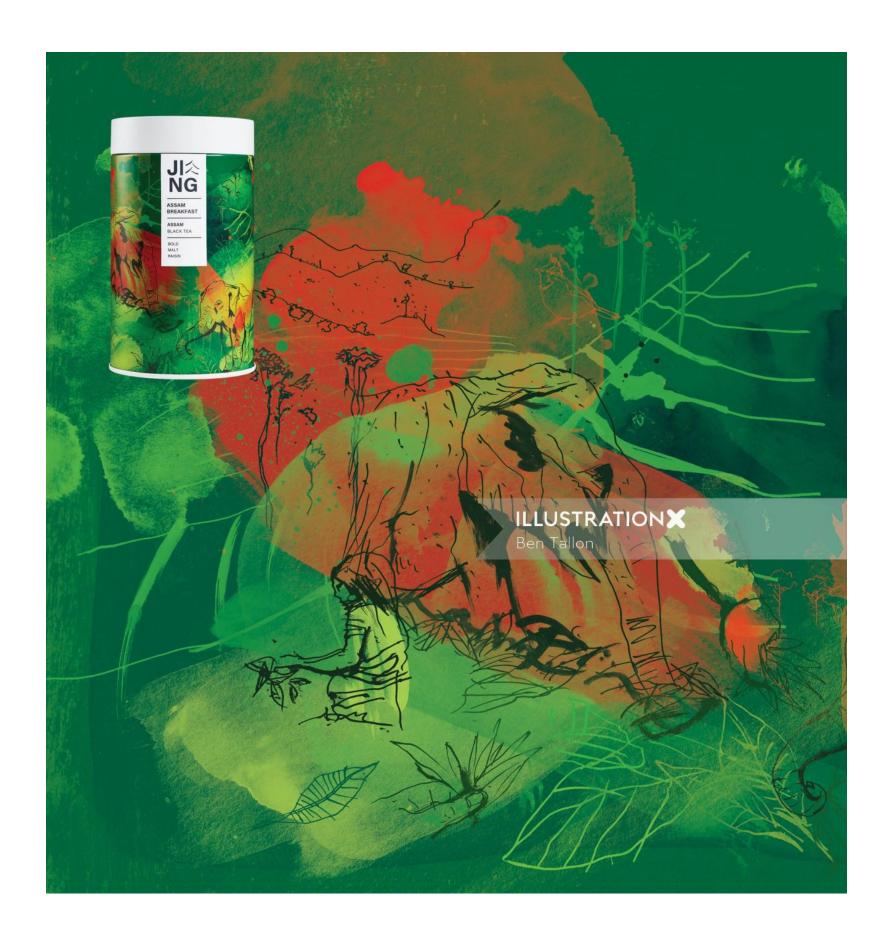
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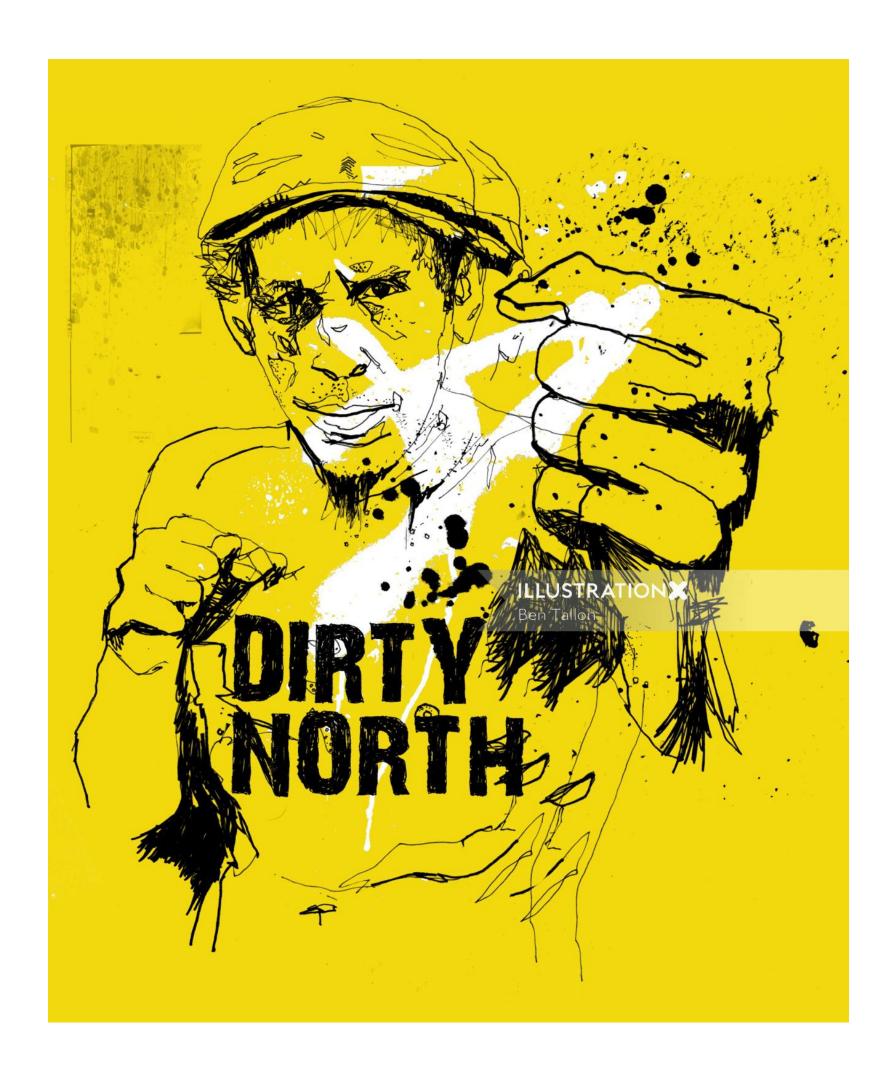












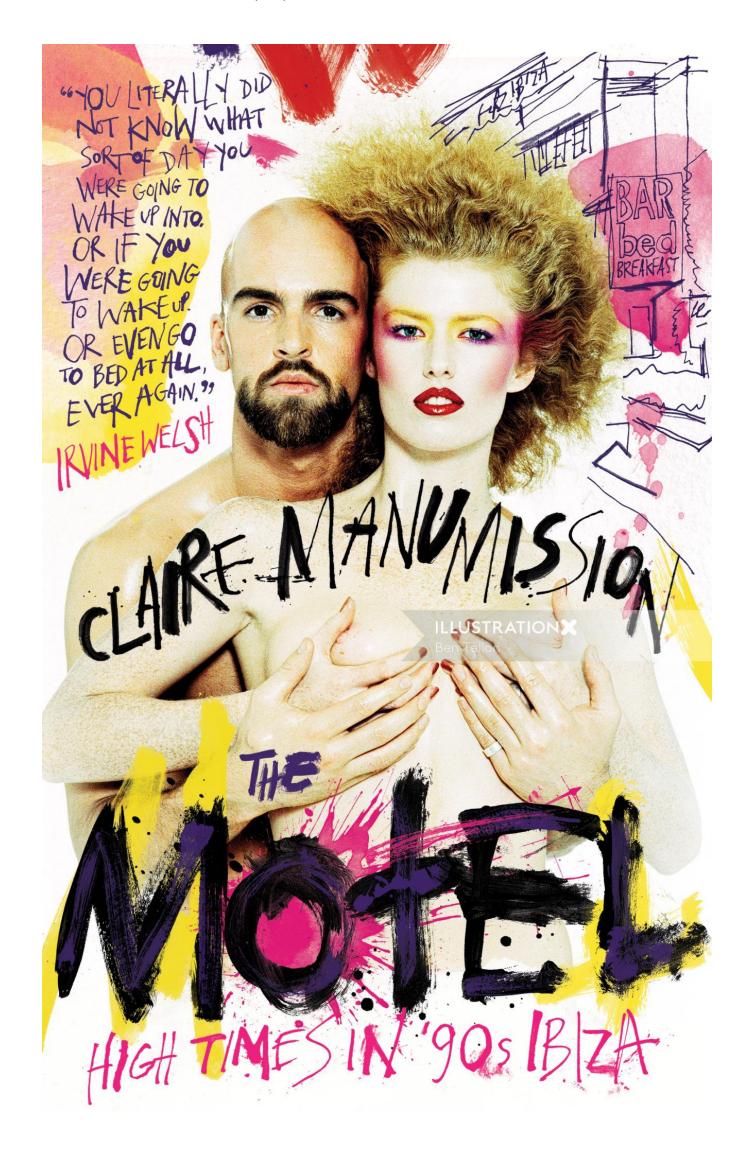




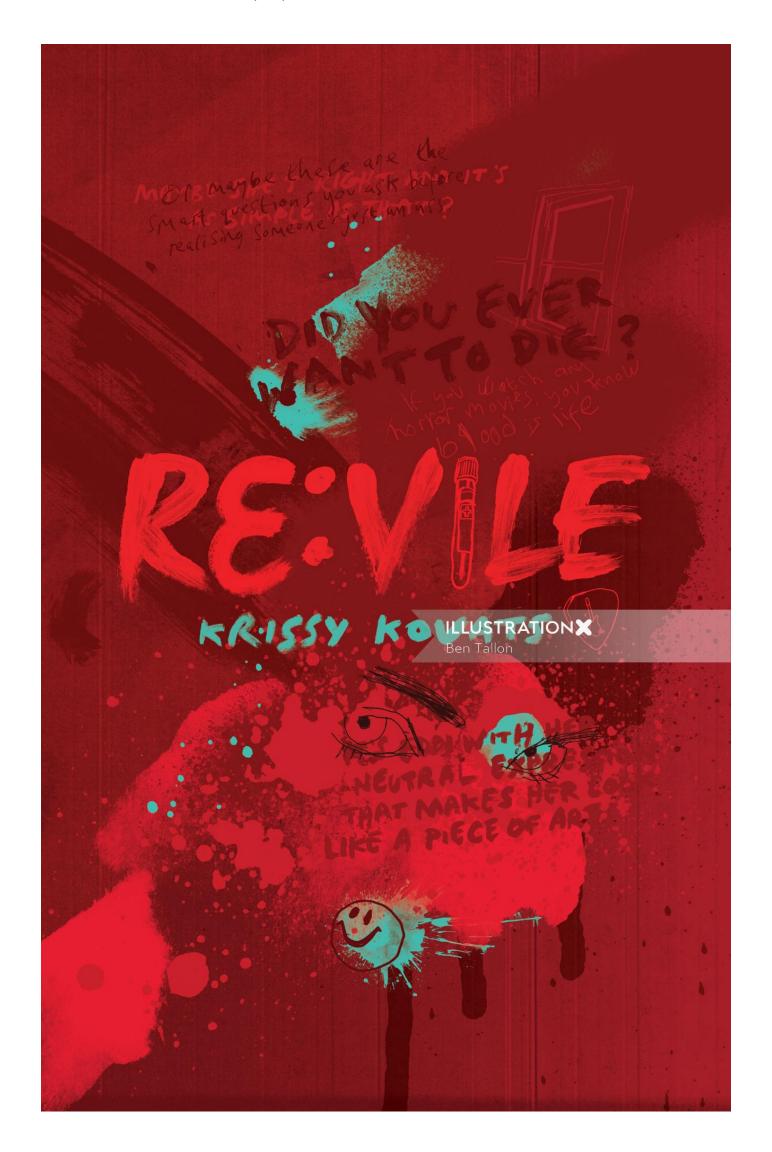








































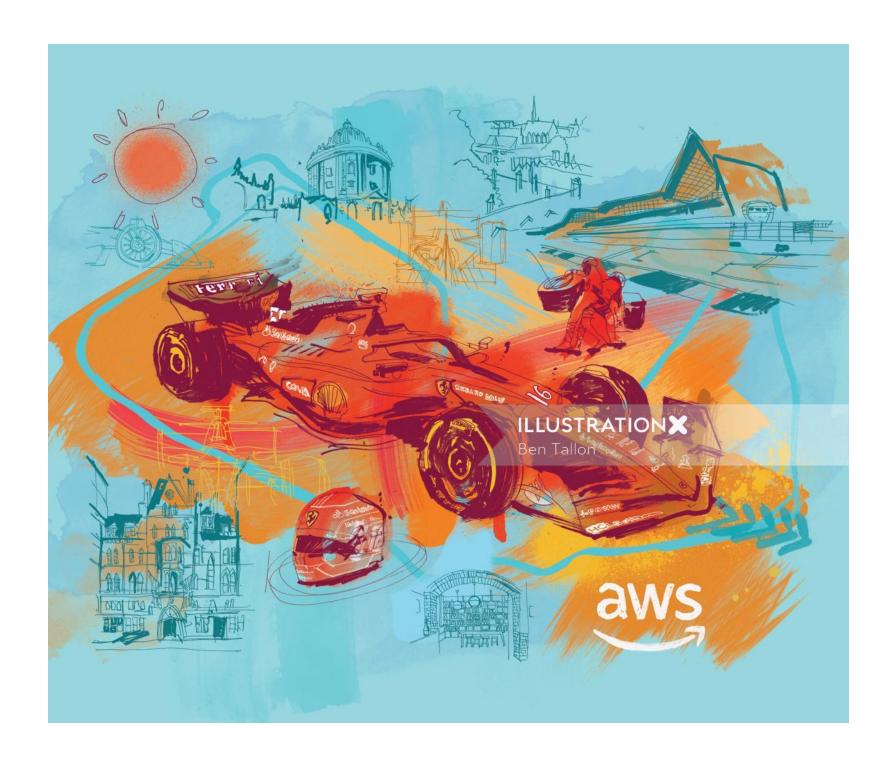




















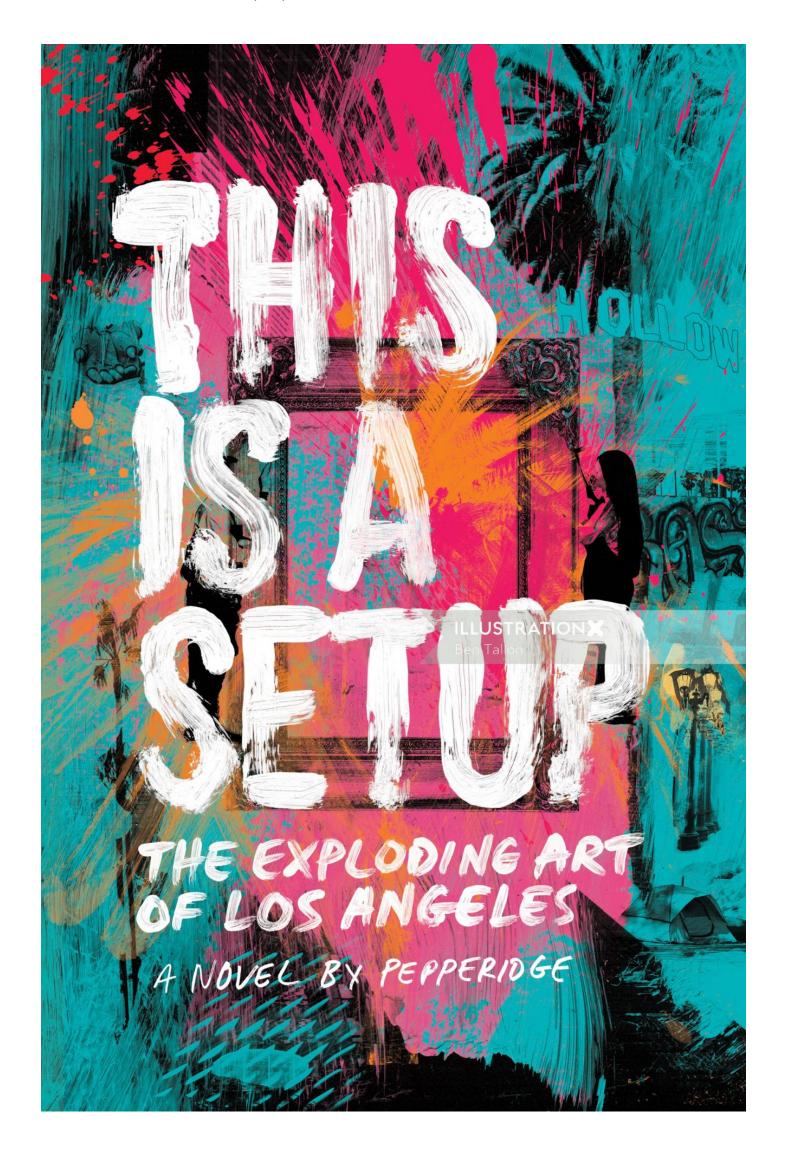




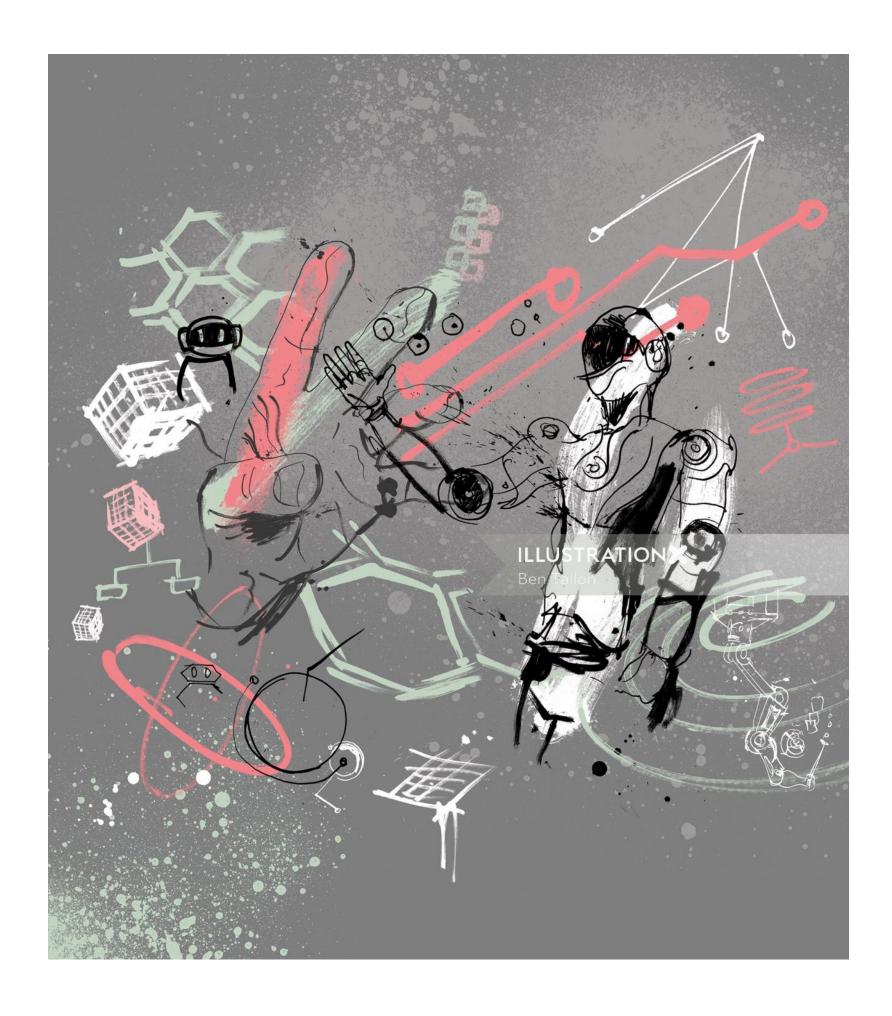




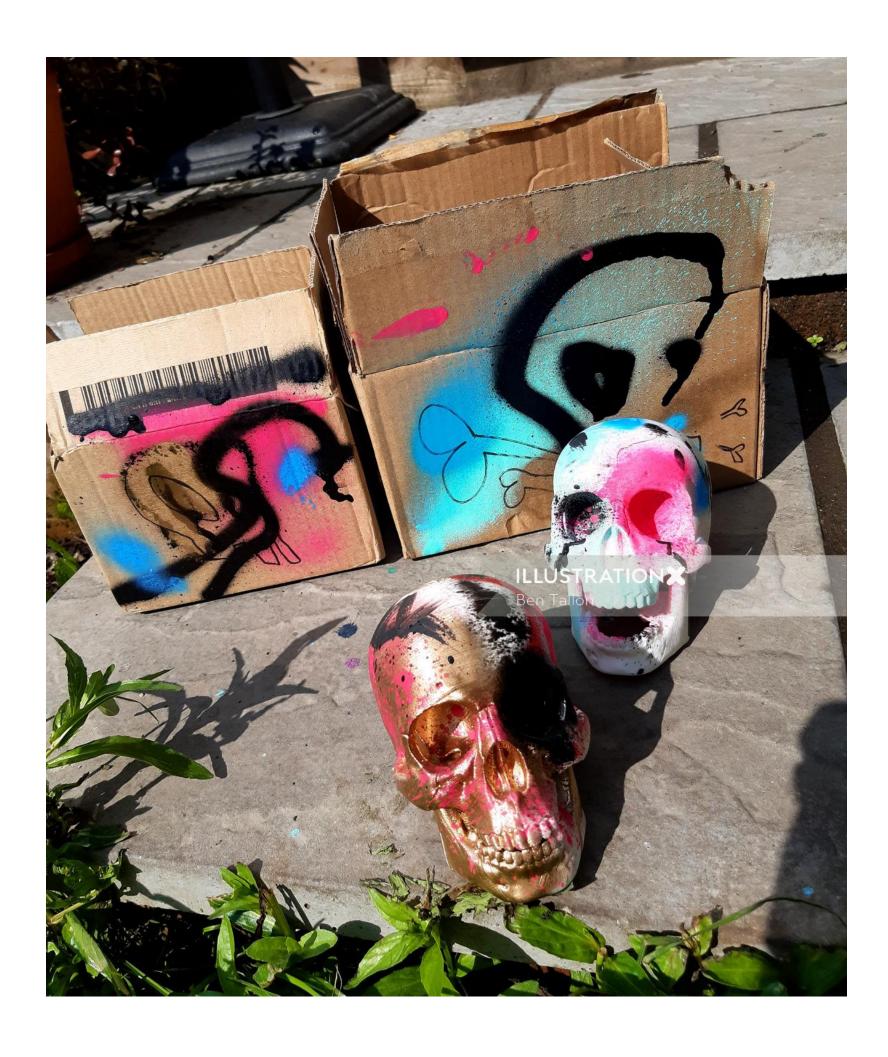












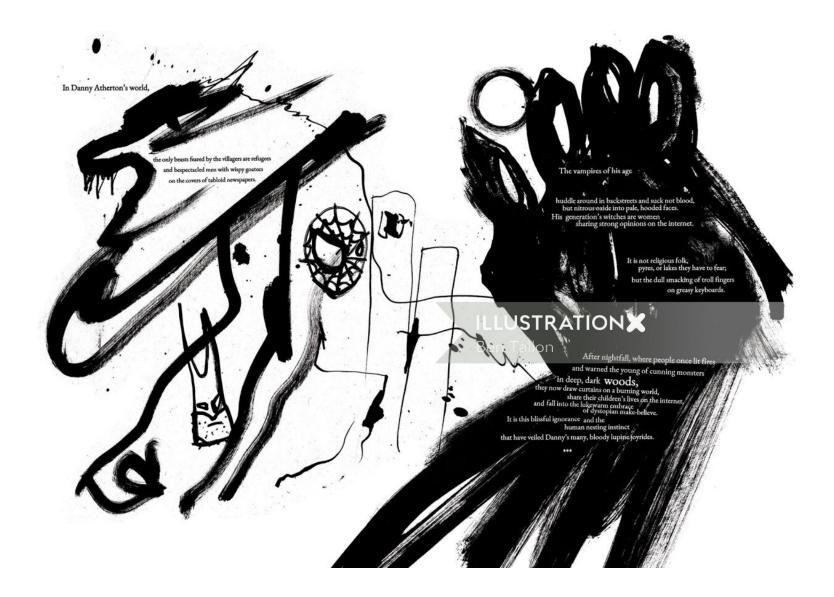






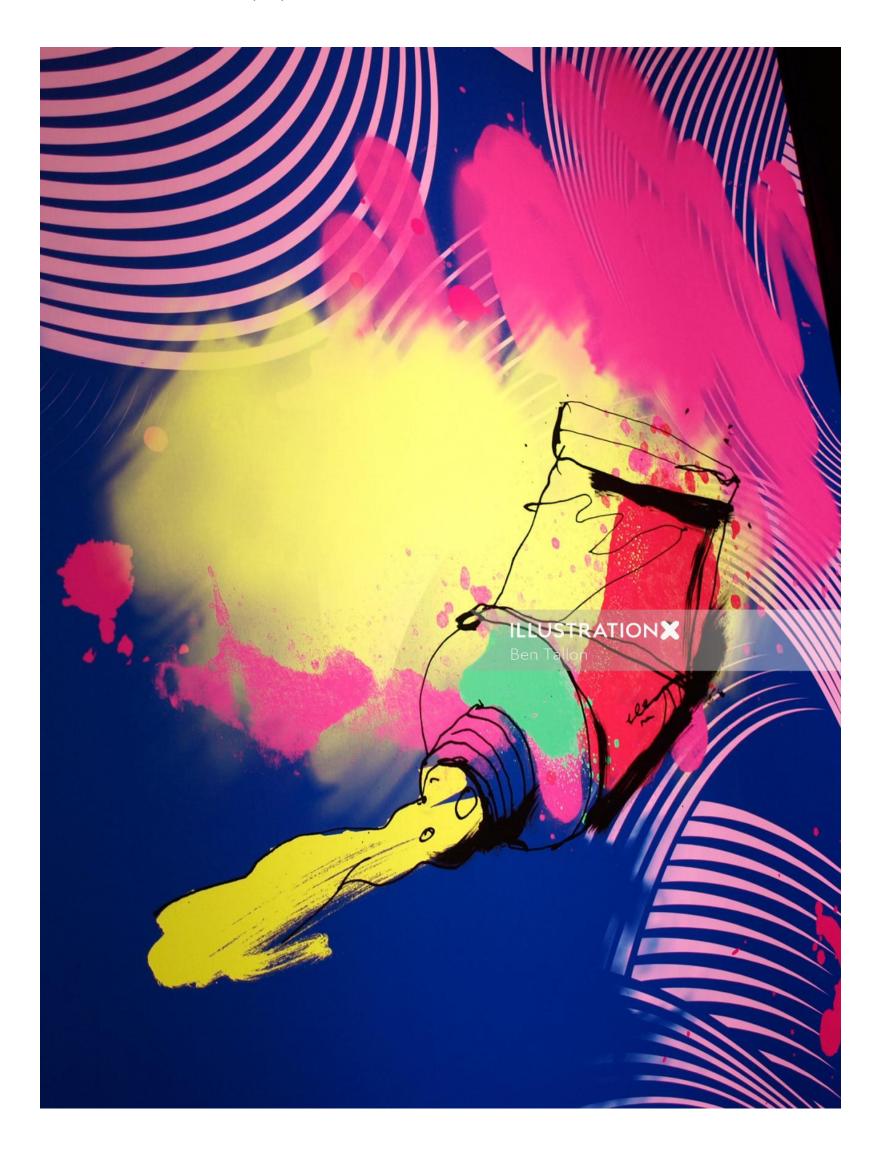




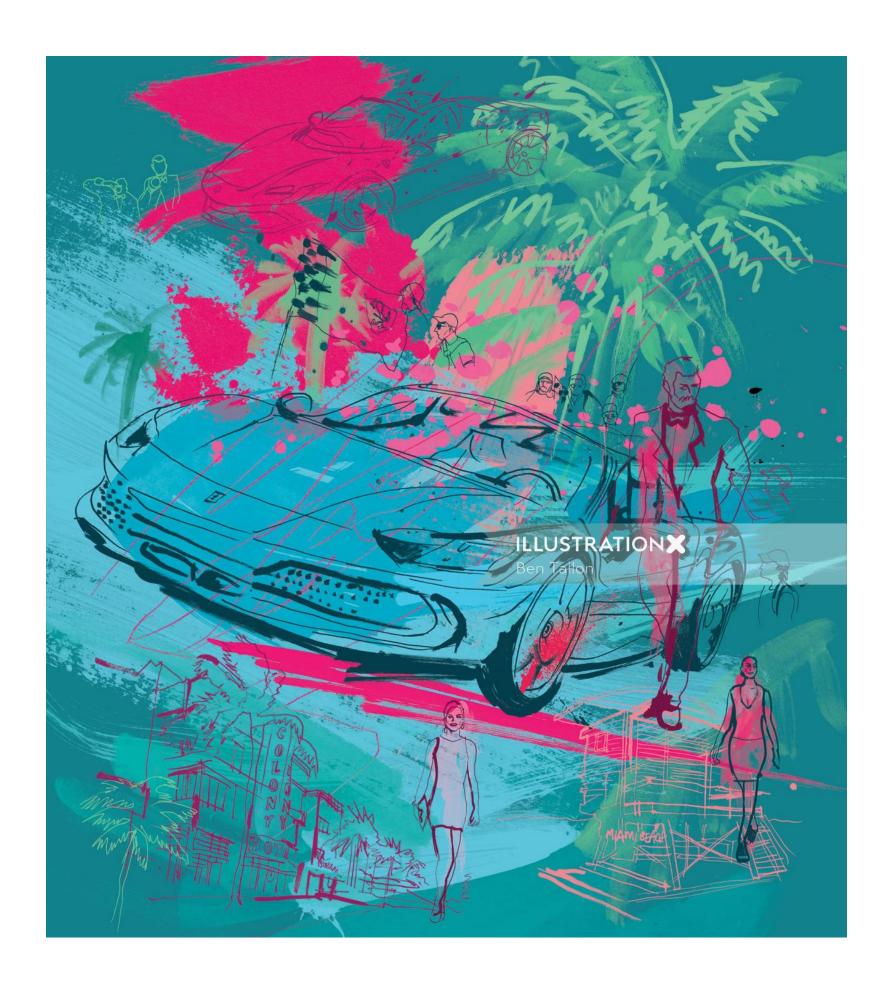




















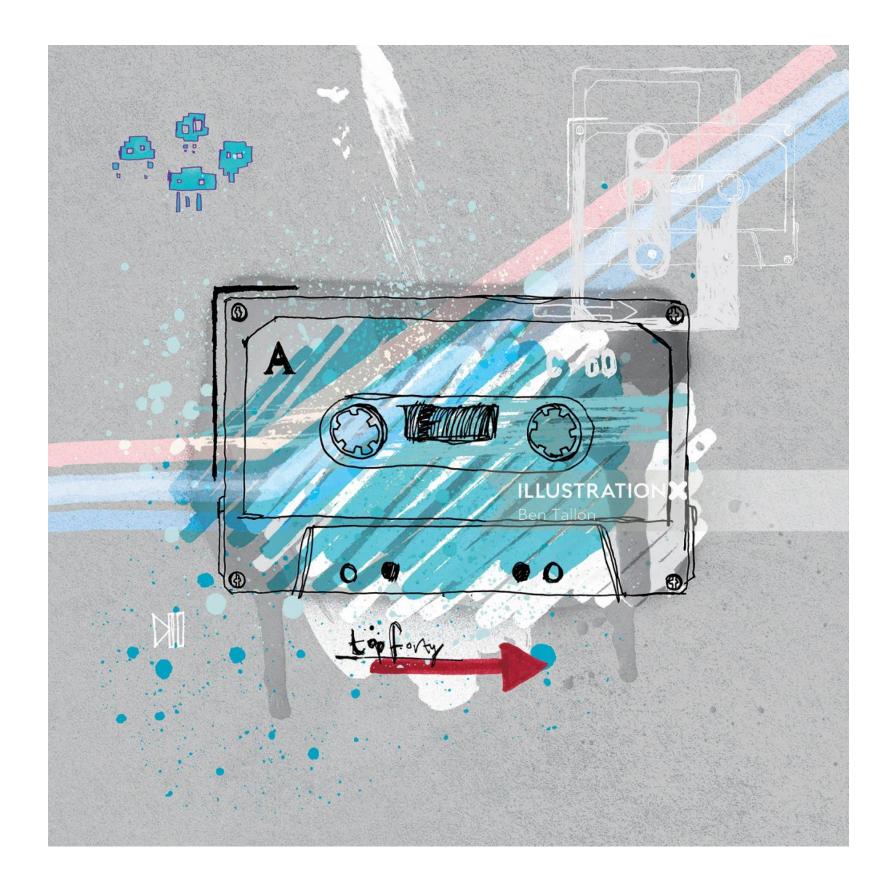


















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1 TJ ROGERS THE INSPIRATION

SPOTLIGHT

ROLL

tools, the way these seriously talented

is anything but.

THE INSPIRATION

1J Rogers may have been born in Canada, but his skating is loved globally. The 32-year-old street skater from The Great White North, started out shootling "sponsor me 'tapes on the streets of Caligary and is now a part of the LA scene. After overcoming a battle with testicular cancer, Rogers skates every day as if it's his last. Living his best life and not wanting to waste a minute, his optimism shines through. Being productive through. Being productive has never looked so fun.

2 TOREY PUDWILL THE ENTREPRENEUR

THE ENTREPRENEUR
When T-Puds was 12, he
founded his own company
and called it Grizzly Griptape.
The enterprise now has an
annual revenue of over four
million dollars. There's more
to Pudwill than financial
projections though, he's a
game-changing skater who's
been crushing it for years. No
stranger to podiums or
injuries, Pudwill heralded in
the straight-to-internet era
with his viral Big Bang part in
2011. The part has been
viewed almost six million
times on YouTube.

3 MADARS APSE THE SKATER'S SKATER

For a tall guy, Madars Apse is incredibly stylish on a board. The lanky Latvian – who sold flowers to buy his first board – has taken athleticism, creativity and spontaneity to the streets over his career. Apse's video, Forget Me Not, released in 2023, showcased the inventiveness that makes him such a loved figure. Apse is committed to giving back time and funds to the DIY skate scene in Latvia. A true man of the people.

4 GUSTAVO RIBEIRO THE TECHNICIAN

On his fifth birthday, Gustavo Ribeiro received a skateboard from his uncle, 17 years later, he's considered to be the most technical to be the most technical skater on the planet. Cutting his teeth on Lisbon's streets, alongside his twin brother Gabriel, Gustavo has risen to become the leading light of Portuguese skateboarding. Driven to success, partly by a classic case of sibling rivalry, Gustavo won his first ever Street League Skateboarding Super Crown World Championship title in 2022.

5 MARGIELYN DIDAL THE PIONEER

THE PIONEER
Hailing from the Philippines,
Margielyn Didal has led the
charge for her country's
state scene ever since be
first picked up a skateboard,
aged 12. In 2018, Didal
became the first Filipino to
participate in the X Games
and won gold at the Asian
Games. An appearance at the
Olympics followed. In 2021,
Didal opened her own
skatepark in Soul Sierra,
Cebu City, now the training
venue for the Philippine
National Skateboarding
Team.

6 JAMIE FOY THE RAIL KING

Boasting a style so clean you could eat your breakfast off it, Jamie Foy has established himself as one of the most watchable skaters on the watchable skaters on the planet. From X Games glory to Thrasher's 'Skater of the Year' status, the man they call Big Boy Fox takes down rails with an ice dancer's finesse. His first try frontside crooked grind down the massive E1 Toro handrail in Ty Evans' 2017 film The Flat Earth is the stuff of legend. The greatest handrail legend. The greatest handrail skater ever? Quite possibly.

7 FELIPE GUSTAVO THE SCREENWRITER'S DREAM

In 2007, Gustavo – who hails from Brazil's capital Brasilia – became a national celebrity when his story hit the media. In order to buy tickets and travel to Tampa Am in Florida, his tather sold the family car. Not only did they make it to the contest but Gustavo, competing as a complete unknown, won the thing as well. After that, he joined Plan B Skateboards and life has never been the and life has never been the same again.

8 SAKURA YOSOZUMI

Park skater Sakura Yosozumi has won just about everything there is to win in skateboarding. Not bad for a 21-year-old, who – inspired by her brother – didn't get her first deck until 2013. Yosozumi has turned her first deck until 2013. Yosozumi has turned standing on podiums into something of a habit. There's been Asian Games success, World Championships success, X Games success and an Olympic gold medal to boot. Don't bet against her going back for gold at Paris 2024.

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emboldened law-abiding people to behave like animals

on their misguided prejudices; frustrated people who wanted to see the world burn because life had not turned out the way they hoped it would.

The local media amplified their guttural snarls and published a cover story



about a teacher who had been sneakily recorded

accusing parents of laziness, by calling in elven disciplinary reinforcements from the North Pole.

She was run out of town in a matter of hours when 20 or so

laid siege to her house home stating through her windows skulking menacinals in her greden







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