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THERE IS NO PLACE LIKE HOME

Maysaloun Faraj 2020 | Art During Covid-19 Lockdown

Simlar to many artists at present, I do not have access to my studio due to the Covid-19 predicament and have resorted to making art that is practical within the means available; small works on paper.

The current 'Stay Home Save Lives' message has prompted me on a mission; to draw the interior of my 'home' from every vantage point possible; a sort of visual diary documenting this surreal moment in history from a personal point of view. In a complete departure from my usual large scale geometric abstract art, I am re-discovering my drawing skills through direct observation but also reflecting on the notion of 'home' and its implications. In this I am finding immense pleasure, peace and solace.

Despite the uncertainty and turmoil of today, there has been an abundance of solidarity, humanity, joy and beauty across the globe, and 'earth' is for the first time, in peace. I feel more connected not only with the present and with what matters most, but also with the past, re-living treasured memories of what was once my home in that golden city in the heart of the cradle of civilisation. I like to think of it all as a positive outcome of these challenging times.

There truly is 'NO PLACE LIKE HOME' if we are fortunate enough to have a home. I hope and pray for the day that this nightmare is over and life returns to 'normal', though I do believe that life will not be the same. Personally, I choose to see Hope and Light at the end of the tunnel and trust that we will learn from the experience and become more compassionate as human beings.

I would like to conclude with an extract from a letter from the future about how we handled the cornonavirus pandemic of 2020, from a grandfather to his grandson: 'After the virus, there was still music, art, love, camaraderie, mountains, oceans, family, laughter, purpose, soul. Life really is beautiful. And we're here for a good time, not a long time.'

Maysaloun Faraj at Home in Lockdown March April May 2020

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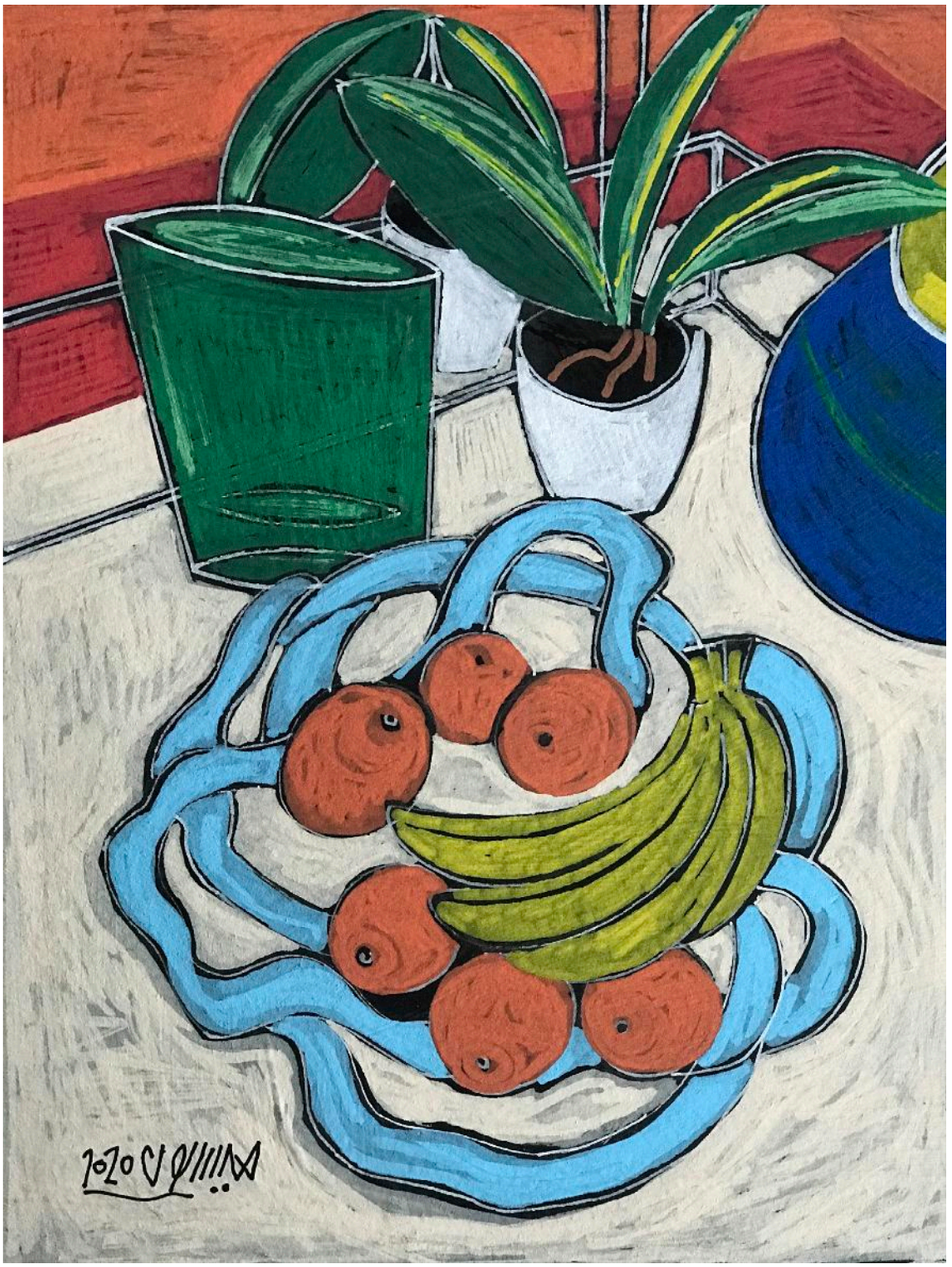

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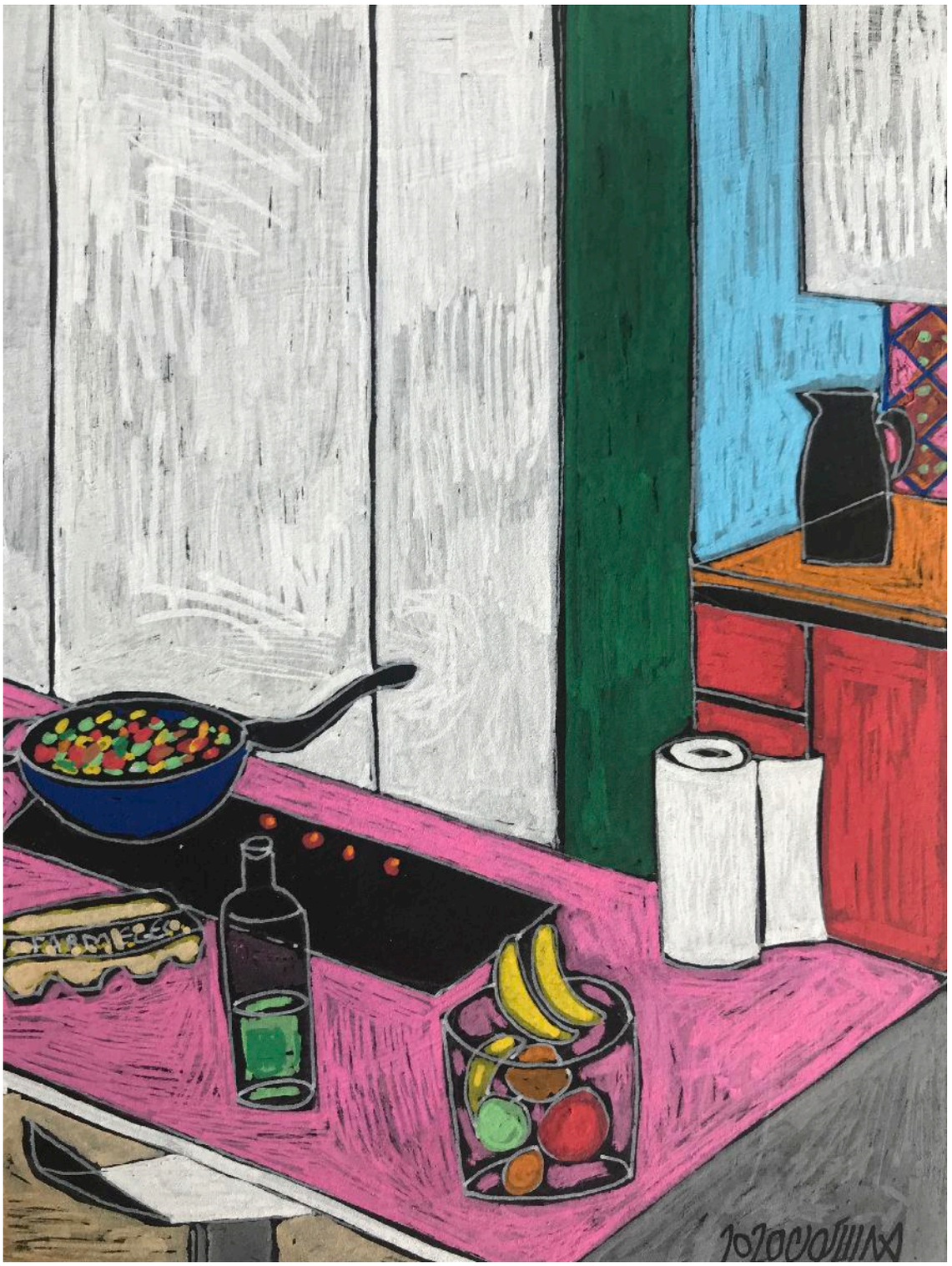

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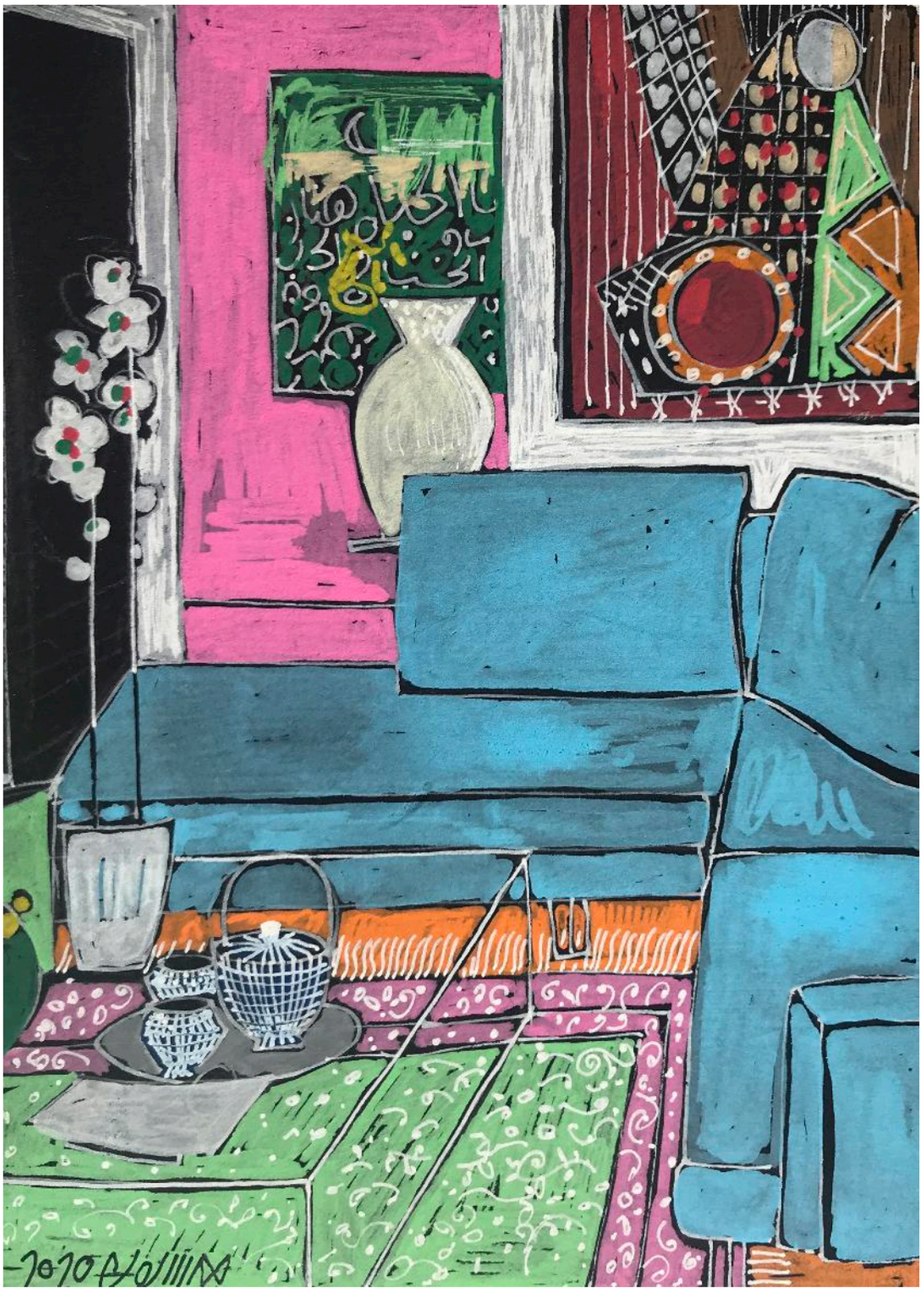

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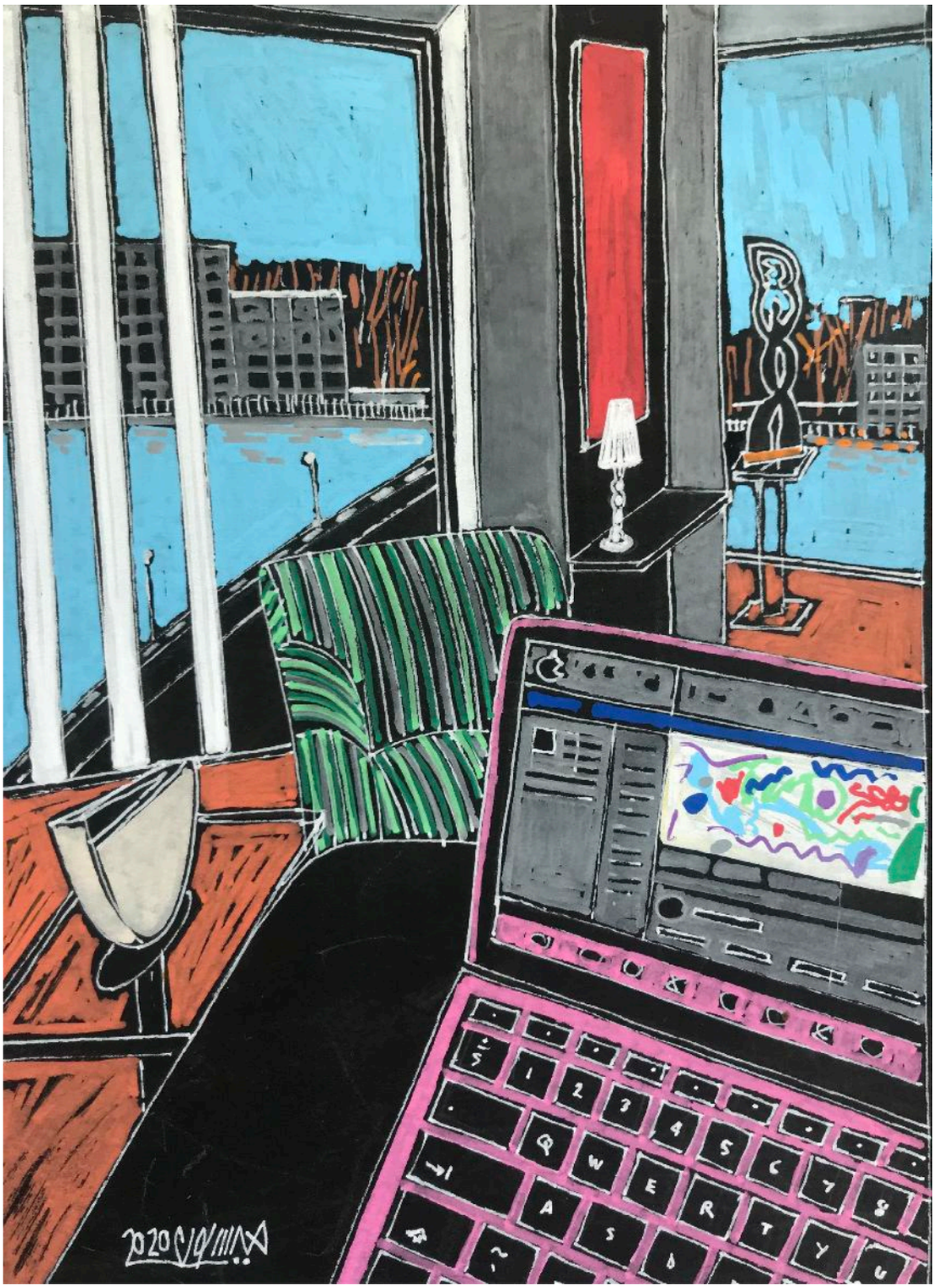

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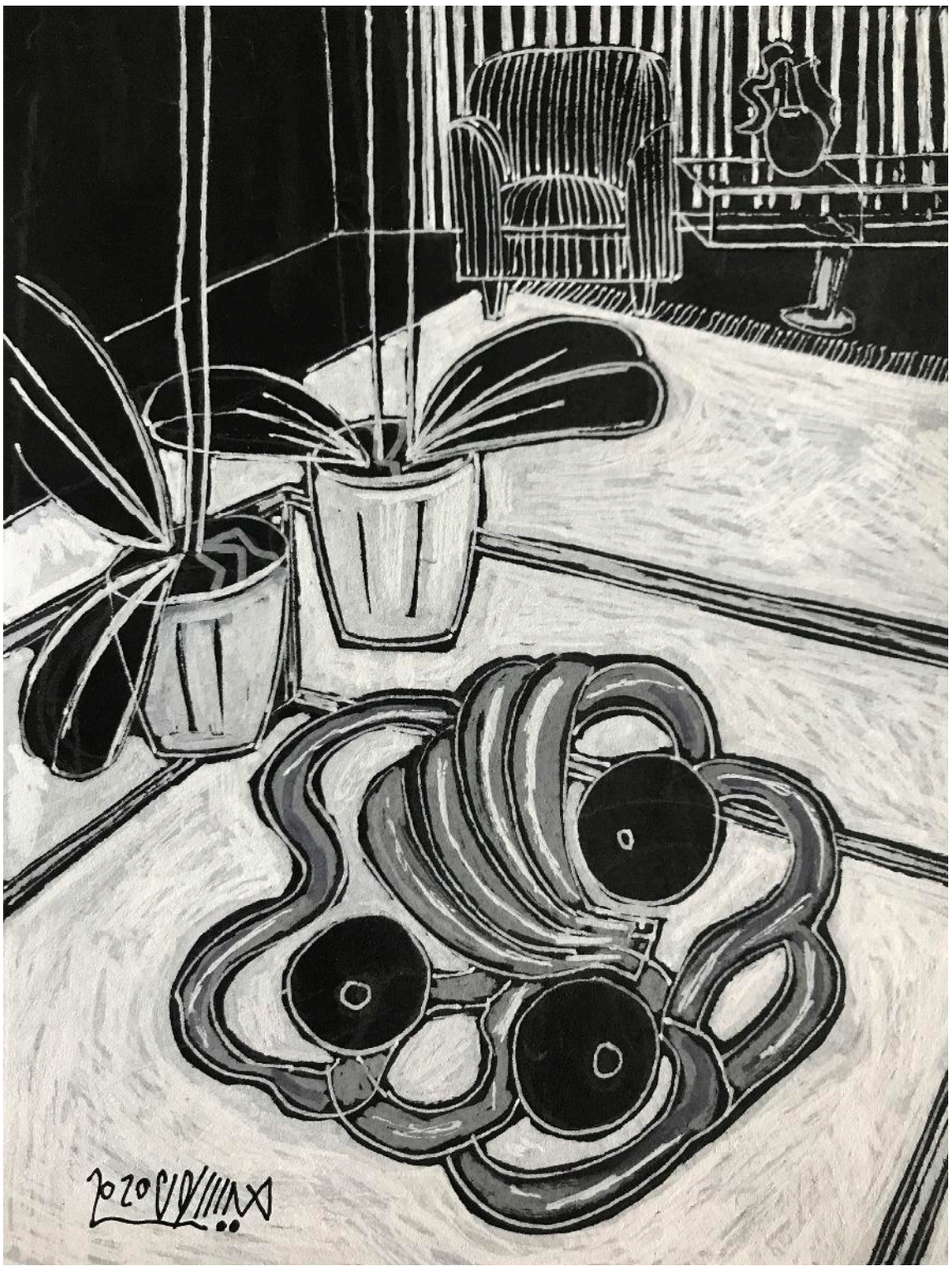

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