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Dear reader,

I made this book so you
could read and discover
the wonders of the Brazilian
Folklore.

I hope you enjoy reading
as much as I enjoyed
making it.

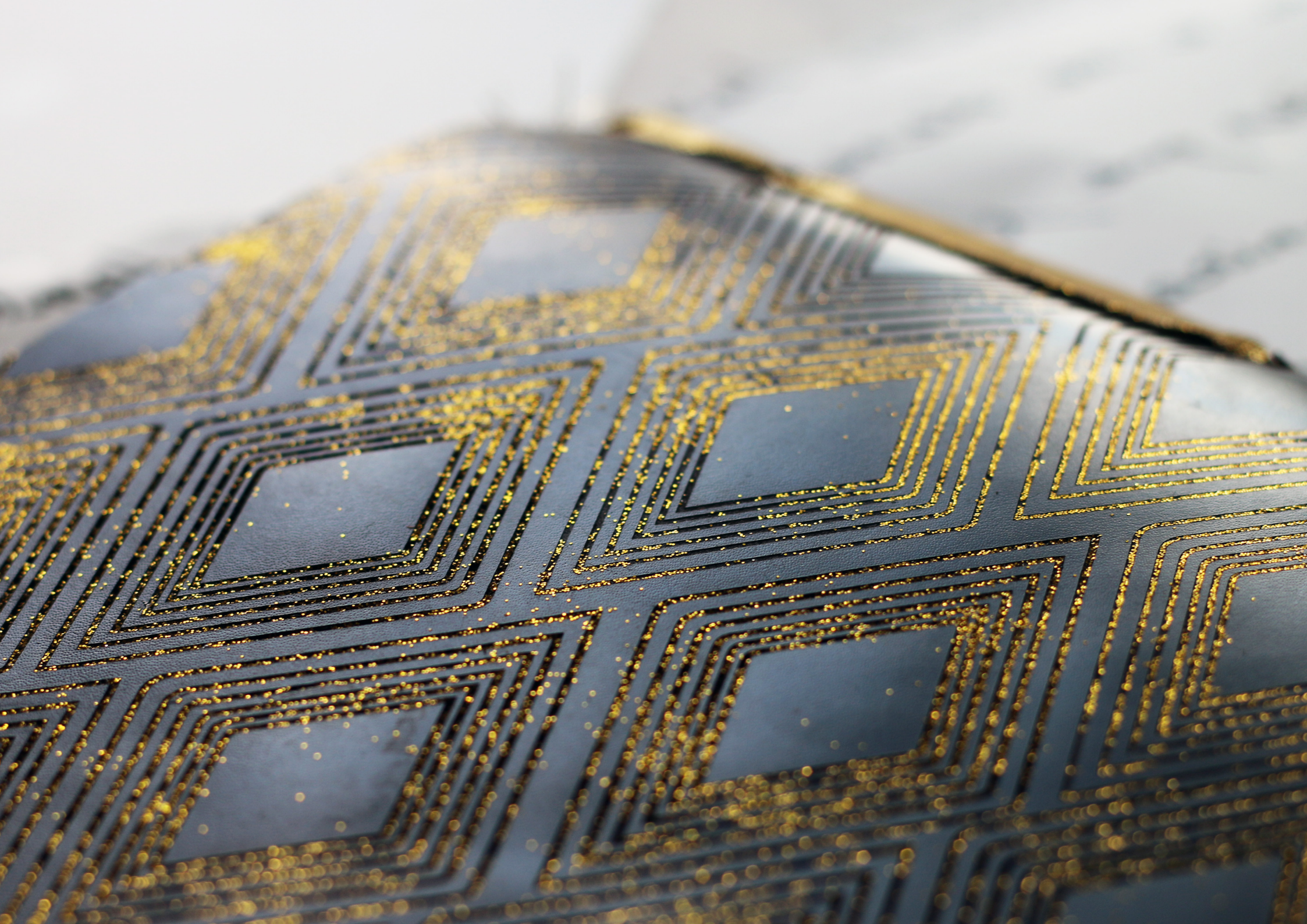


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"I believe in everything until it's disproved. So
I believe in fairies, the myths, dragons. It all
exists, even if it's in your mind. Who's to say
that dreams and nightmares aren't as real as
the here and now?"

John Lennon





Victoria Regia

It is an aquatic plant of the Nymphaeaceae family, typical of the Amazon region. It has a large circular leaf that floats on the water, and can reach up to 2.5 m in diameter and with...

Victoria Regia is a flower that only blooms at night

The star of the water



...to be a girl...
...and at some point he...
...and transform her...
...beautiful young warrior named...
...would call invite her to the...
...people in the tribe tried to...
...to return to her human form, but Naia...
...not care about the consequences, she was...
...eventually, this love became an obsession and...
...eat or drink, she only wanted to contemplate the...
...moonlight was bright as people had never seen, and Naia...
...lake when she saw the reflection upon the water. She believed...
...to the earth to enjoy the water of the lake. Naia was so...
...she dove in the water in search for the god, but when she...
...lake and she was not able to return and downed her...
...ation and decided to transform Naia...
...comes: the star of the waters...
...only open during the

Tale of Boitata

It has been said that a long time ago, there was a very long night, so long that it seemed that there would no daylight ever again. It was pitch black, no stars in the sky, no wind blowing and no noise of the animals throughout the entire forest, it was a great silence. Families were dying in the dead cold of the night, there was no wood left to be burned so they could warm up themselves, they were starving to death because there was no way of hunting in such dark place.

Days were slowly passing, and people could not even keep track of it. All of a sudden a rainfall began and this rain flooded everything around. The forest that used to have several layers of greens became a plane blue, and eventually many animals faced death for the days that were

There was a large snake that lived inside a tree, and that snake, known as Boitata, was so hungry that it began to eat the leaves that were floating in the water. From that day on, the snake was known as Boitata.

Boitata

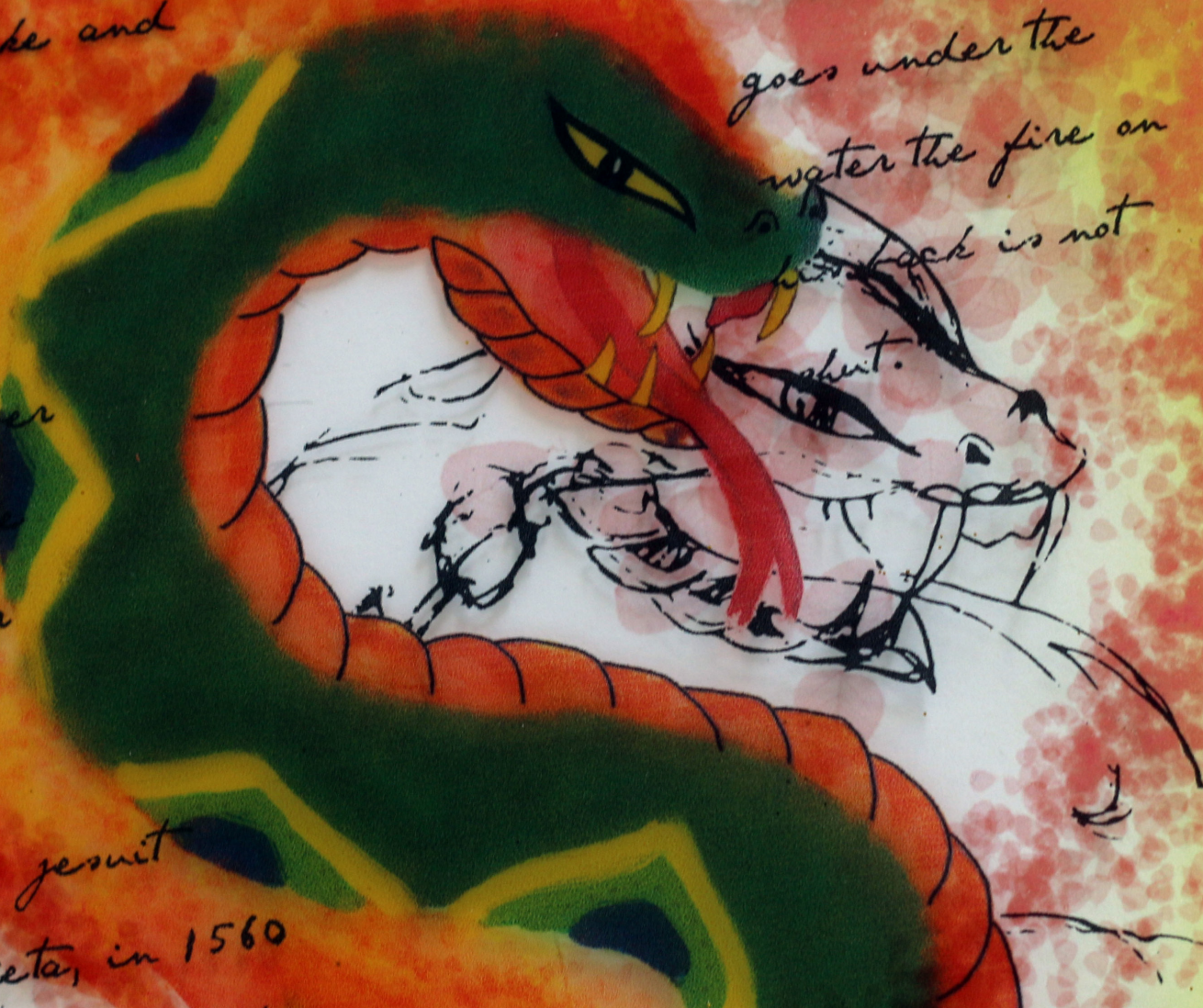
Boi-tata comes from the
Tupi meaning snake and
fire.

Boitata kills whoever
disrespects nature
and devours their
eyes.

In letters from jesuit
Pedro de Anchieta, in 1560

The fire that comes out from Boitata
is magical, and for such reason it
doesn't burn the forest or its plants.

For the same
reason, when he
goes under the
water the fire on
his back is not
shut.



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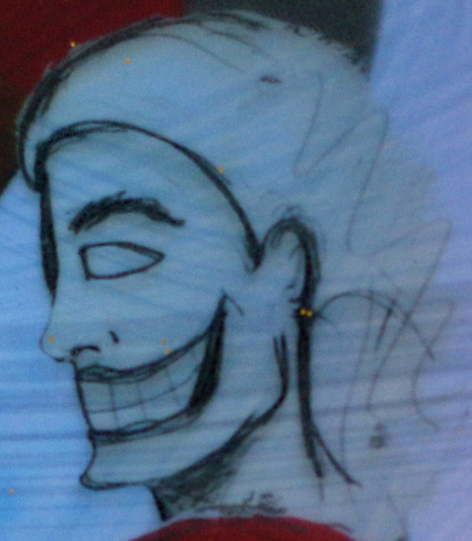
in spot in the night

with and bright white eyes.

Front

Side

Back



Skin dark as coal