

2026

OPTICAL ILLUSIONS

XXXIV INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF SATIRE AND HUMOR "CITY OF TRENTO"



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On the 25 of August 2026 at 9:30am took place a video-conference held by Studio d'Arte Andromeda (via Malpaga 11, Trento, Italy) to start the work of the jury for the above-mentioned contest. This year's theme was:

OPTICAL ILLUSIONS

JURY MEMBERS:

Marco De Angelis, cartoonist and illustrator

Marilena Nardi, cartoonist

Umberto Rigotti, cartoonist and illustrator

Letizia Depedri, comic artist

Andrea Oberosler, illustrator

Andrea Oberosler, representing Studio d'Arte Andromeda, opens the jury work for XXXIV International Festival of Humor and Satire "City of Trento" proposing the nomination of a jury's president and a jury's secretary.

Online at the video-conference are present: Marco De Angelis, Marilena Nardi, Umberto Rigotti, Letizia Depedri and Andrea Oberosler. Marilena Nardi is voted as President of the jury and Andrea Oberosler as Secretary, unanimously.

The jury takes in consideration the big participation of the authors: this year we received artworks from 240 authors, for a total of 633 artworks coming from 49 countries. We feel like the level and quality of each work was very high. This year's theme, ambiguous and interpretable in different ways, has maybe helped everybody's creativity and has allowed the creation of powerful works both on graphic level and originality. In many of the works the authors reached a poetic level of expression through graphic and pictorial media.

The jury proceeds with the analysis of the comics category and then of the satire and humor category. Each artwork is discussed between the members of the jury. The selection work takes place through the morning and the first part of the afternoon, without interruptions or problems.

The analysis of the artworks received for **comics category** takes the jury to the selection of the **21 artworks** that will join the exhibition; between them, the jury selected the **first prize** and **3 honorable mentions**. The jury then proceeds with the **satire and humor category** and selects the **153 artworks** that will join the exhibition, **3 prizes**, **7 honorable mentions** and also assigns the **Special Prize Alessandro Alfonsi**.

The prize assignment, approved unanimously after discussion, is the following:

SATIRE AND HUMOR

FIRST PRIZE

Tošo Borković (Serbia)

Cinema has always been the art of enchantment and illusion.

Through a minimalist composition, three faces illuminated in close-up against a black background, Tošo Borković places his very unique viewers in what we sense is a movie theater. But for these poor cyclopes, the three-dimensional effect is a true illusion!

SECOND PRIZE

Mikhail Zlatkovsky (Russia)

With skillful brushwork and masterful color composition, Mikhail Zlatkovsky depicts what appears to be a wild race between two sport cars. The cars and houses have certainly seen better days, but there is no melancholy in this lush landscape. The wind blows through ribbons and hair; it lifts and tugs at the balloon: while the cars' speed is illusory, the young people's happiness is, in contrast, real.

THIRD PRIZE

Edwin Perales Gonzalez (Peru)

Edwin Perales Gonzalez's allusion to the famous optical illusion "My Wife and My Mother-in-Law" (1915), also known as "The Young Woman and the Old Woman", by the British artist William Ely Hill is simple, clear, and ironic. The suitors for both ladies are perfect!

SPECIAL PRIZE ALESSANDRO ALFONSI

Amin Montazeri (Iran)

Simplicity and graphic elegance characterize the work of Iranian artist Amin Montazeri.

Against the evocative blue of the night, a dark shadow floats, seemingly playing strings of fire and light. A dreamlike vision, both unsettling and poetic at the same time.

HONORABLE MENTIONS

Bilig Ba - China

Didie Sri Widiyanto - Indonesia

Mohammad Raei - Iran

Oleksiy Kustovsky - Ukraine

Pol Leurs - Luxembourg

Roman Sika - Slovakia

Valeriu Kurtu - Germany

COMICS

FIRST PRIZE

Andrey Selivanov (Russia)

In Andrey Selivanov's work, the topos of the castaway alone on an island coexists with that of the optical illusion par excellence: the mirage. The narrative sequence is flawless: the castaway and the rescuer spot each other, greet one another, and approach each other with a joy that will soon prove fleeting. The illusion of rescue vanishes, and with it, the castaway also vanishes. There is no mirage without desire.

HONORABLE MENTIONS

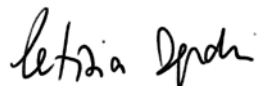
Anna Formilan - Italy

Ettore Basciano - Italy

Serpil Kar - Turkey

The jury works are closed at 06.00pm on the 25 of August 2026.

The President
Marilena Nardi



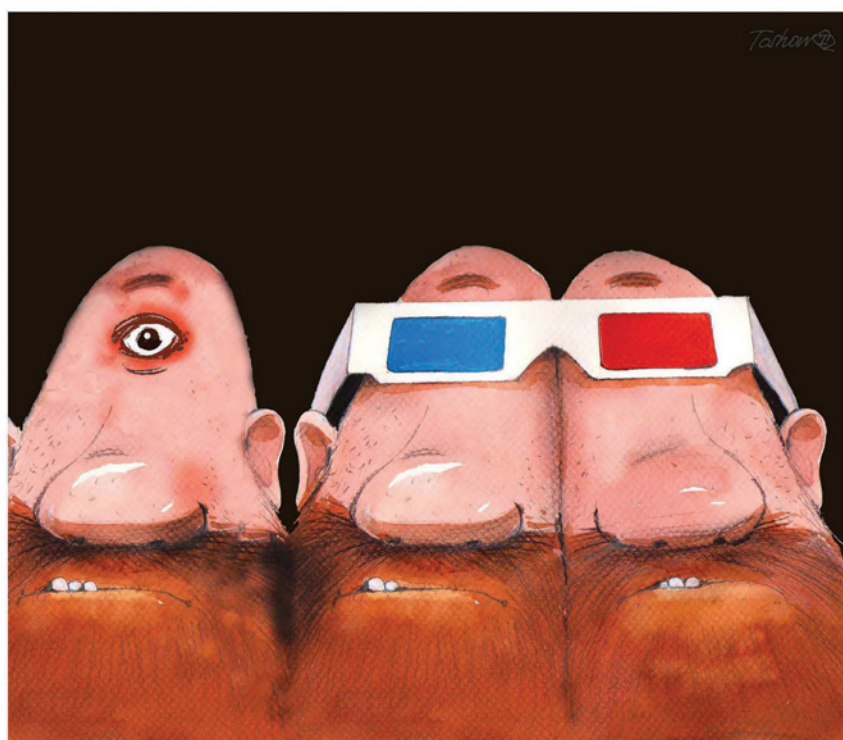
The Secretary
Andrea Oberosler



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SATIRE AND HUMOR

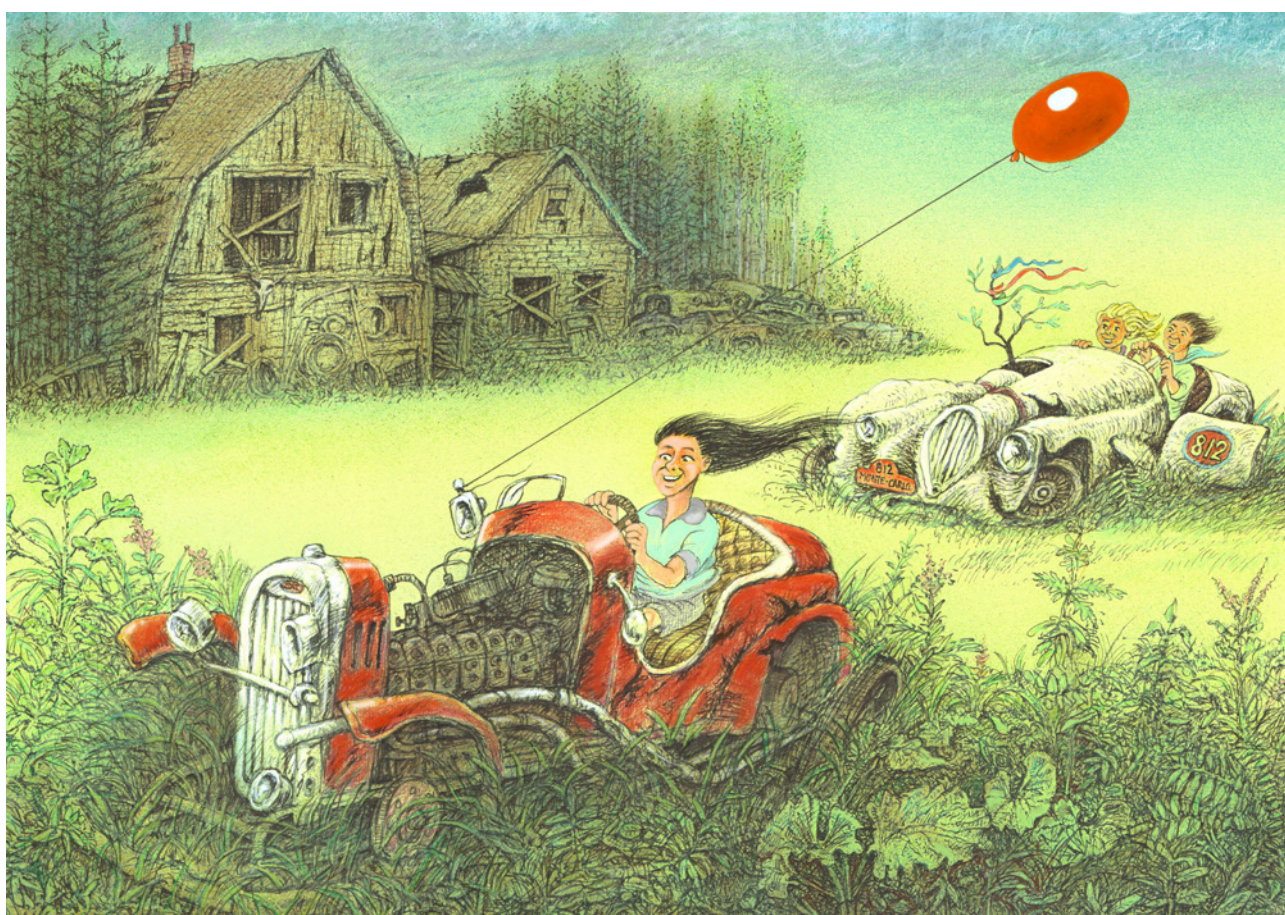
First prize



Tošo Borković - Serbia

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Second prize



Mikhail Zlatkovsky - Russia

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Third prize



Edwin Perales Gonzalez - Peru

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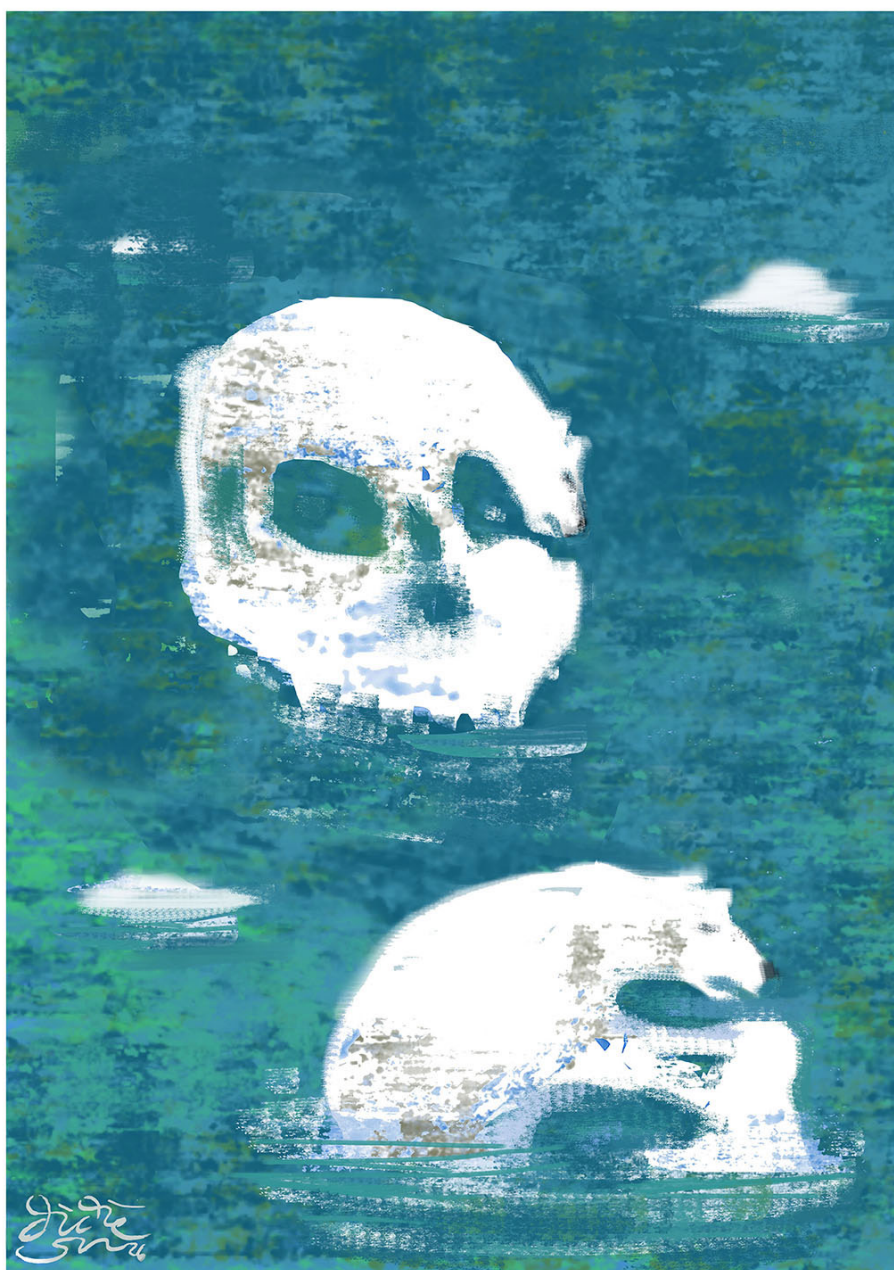
SATIRE AND HUMOR
Honorable mention



Bilig Ba - Cina

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#optical Illusions #Umoriguo 2026 # Mix Media # Juni 2/26 #30x40cm

Didie Sri Widiyanto - Indonesia

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Mohammad Raei - Iran

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Oleksiy Kustovsky - Ukraine

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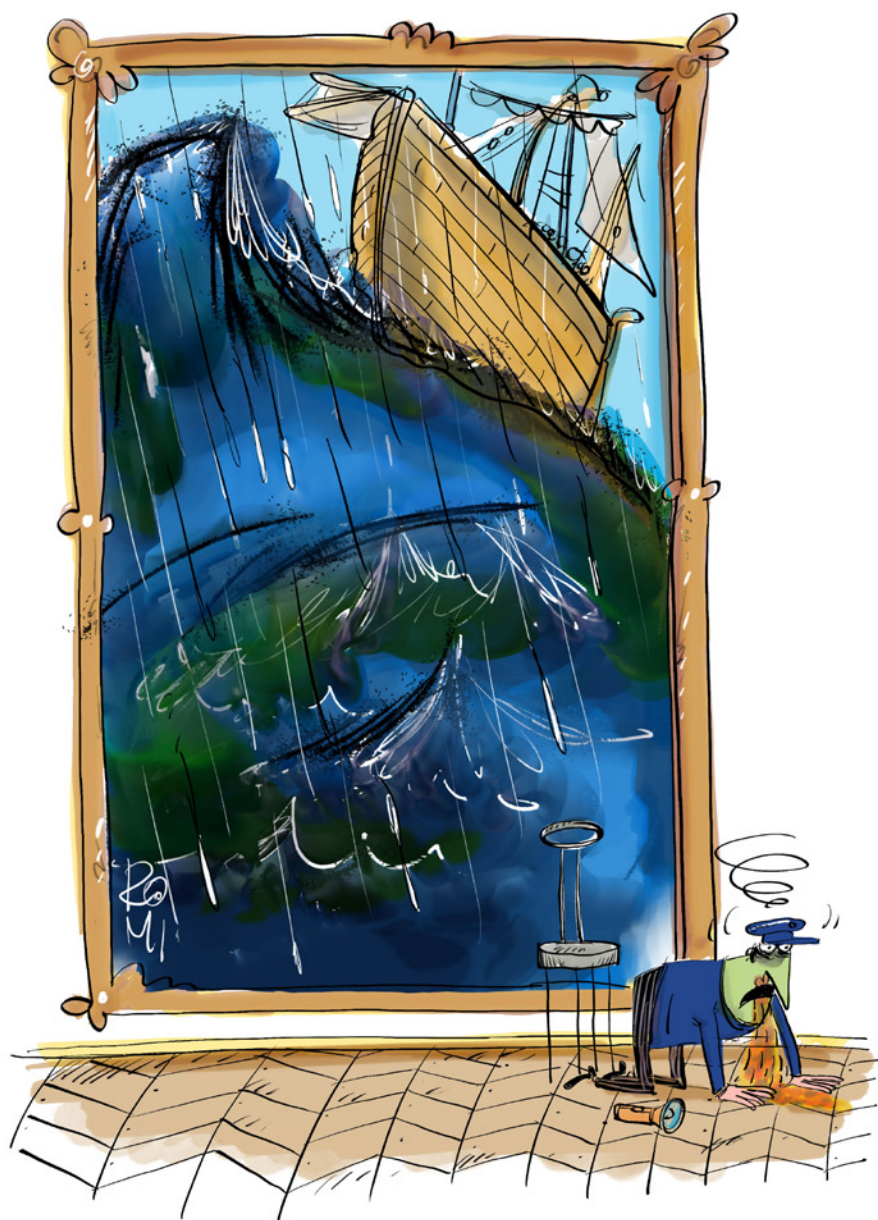
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Pol Leurs - Luxembourg

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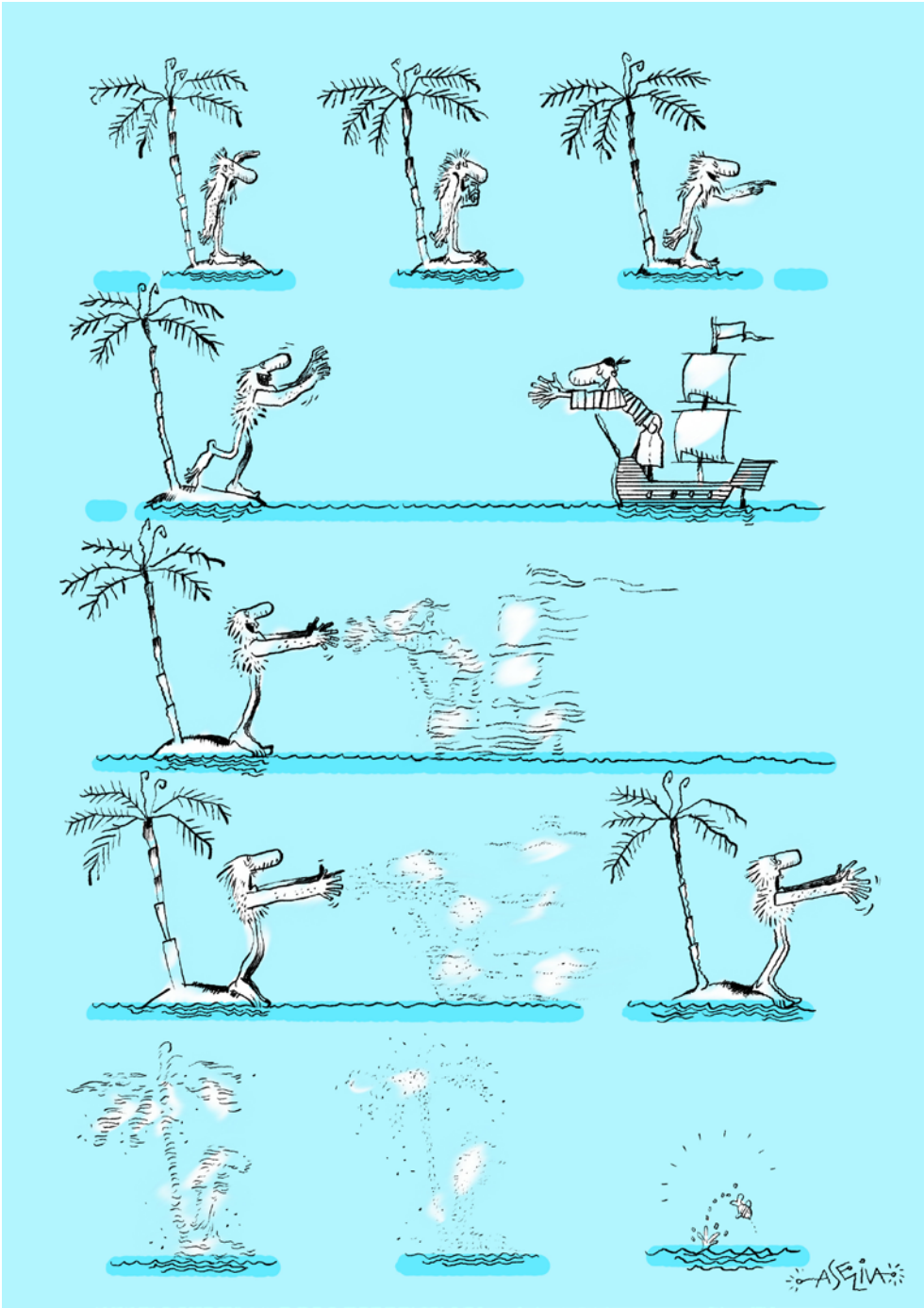


Valeriu Kurtu - Germany

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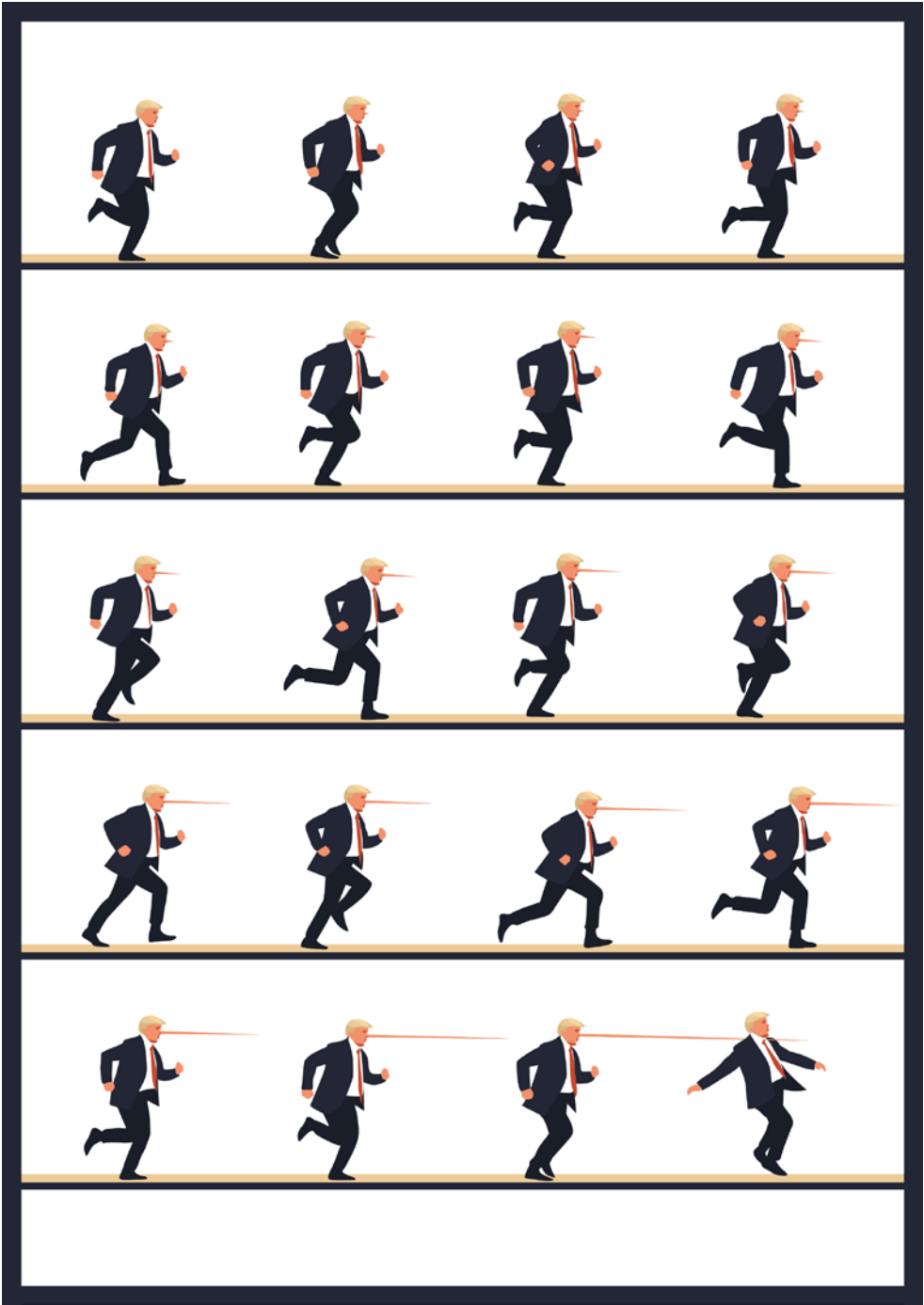
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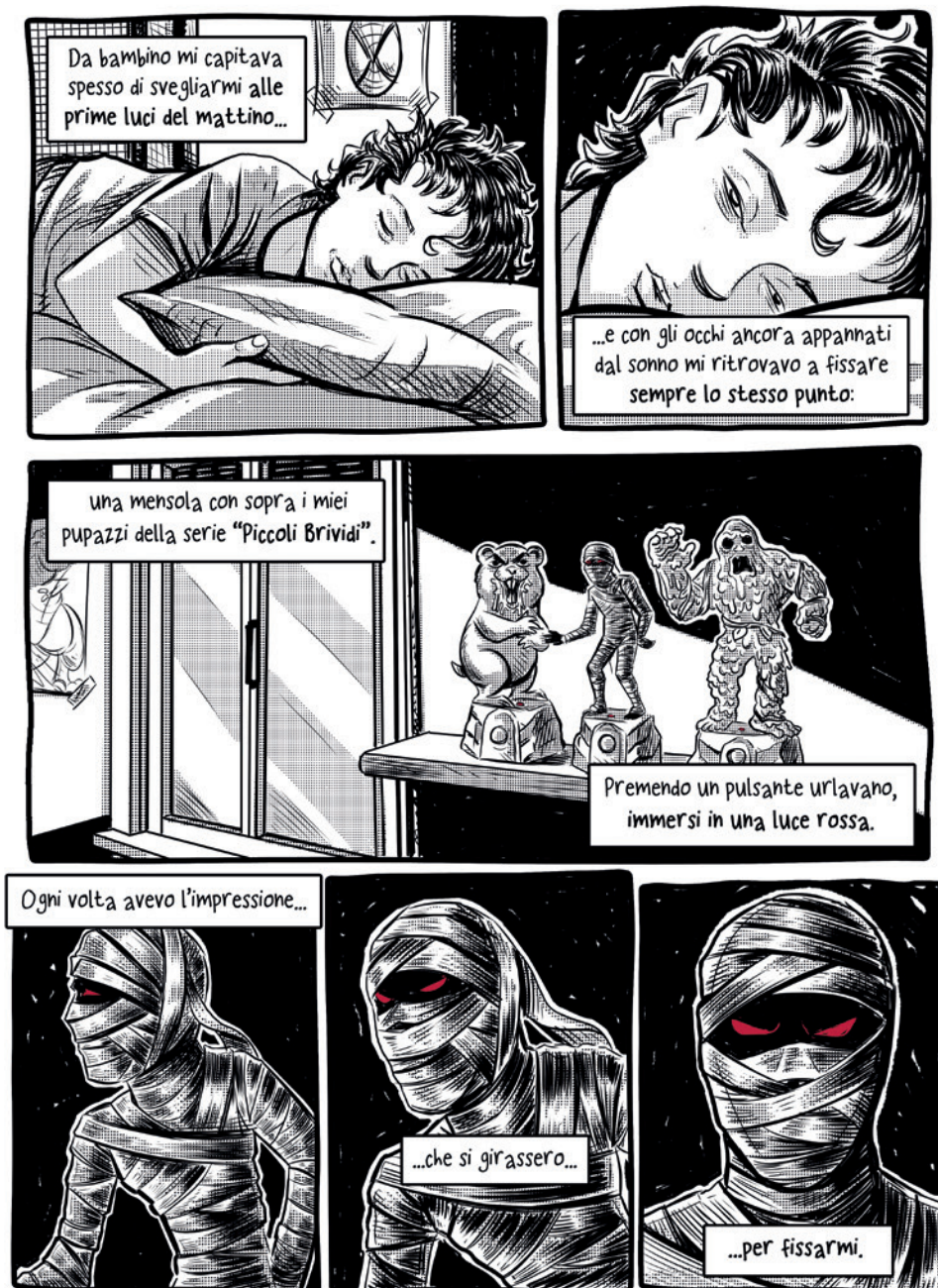


Anna Formilan - Italy

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Ettore Basciano - Italy

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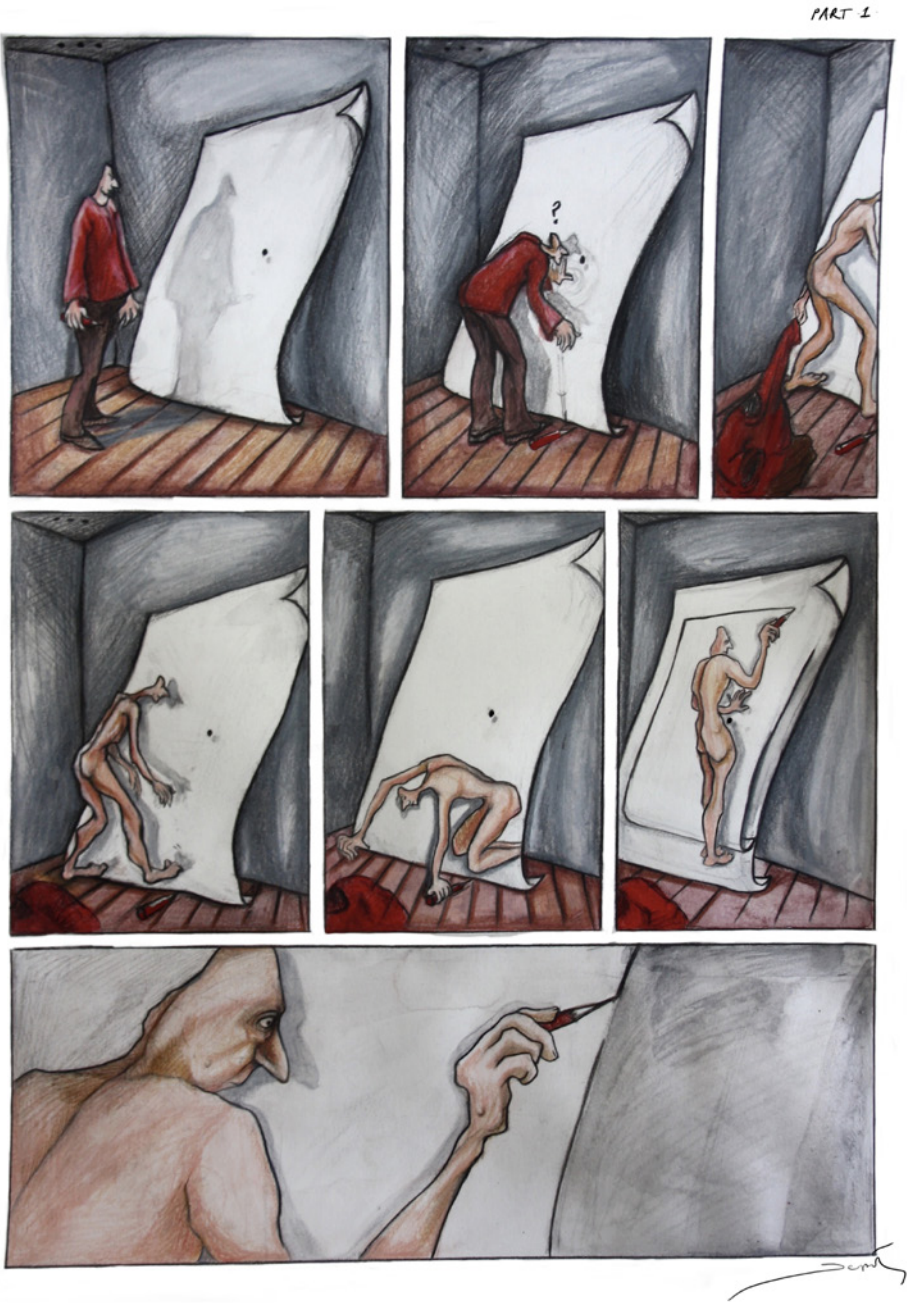
Honorable mention



Ettore Basciano - Italy

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Serpil Kar - Turkey

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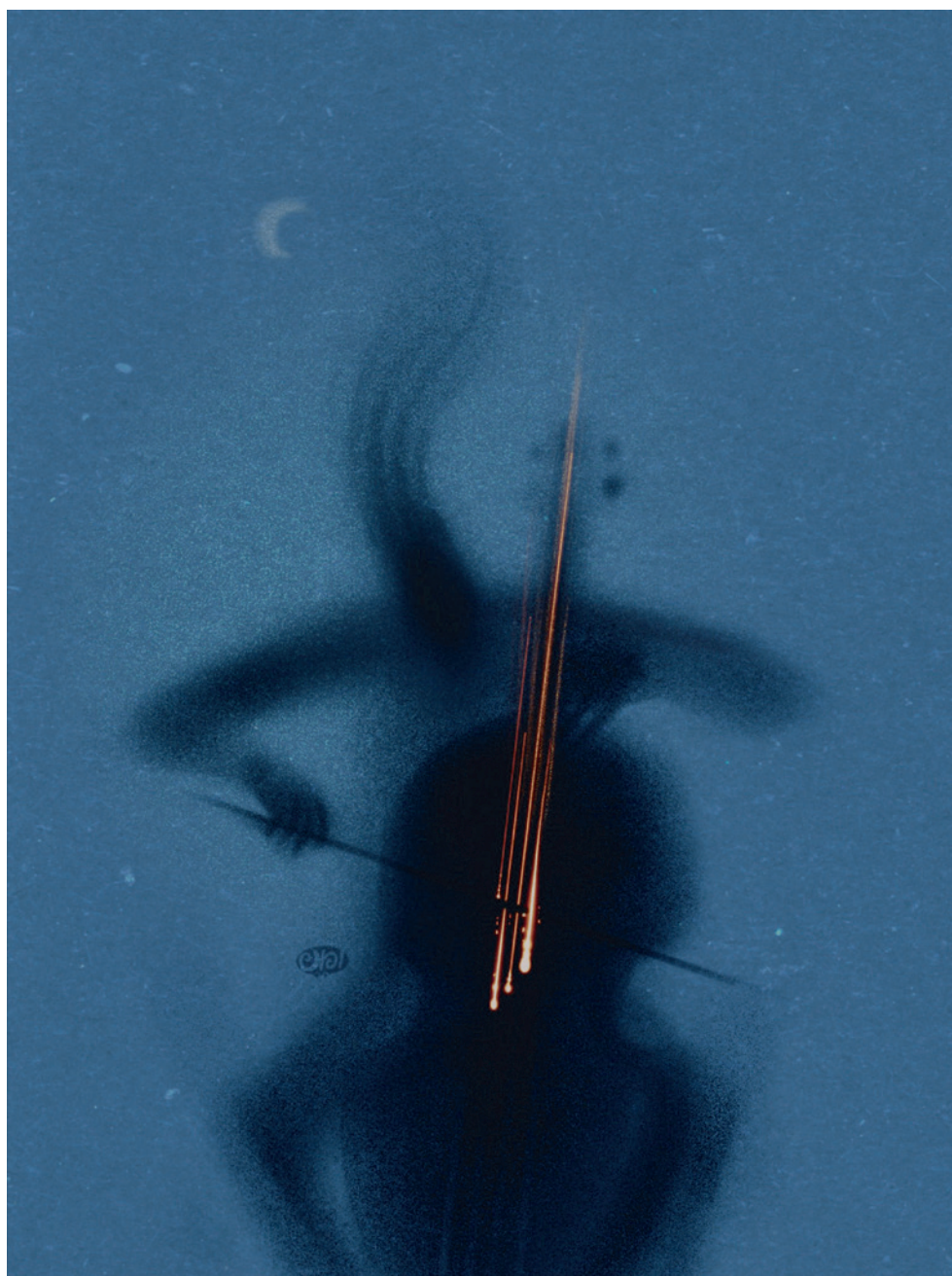
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SPECIAL PRIZE ALESSANDRO ALFONSI



Amin Montazeri - Iran

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COMICS CATEGORY

In the exhibition

Alexander Dubovsky - Ukraine
Ameen Alhabarah - Saudi Arabia
Andrey Selivanov - Russia
Anna Formilan - Italy
Athos Careghi - Italy
Budi Hari Pujono - Indonesia
Butir Slobodan - Croatia
Caglar Okur - Turkey
Ettore Basciano - Italy
Georgiev Valentin - Bulgaria
Giuseppe Mangini - Italy
Grzegorz Weigt - Poland
Hamid Ghalijari - Iran
Jingyan Qi - China
Kfir Weizman - Israel
Leslie Ricciardi - Uruguay
Mileta Miloradovic - Serbia
Serpil Kar - Turkey
Tošo Borković - Serbia

SATIRE AND HUMOR CATEGORY

In the exhibition

Adam Trepczynski - Germany
Afshin Nazari - Iran
Agus Harsanta - Indonesia
Akin Candemir - Turkey
Alexander Dubovsky - Ukraine
Alexei Talimonov - United Kingdom
Alexey Mikhaylusev - Russia
Alfio Leotta - Italy
Ali Miraei - Iran
Ali Rastroo - Iran
Amin Montazeri - Iran
Anatoliy Lerner - Ukraine
Anatoly Radin - Russia
Andrea Foches - Italy
Andres Alvez - Uruguay
Ángel Ramiro Zapata Mora - Colombia
Anna Formilan - Italy

Bilig Ba - China
Brady Izquierdo - Cuba
Carlos Amorim - Brasil
Cebula Henryx - Poland
Chengkuan Wang - China
Chiara Franchini - Italy
Constantin Sunnerberg - Belgium
David Vela - Spain
Dendy Heru Hardono - Indonesia
Diego Feld - Argentina
Diliana Nikolova - Bulgaria
Dimitris Georgopalis - Greece
Dogan Arslan - Turkey
Eray Özbek - Turkey
Erdogan Basol - Turkey
Evžen David - Czech Republic
Fabio Magnasciutti - Italy
Fan Lintao - China
Fatih Aksular - Turkey
Feng Junrong - China
Fernando Pica - Colombia
Friedrich Tasser - Italy
Georgiev Valentin - Bulgaria
Gergely Bacsa - Hungary
Goran Celicanin - Serbia
Grigori Katz - Israel
Grzegorz Szumowski - Poland
Grzegorz Weigt - Poland
Guangjun Li - China
Hamid Soufi - Iran
Hazem Nassar - United States
Heibat Ahmadi - Iran
Hong Xue - China
Hülya Kölüke - Turkey
Igor Smirnov - Russia
Izabela Kowalska Wieczorek - Poland
Jalal Pirmarzabad - Iran
Jan Tomaschoff - Germany
Javad Takjoo - Iran
Javier Cubero Torres - Cuba
Jean-Loïc Bélom - France
José Sépi - Argentina
Juan Gabriel Benavides - Spain
Kfir Weizman - Israel
Kuang Zuhai - China
Leonardo Zaza - Italy
Leslie Ricciardi - Uruguay
Li Jingshan - China
Liu Shaoliang Liu - China
Liviu Stanila - Romania

Lubomír Kotrha - Slovakia
Lukyanchenko Igor - Ukraine
Makhmudjon Eshonkulov - Uzbekistan
Marco De Angelis - Italy
Marco Finkenstein - Germany
Marko Ivić - Croatia
Marko Somborac - Serbia
Mihály Kós - Hungary
Midhat Ajanovic - Bosnia
Mikhail Zlatkovsky - Russia
Milko - Italy
Mohammad Raei - Iran
Mustafa Yıldız - Turkey
Muzaffar Yulchiboev - Uzbekistan
Nahid Maghsoudi - Iran
Oleh Smal - Ukraine
Oleksiy Kustovsky - Ukraine
Ömer Çam - Turkey
Pol Leurs - Luxembourg
Pooya Abdoli - Iran
Predrag Srbljanin - Serbia
Qiang Liu - China
Raphael Donay - Belgium
Roman Peshkov - Russia
Sahra Makara - Turkey
Salar Eshratkhah - Iran
Sergei Belozarov - Russia
Sergey Sichenko - Israel
Steffen Jahsnowski - Germany
Tomasz Rogowski - Poland
Tošo Borković - Serbia
Valerii Momot - Ukraine
Valeriu Kurtu - Germany
Valeriy Doroshenko - Ukraine
Vasiliy Alexandrov - Russia
Viacheslav Kapreliants - Ukraine
Vladimir Kazanovsky - Ukraine
Vladimir Khakhanov - Russia
Wiesław Fraczyk - Poland
Yang Lijie - China
Yong Zhang - China