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Hi! My name's Irene, I'm 27 years old and I'm an Italian illustrator and toy designer.

I recently achieved the II Level Degree in Editorial Illustration at the Academy of Fine Arts in Macerata, Italy.

I previously got my I Level Academic Degree at the same academy; in 2023 I attended the toys design specialization course by the Italian Design Institute.

I love coffee, Disney songs and post-its. Especially post-its.



WELCOME TO MY PORTFOLIO!

Here I collected some projects I started and I would like to work on or upgrade: maybe with you! It could be cool.

Just a few images, so you can have a look at my style, which takes origin from the vitality and the enthusiasm that I try to communicate and live.

By the way, I'd be happy to join some new projects.

You're going to find an animation short too: just a little experiment with movement, I hope you like it.

And paper-engineering. Paper is amazing.

My aim and joy is creating funny and as alive as possible characters, telling stories and getting straight to the heart.





UNOALLAVOLTA, 2022, 1'34"

What about a cappelletto(italian pasta) lip-syncing opera?
This short is a tribute to the tradition of Marche, the italian
region where I live; dedicated to the ones who cook with
love.

The film is included in "Corti in Mostra", Pesaro Film Festival
2022.

Have a look:

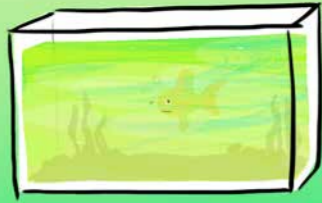
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UN ACQUARIO SOSPETTO...

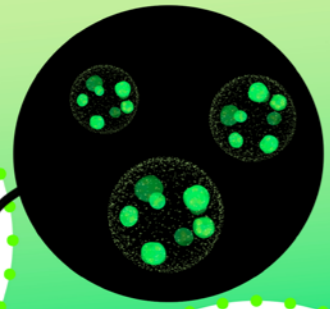


Se hai un acquario e non lo pulisci troppo spesso, è probabile che tu l'abbia visto in queste condizioni! Ma non tutto è come sembra. Non è semplicemente acqua sporca, quella che vedi: si è sviluppata un'alga, l'alga **Volvox**! Ma com'è fatta quest'alga, e perché sembra essere così particolare? Per scoprirlo dobbiamo prelevare un campione e osservarlo al **microscopio**!



BOLLE, ALGHE O PALLONI?

Non somiglia affatto alle alghe che trovi in spiaggia! Le alghe volvox sono infatti alghe unicellulari che si uniscono in **colonie** fino a formare una sorta di sfera gelatinosa. Può essere formata da 500, fino a 50000 cellule!

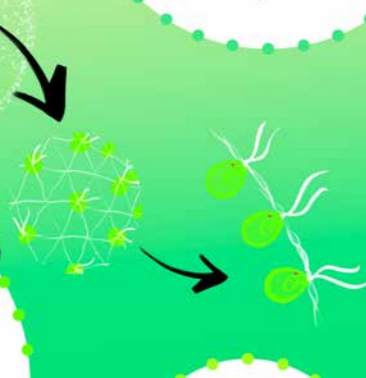


Si muovono nuotando nell'**acqua**, e sembra proprio che fluttuino rotolando nello spazio!

GUARDA IL VIDEO!
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6D9U0u07E46t53s>

Ogni cellula **comunica** con l'altra, e ha una sorta di radar che percepisce la direzione da cui proviene la **luce**. Tutta la sfera nuota in quella direzione!

La bolla esterna è formata da un **reticolo di cellule interconnesse** tra loro grazie a sottili filamenti di citoplasma, secondo uno schema a esagono. Ogni cellula ha due code per nuotare!



All'interno della sfera invece, si formano le **colonie figlie**, a partire da una cellula che cresce fino a staccarsi e poi inizia a dividersi!

Le nuove cellule si associano creando una colonia figlia. Ogni colonia genitore può contenere fino a 20 colonie figlie, che possono contenere a loro volta delle **colonie nipoti**!



Raggiunta una certa età, la colonia genitore si apre per dare alla luce le figlie!

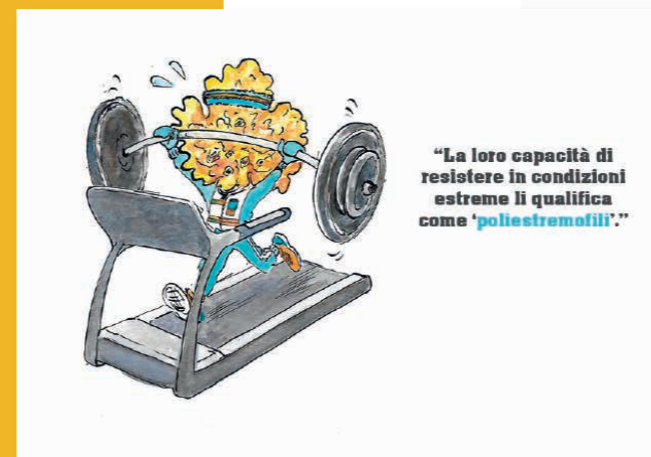
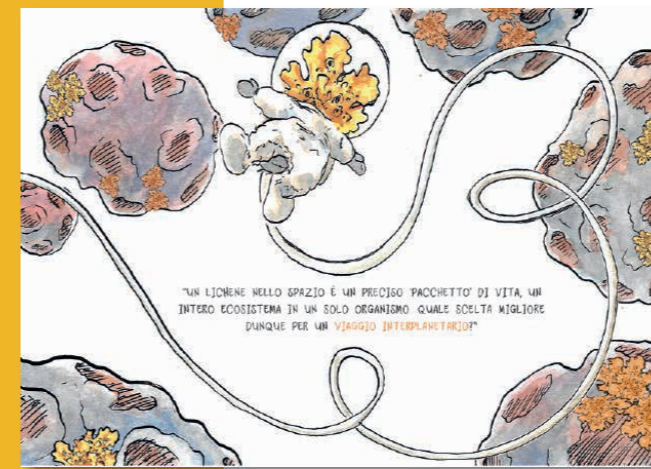
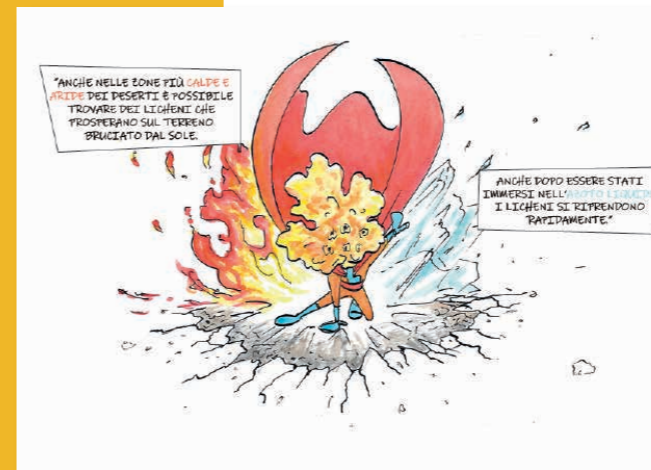
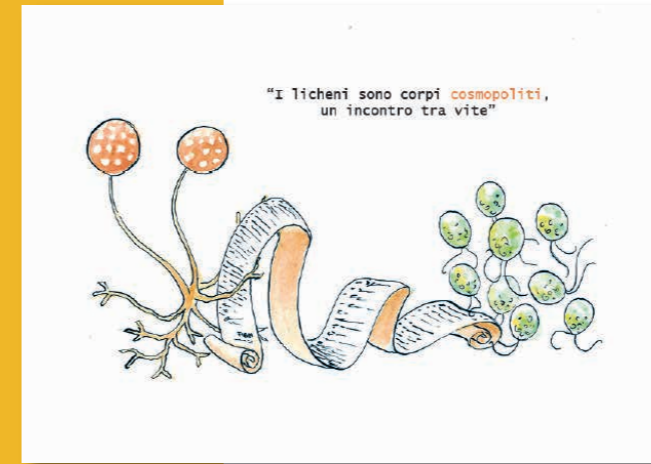
PHYLLO'S TIPS

Phyllo the algae will guide you in your adventure in the microscopic world.

In this episode we can see Volvox algae, a curious algae balloon-shaped!

(to say the truth, it is a colony of unicellular algae held together by cytoplasmic filaments which swim and bounce)

An idea imagined for an App, but -why not?- it could appear in a science book.



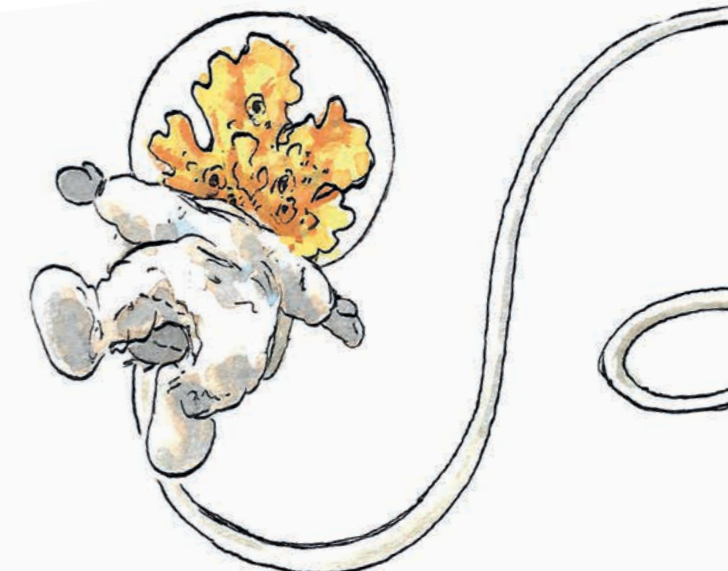
SCIENCECARDS

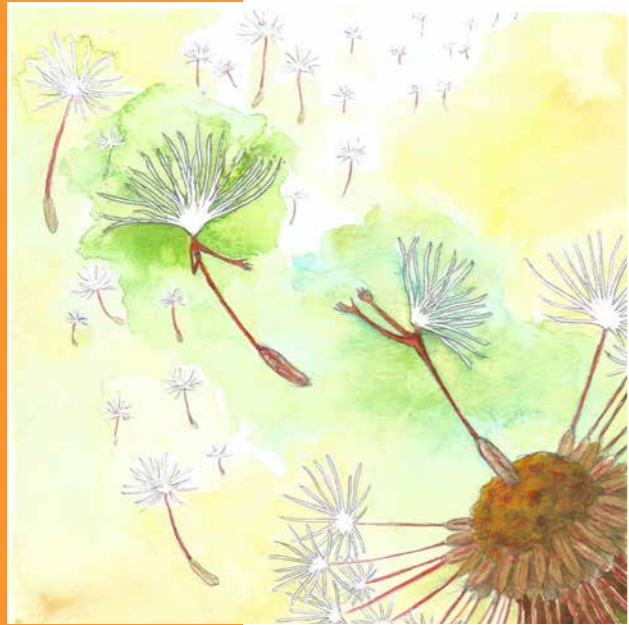
Postcards for little and older scientists.

This ink and watercolor series is about the incredible world of lichen. Did you know that lichen is made of a coalization of algae and fungi? And that it's resistant to both cold and high temperature?

Super-strong, this amazing organism: it's been launched into space!

Every series is dedicated to a different science character, the perfect gift for passionate friends!





LITTLE FLYING THINGS

Snowflakes-dancers, kind paper planes in the sky, a feather vessel floating into sunset. And what about a city in each soap bubble? And does dandelion clocks have time to say goodbye before being puffed away?

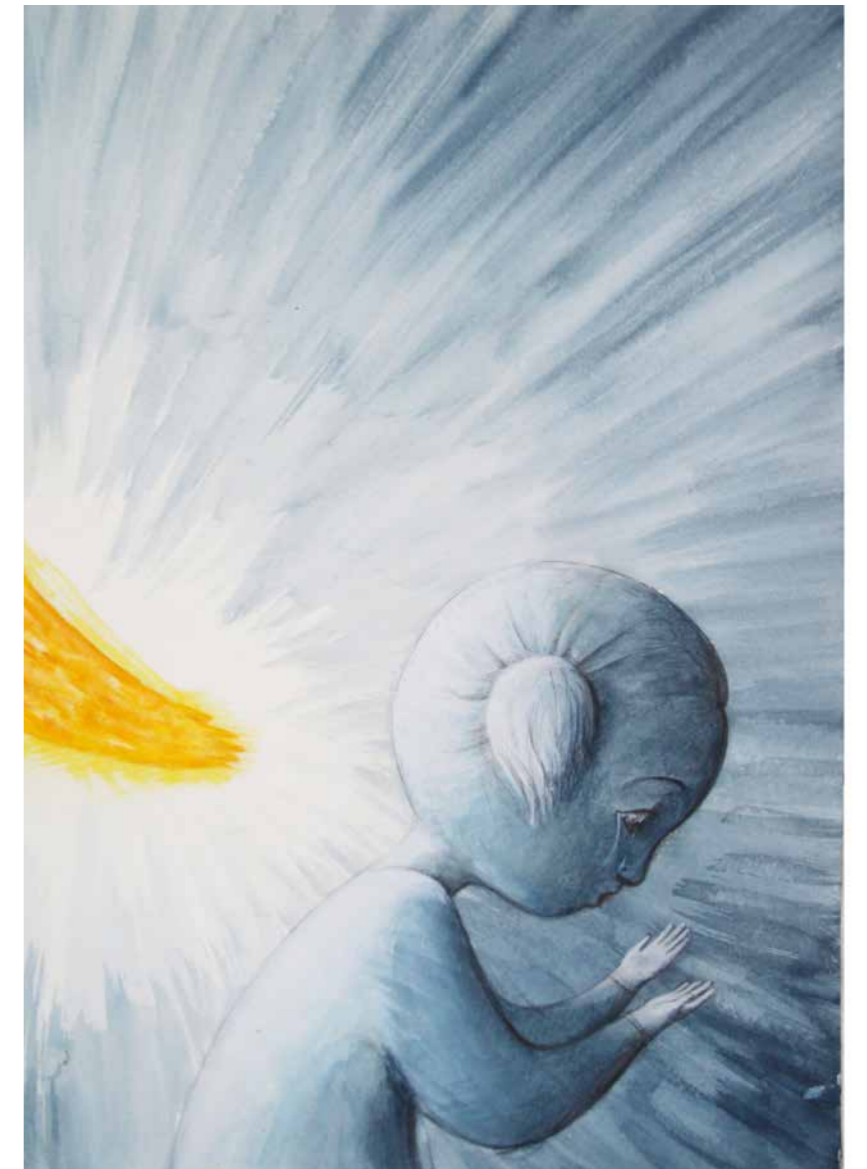
I imagined there is a little, magic world in all the little flying things.

This is an old project that I'd like to redraw.



THE CHILD AND THE STAR

Trying to tell the pain of a farewell. But also the certain it will be a goodbye, feeling the living and maybe lighter presence of the ones who seem gone forever.





IL GUFO E IL PALLONCINO ROSSO

Once upon a time a little owl, who decides to try his first flight but...oh no! Something goes wrong: poor him, he falls straight down!

And that's not all: following a delicious smell, he meets other animals, and everyone asks for some help.

But he makes a mess every single time! But after burnt lunches, precious mushrooms destroyed, with a little help everything get fixed.

Until there is a little more complicated task... how to catch a balloon that high?

This book was born as a SILENT POP-UP, it is an animated adventure to discover the importance of failure: a medicine to digest errors, like the spoonful of sugar from Mary Poppins. 'Cause errors are essential and always lead to new discoveries. And sometimes they even make us laugh.

For a booktrailer:

<https://youtu.be/SxvapZcckWU>





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