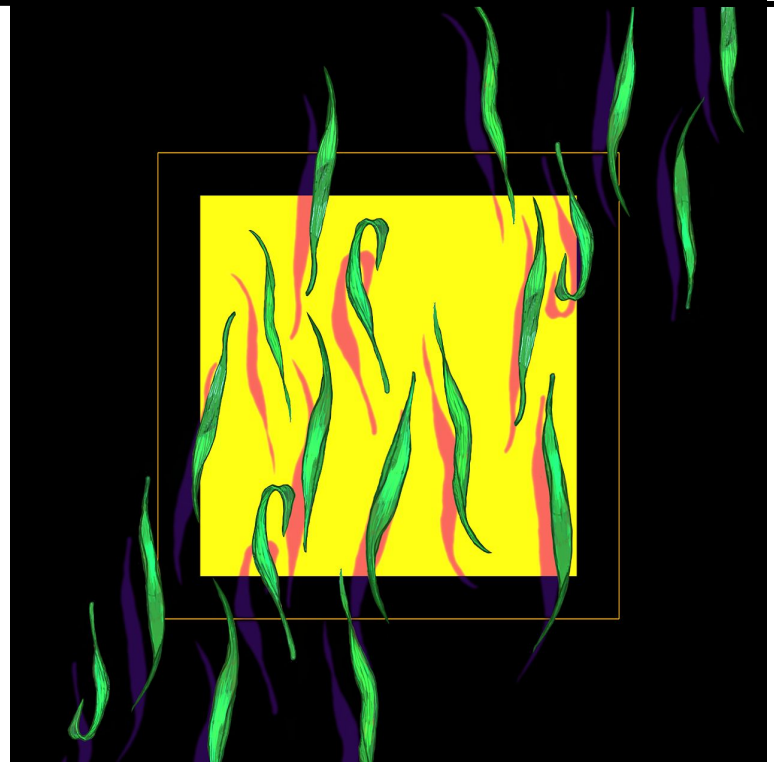
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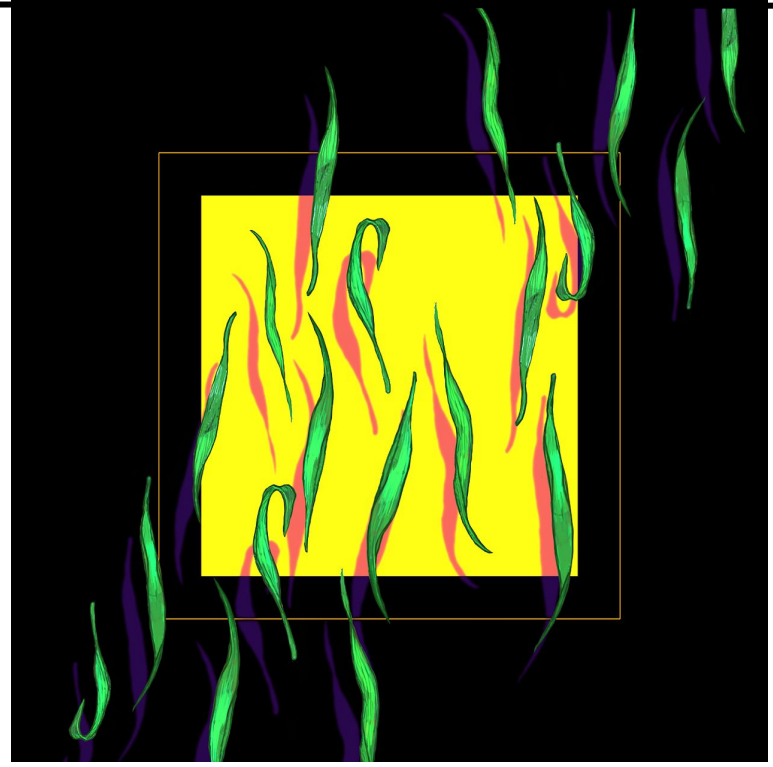
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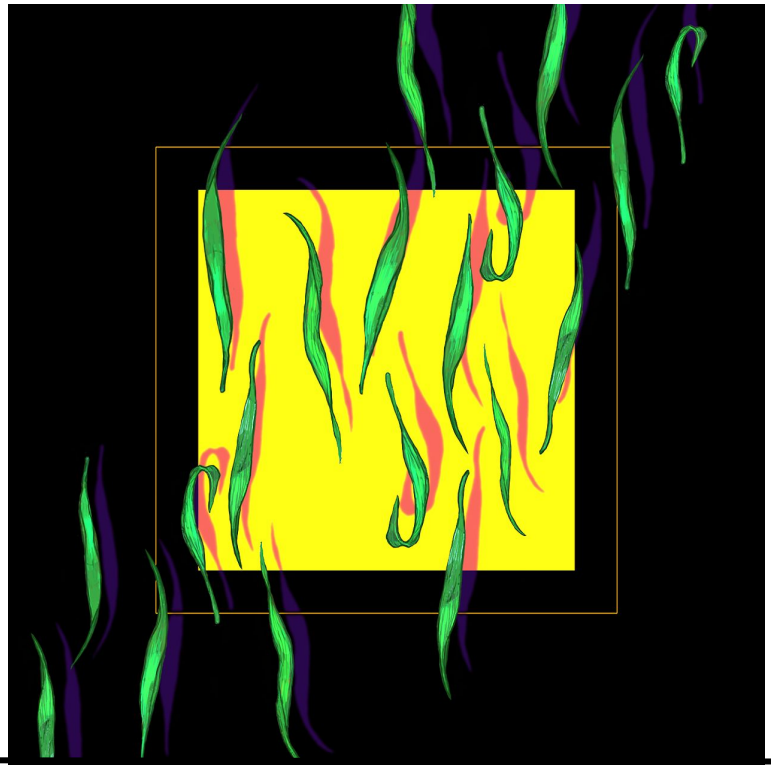




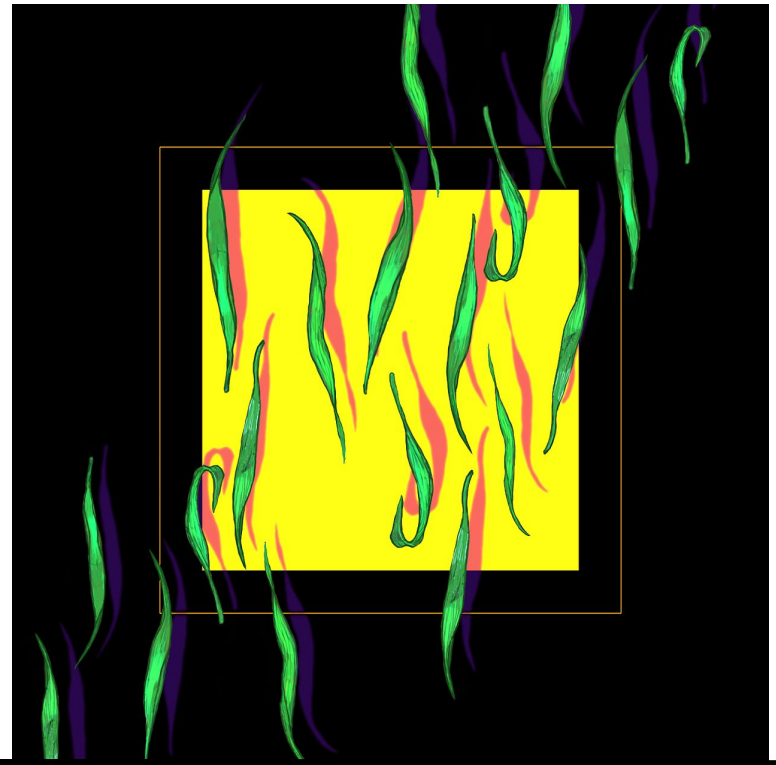


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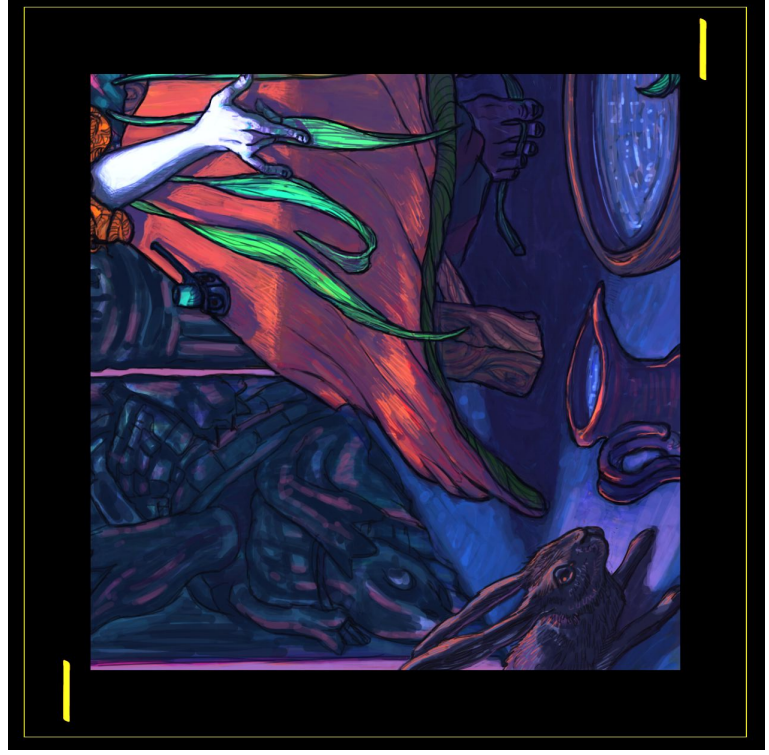
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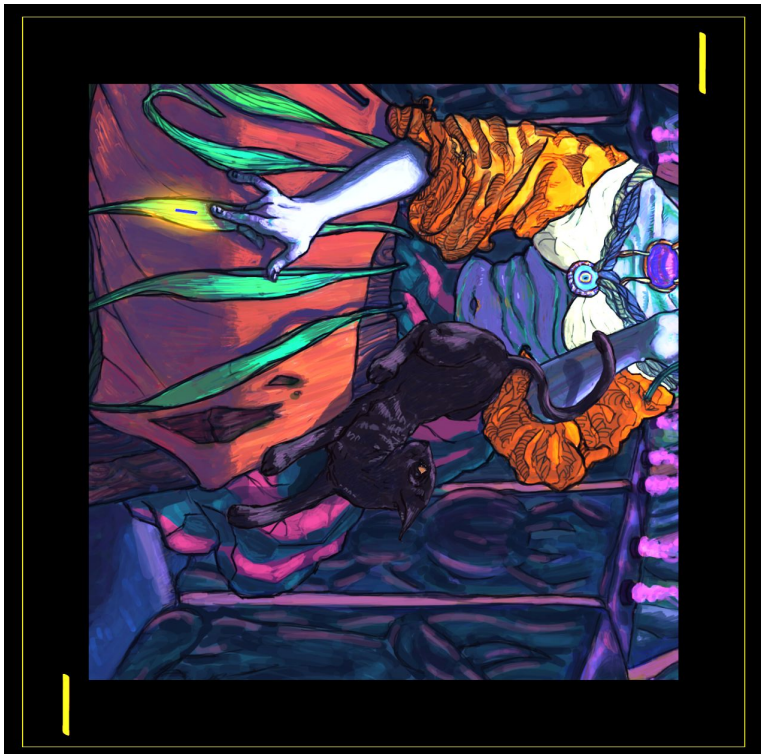






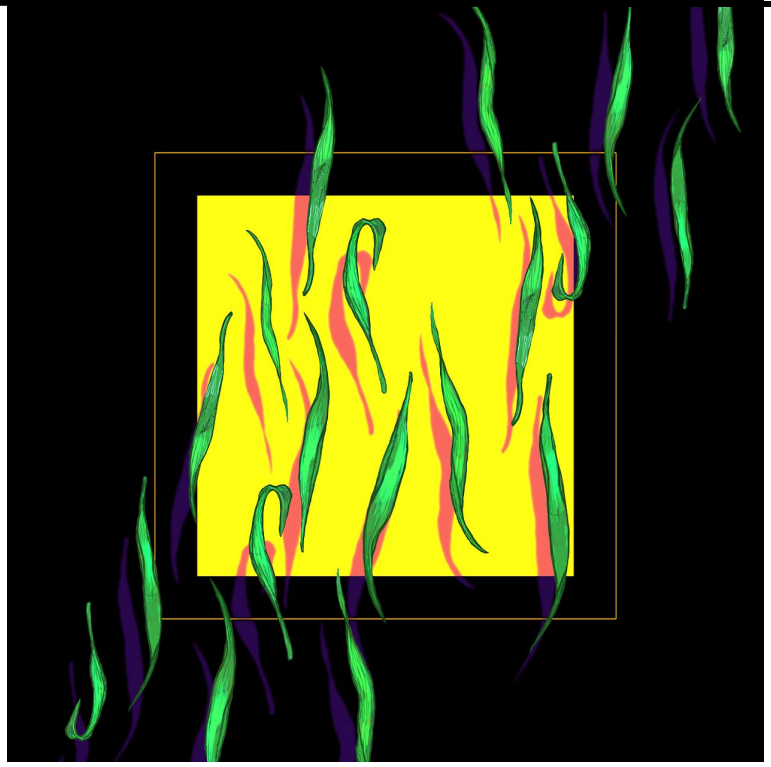
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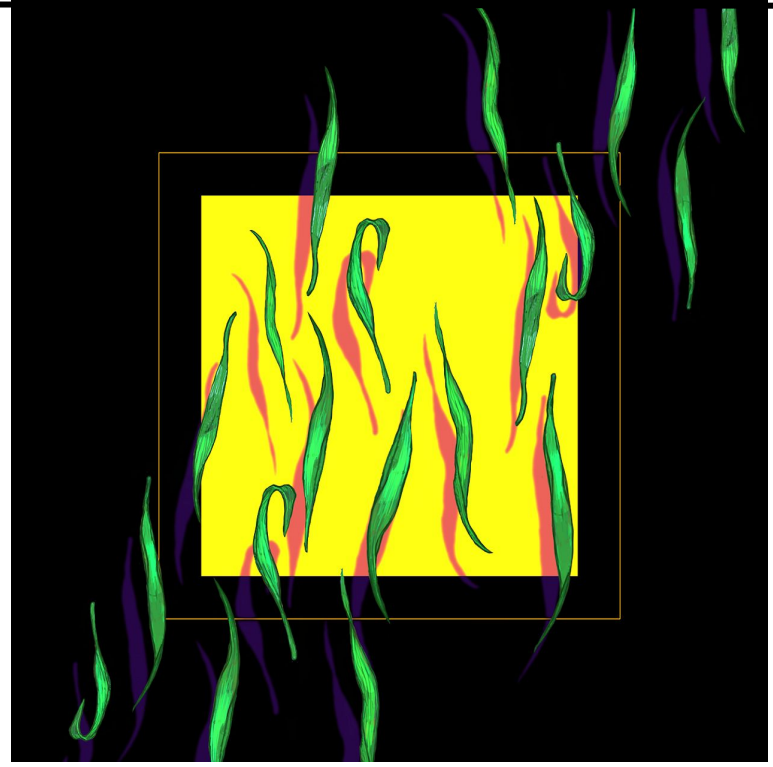
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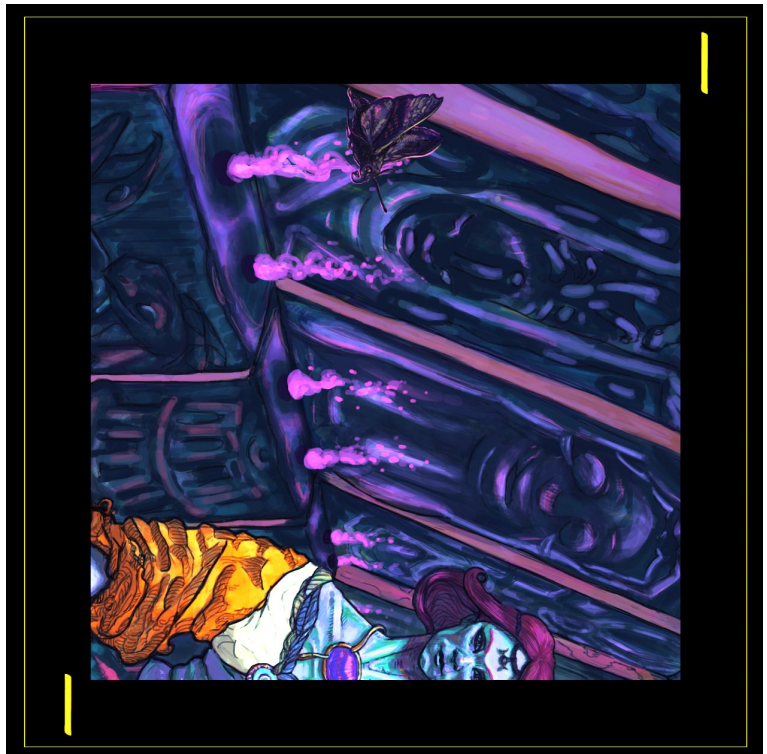






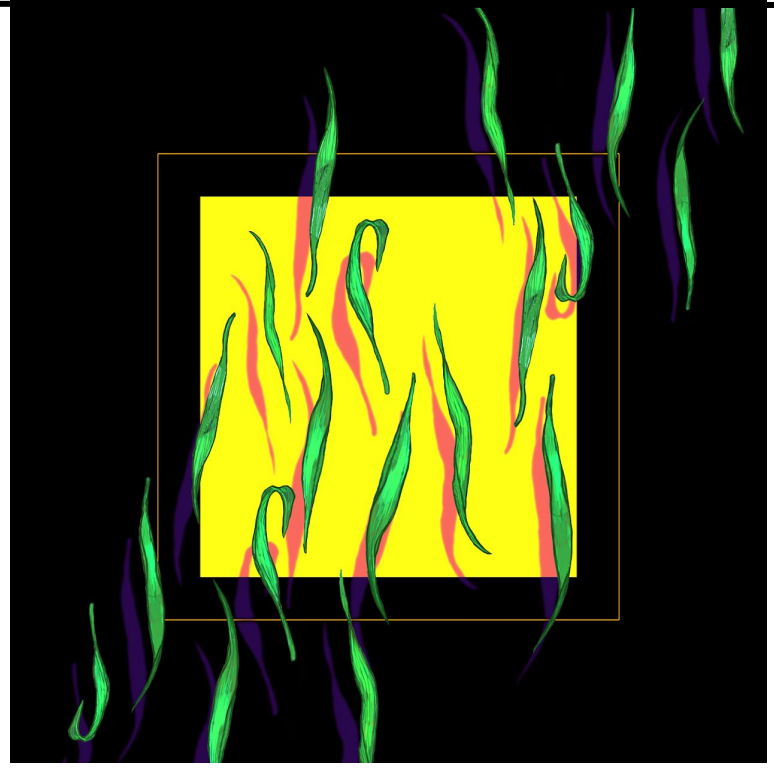
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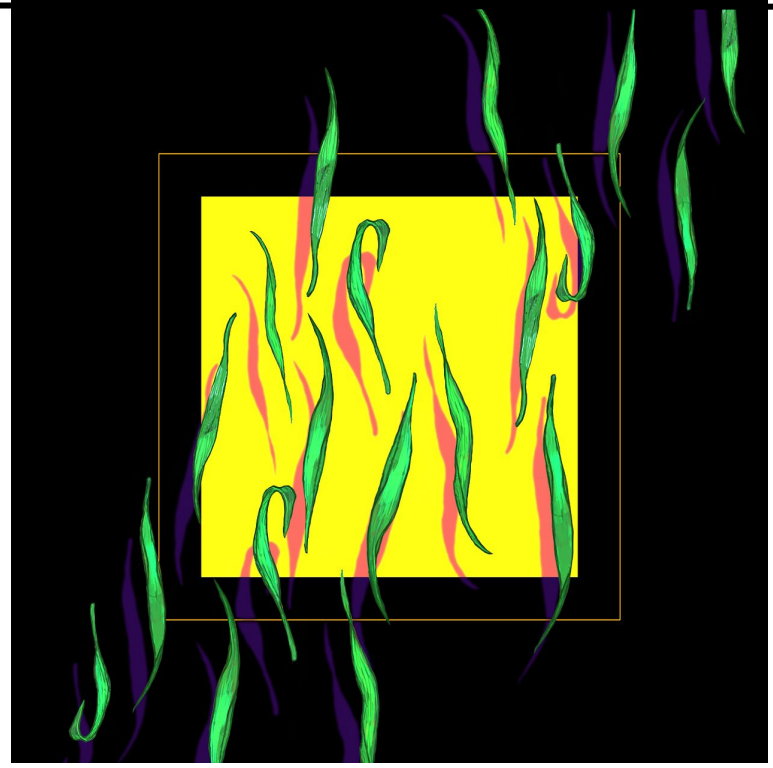
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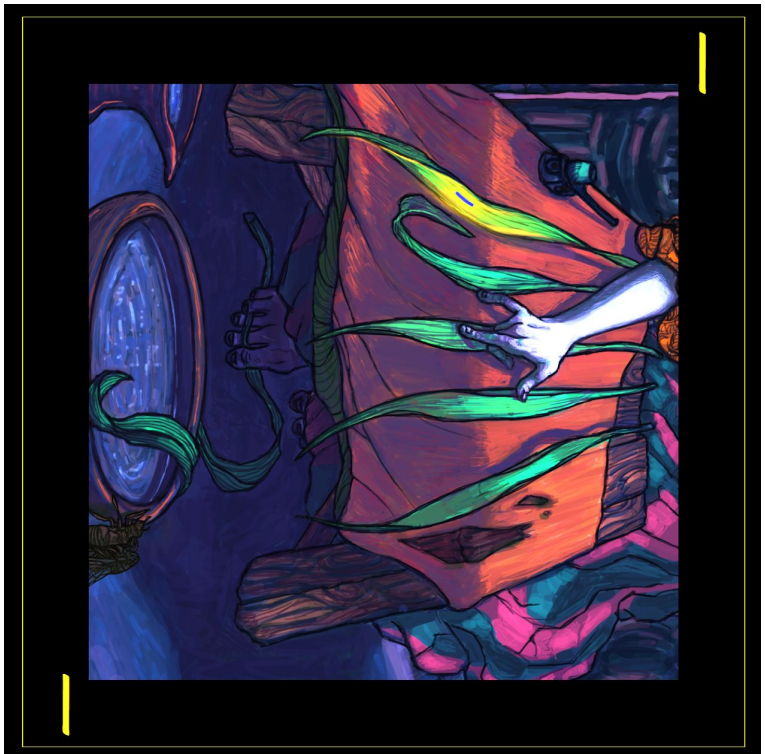




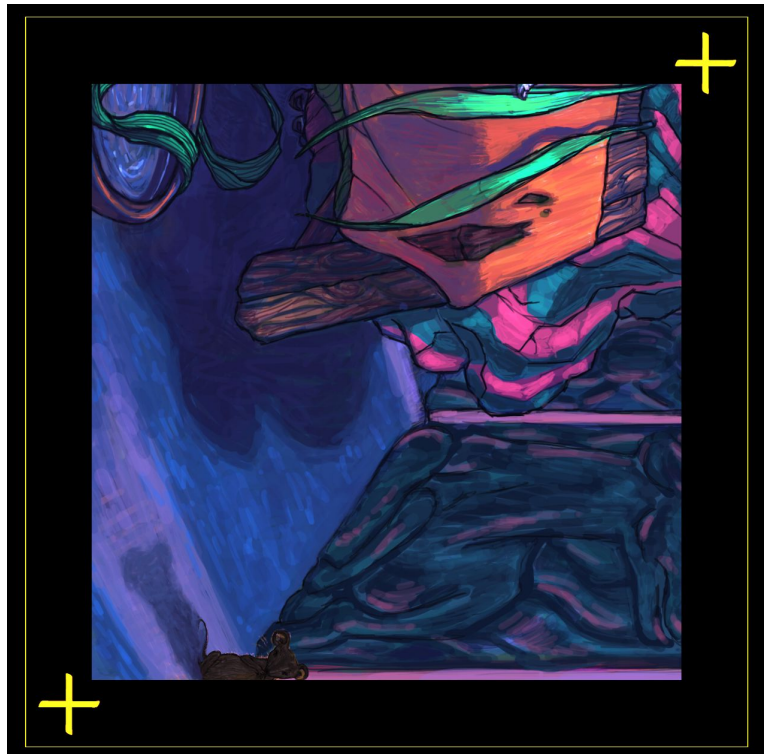


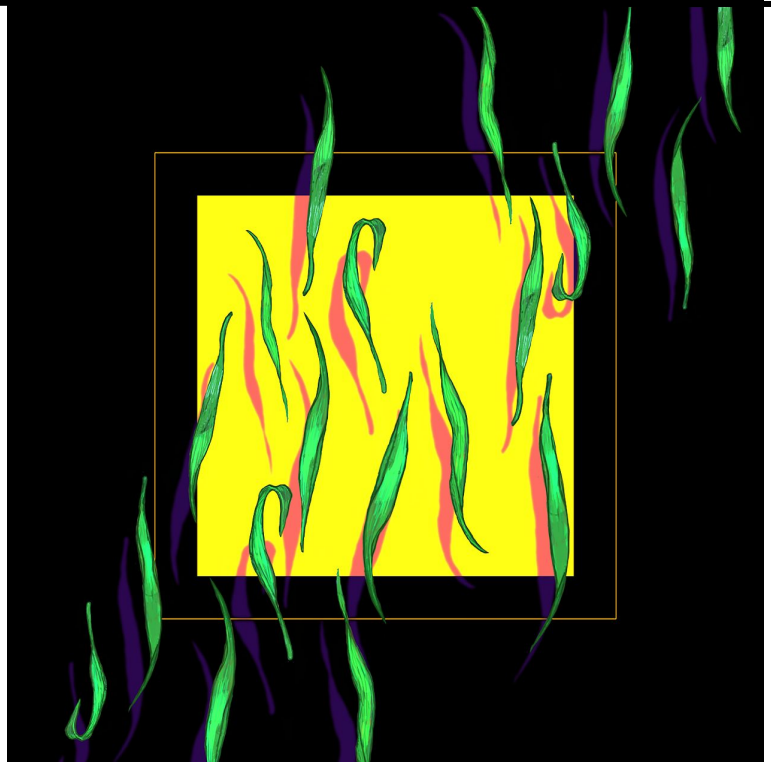
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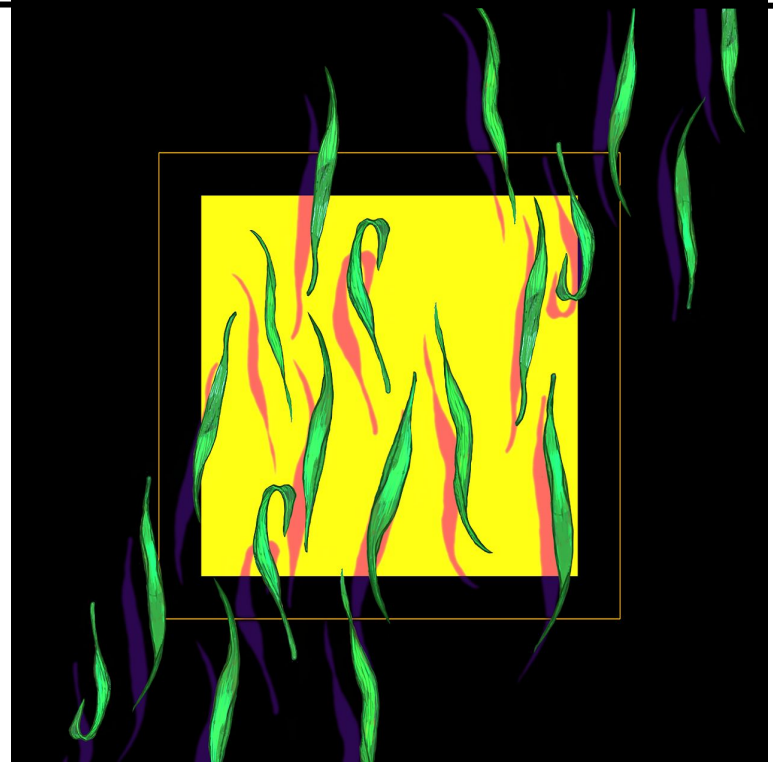
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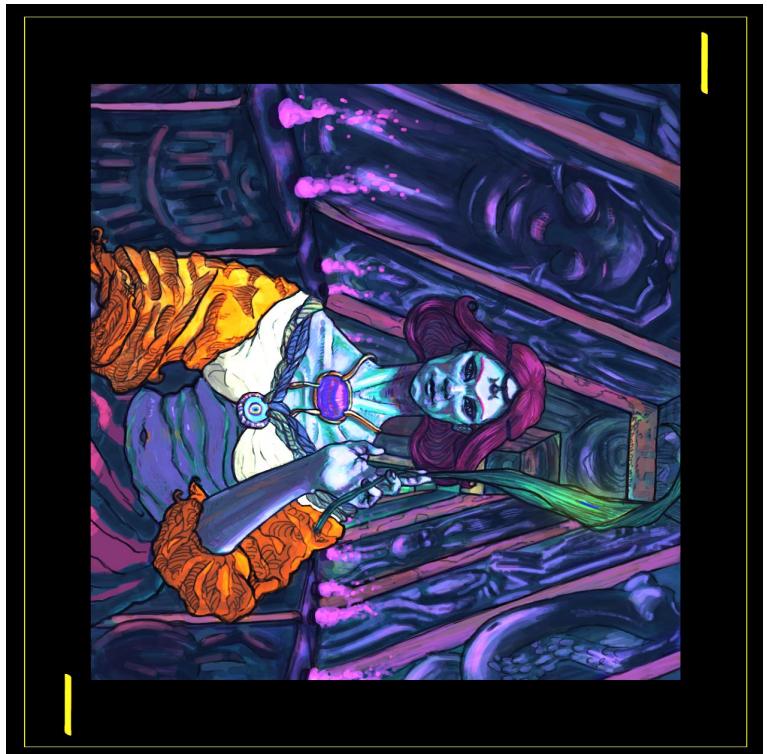


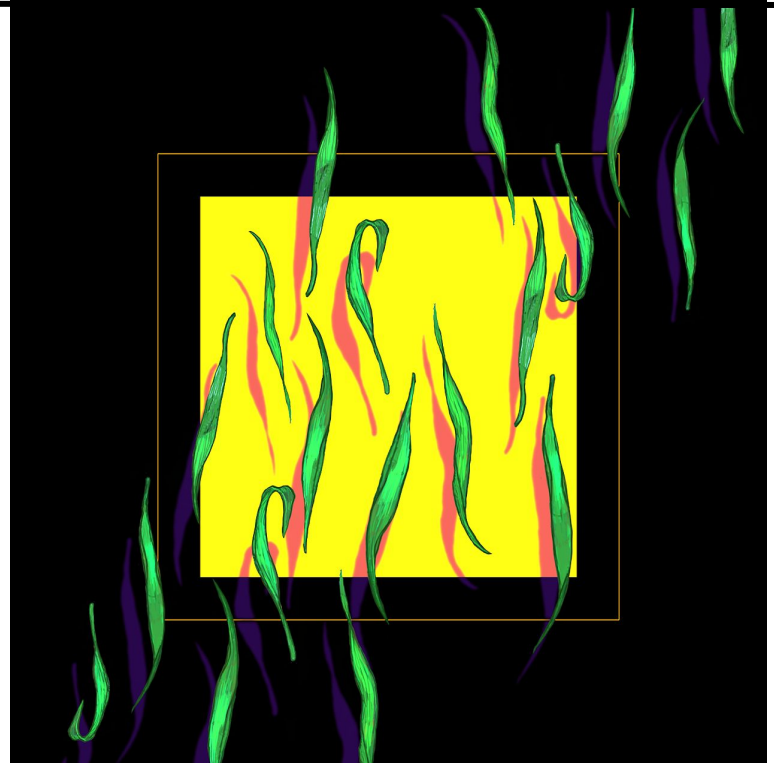




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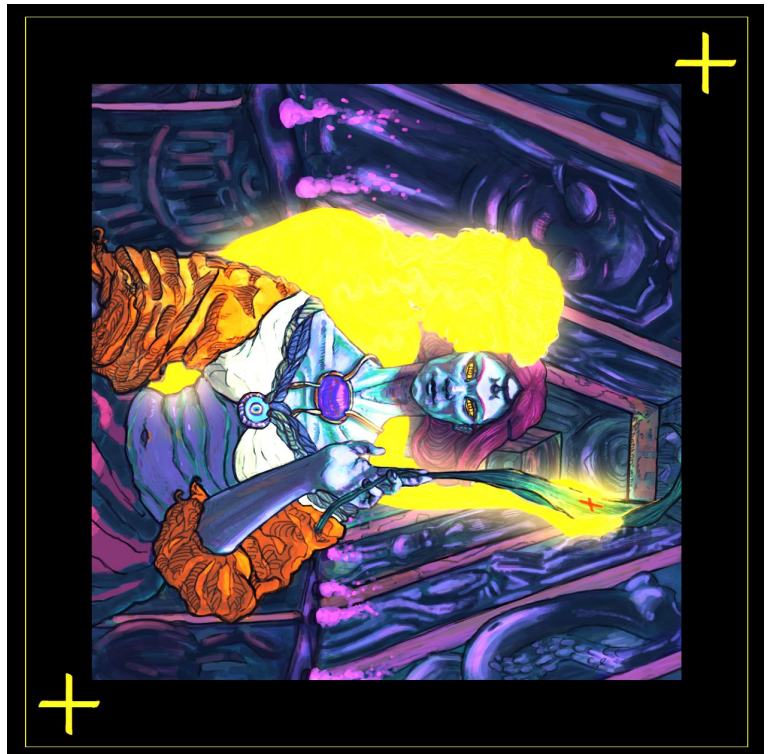
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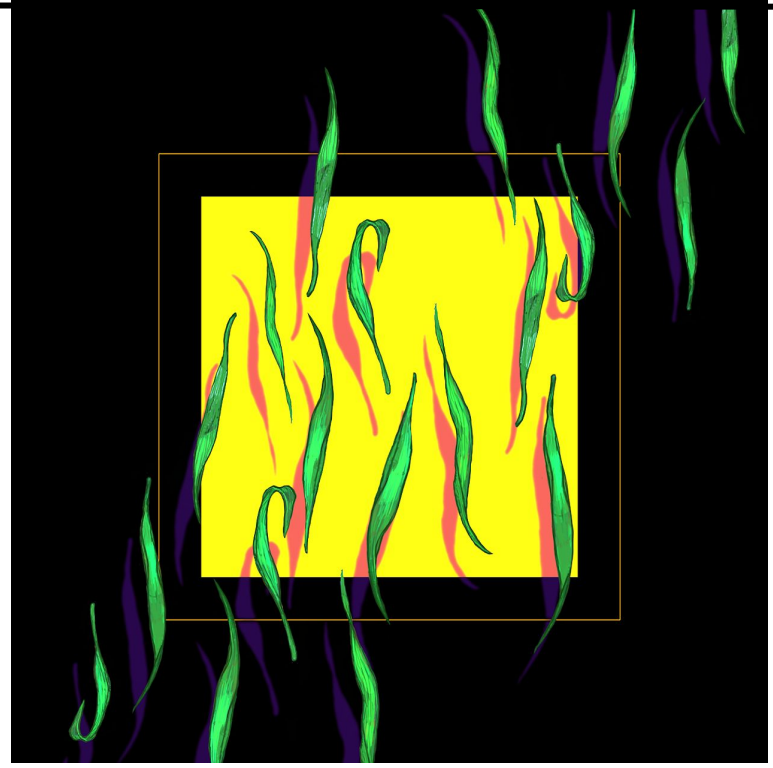




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