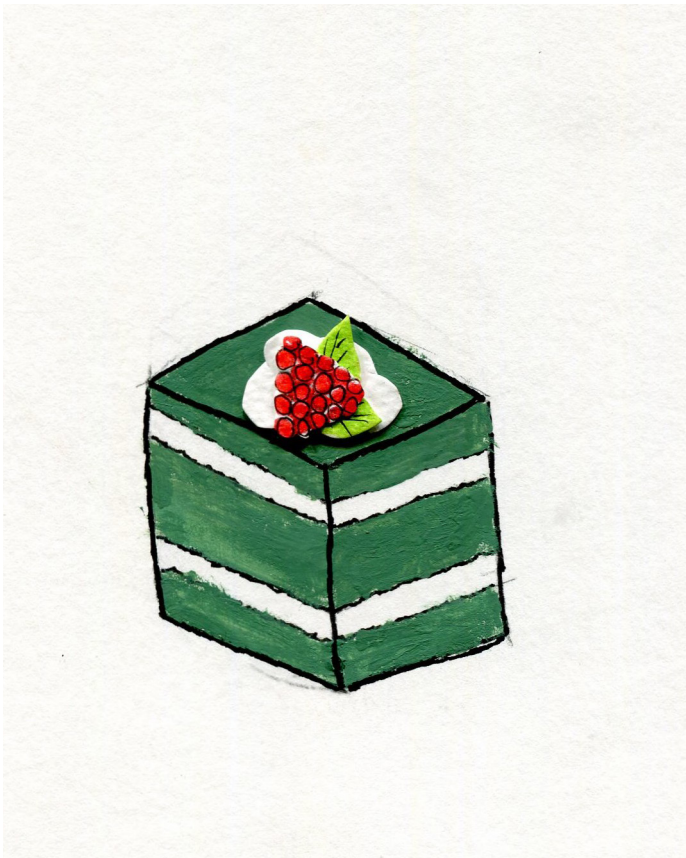


The Possessed Woman

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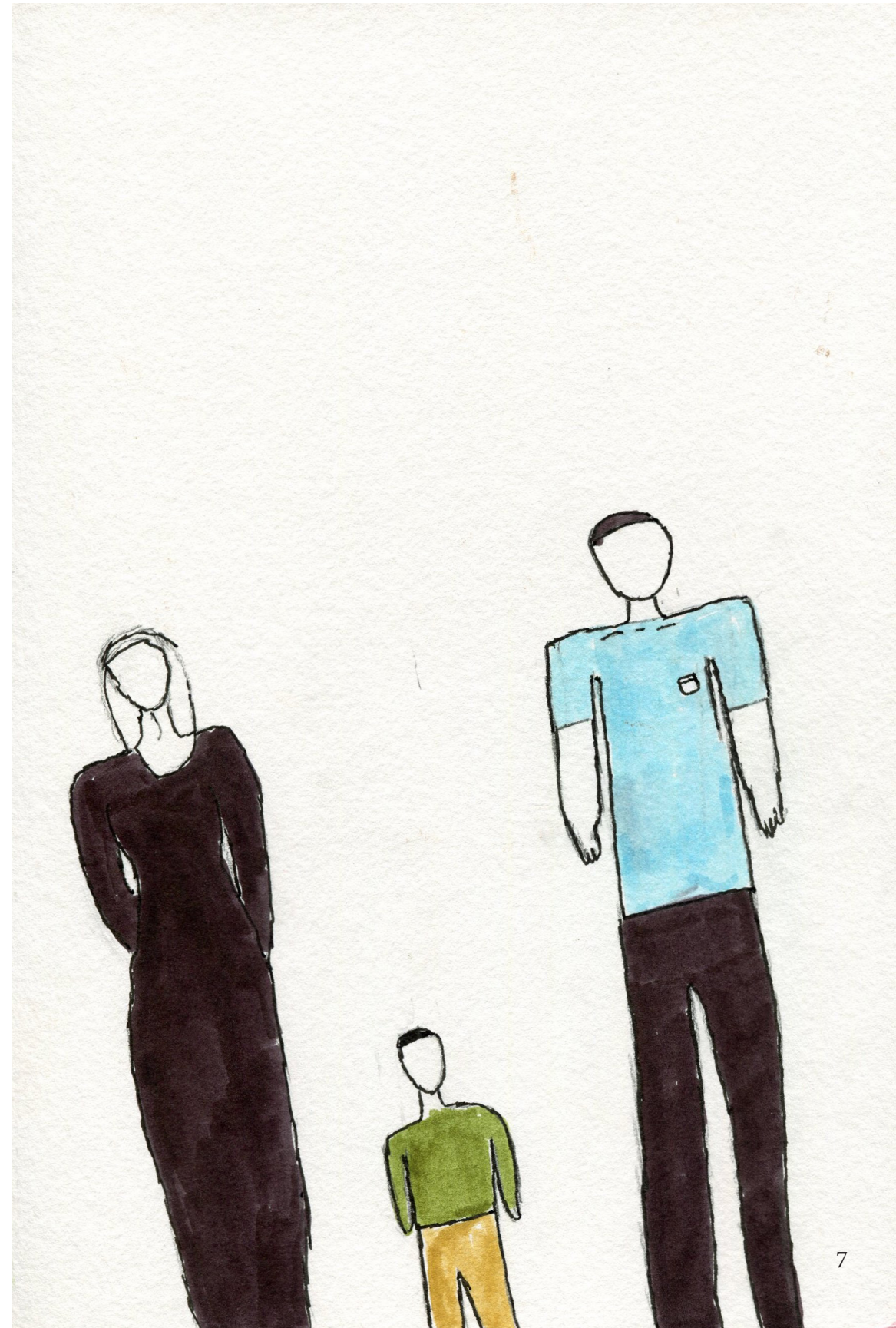
When I was five years old I lived in Gabon. The apartment next door consisted of three families. Sali and her husband Cheick, who was a barber, were Malian also and had four children. Aicha and her husband the Imam also had four kids. Aicha's daughter Fatima and her husband Ali also lived there.



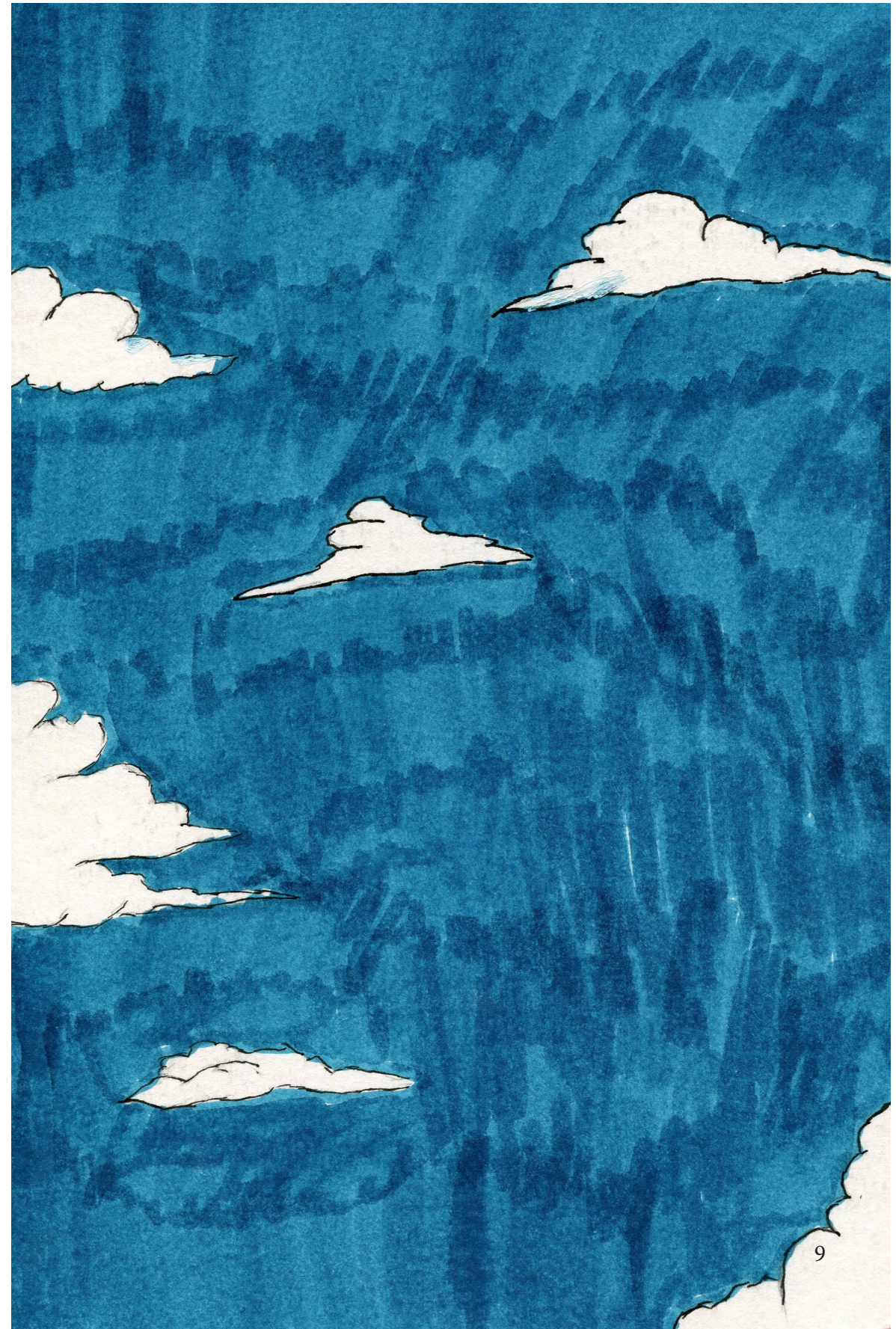
One day a woman named Amina who was a relative of my neighbors got possessed. Can you guess by what? By a JINN. Yes you heard me right! Some of you are maybe thinking, what is a Jinn? Well a Jinn is something like a demon in Islam. Jinns usually enter bodies when a person is not in the right state of mind.



This woman, Amina, was married and had one kid that was around 3 or 2 years old. The Jinn was 72 years old. The Jinn never liked Amina's husband.



I don't know the reason why, but the Jinn always woke up Amina's son at 3:00 in the morning just to look at the moon.



She even pushed Amina's child off the stairs while he was walking downstairs.



The neighbors had noticed very abnormal things going on in their so-called “lovely” home. One day Amina’s husband was so frightened by his own wife, he had to go and tell their family members who were my neighbors. Aicha’s husband happened to be their Imam who knows the Quran really well, so he brought Amina to live in the apartment with them. I didn’t notice anything until my mom told me and my siblings “to not give that woman the keys of the apartment because she is sick”. So days go by, until one day, when our nightmare starts to happen.





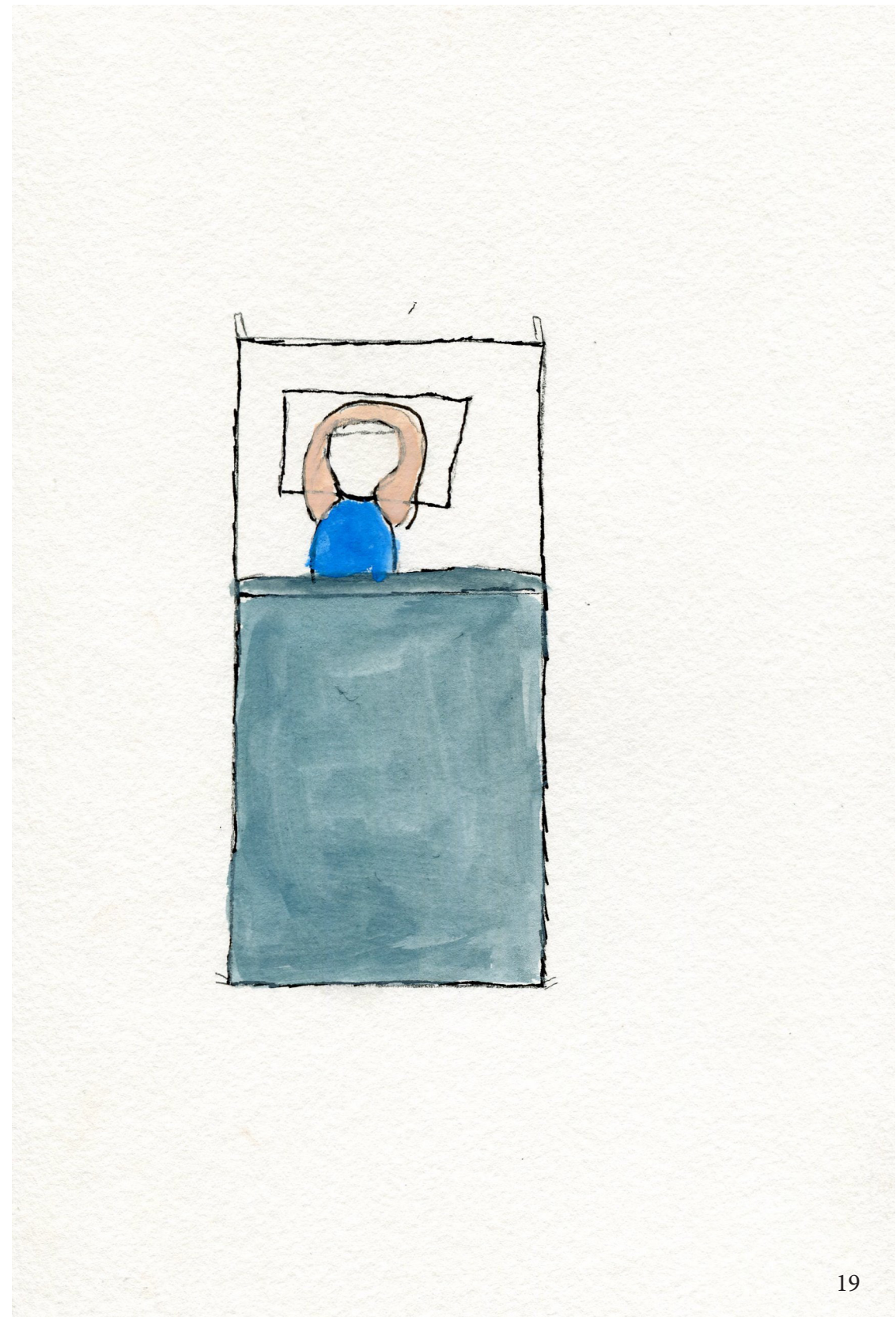
Fatima wanted to take food to her husband, Ali,
because he was ill.

But Amina told her not to take food to her
husband so Fatima agreed because she didn't want
to make Amina mad.

Hours go by, it was hours of darkness. The hours of darkness are not safe hours for Muslims because that is when the Jinns come out and they can possess you and do all kinds of harm to you, so it is best to stay inside.



Fatima was preparing sustenance for her ill husband but Amina saw Fatima preparing food for Ali and she got mad and went up to her and told her “didn’t I tell you not to bring food to your husband”. So Amina took the glass bottle and tried to hit her in the head with it, but she missed.



Then Amina bit her, ripping the flesh out of her, Fatima screamed her lungs out. My mom ran to help, trying to save Fatima and her baby from this devil. She successfully did and we were all stuck in the house scared to leave. Amina was screaming and calling my mom “Mommy help save me, they are trying to hurt me and my child”.



Finally the chief came and read the holy Quran on her, she was trying to confuse him by spitting on him. This whole thing felt like a nightmare which I wanted to wake up from.

Months later, they finally took Amina back to her country to help her and she finally went back to her old self, back to the happy person she was.

