

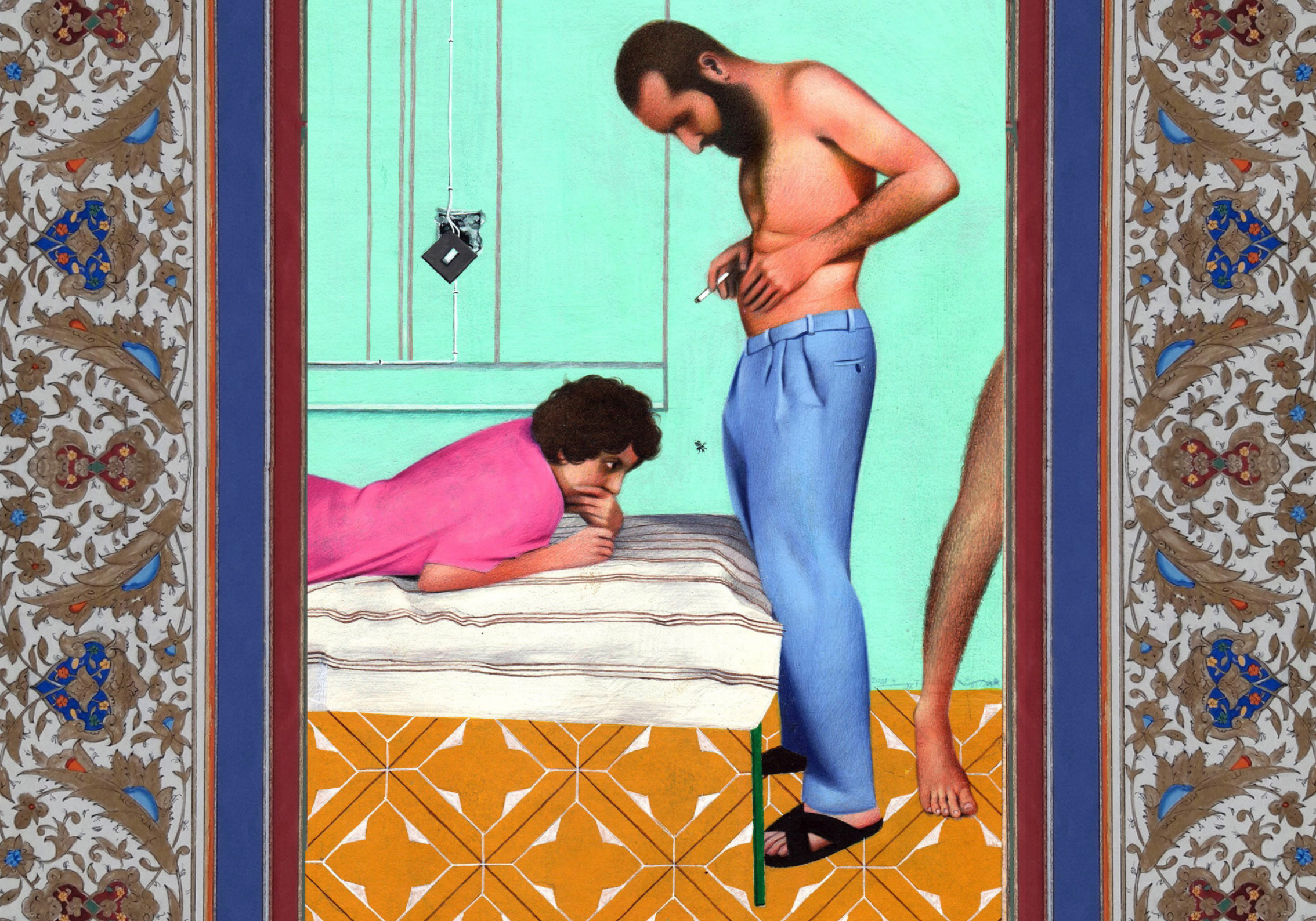
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Maryam Ayeen (b. 1985, Bojnoord, Iran) holds a BA in Painting from Ferdowsi University (Mashhad, Iran). Her work follows an old tradition in Persian miniature painting.

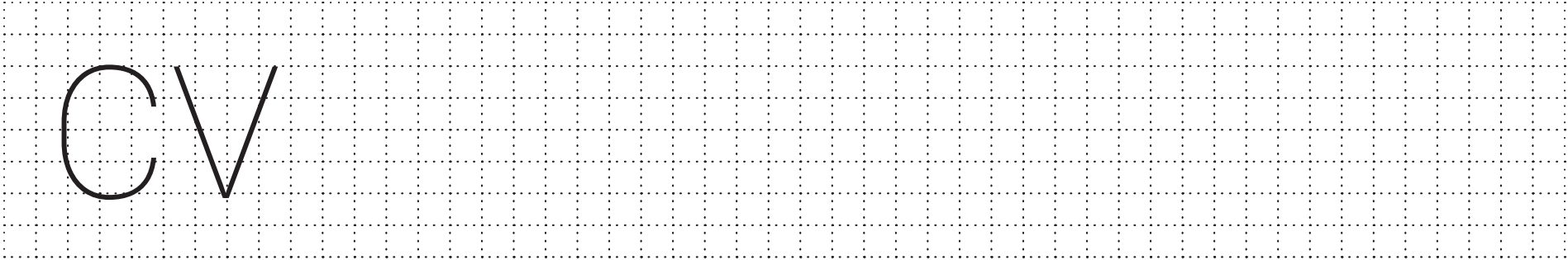
Abbas Shahsavar (b.1983, Kermanshah, Iran) holds a B.A. in Painting from Ferdowsi University (2005) and an M.A. in Painting from University of Arts (2012).

Maryam Ayeen and Abbas Shahsavar are an Iranian artist duo whose collaborative practice is rooted in the visual language of Persian miniature painting. While their technical approach draws on the delicate brushwork and compositional refinement of traditional book arts, their subject matter is

distinctly contemporary—ranging from scenes of middle-class life and domestic interiors to psychological, social, and political tensions embedded within private experience.

Their joint works often depict suspended moments within staged interiors, using recurring motifs and symbolic elements to explore themes such as routine, control, and isolation. The pair works closely on all aspects of the painting process, merging perspectives to develop a cohesive visual language marked by compositional density and formal precision. Their practice resists nostalgia, instead positioning miniature painting as a living form capable of addressing present-day realities through sustained attention to medium, form, and shared authorship.





CV

Maryam Ayeen

B. 1985. Bojnourd, Khorasan, Iran

Education

2009. B.A. in Painting, Ferdowsi University, Iran

Abbas Shahsavar

B. 1983. Kermanshah, Iran

Education

2009. B.A. in Painting, Ferdowsi University, Iran

2006. Honorary Diploma for stage designing of Mah Theater festival, Tehran, Iran

2000. Diploma in Graphic design from Kermanshah

Solo Exhibitions

2020. Haan Art Gallery, Shiraz, Iran

2019. Azad Art Gallery, Tehran, Iran

2016. Azad Art Gallery, Tehran, Iran

2014. Azad Art Gallery, Tehran, Iran

2001. Cinema Museum, Tehran, Iran

Group Exhibitions

2025. "Rabia Project", curated by Farah Ossouli, a travelling project around Iran coordinated by Sarai Gallery
2024. Present Illuminations: Group Exhibition at Foundry with Bavan Gallery, Dubai, UAE
2023. "Cypress Eternally Unbound", curated by Shahed Saffari, Fiuz Art Gallery, Kashan, Iran
2022. Xhoma, Tehran, Iran
2022. Guest House with Dastan Art Gallery, California, US
2022. "Siahqalam", Azad Art Gallery, Tehran, Iran
2018. "Mother". Azad Art Gallery, Tehran, Iran
2017. "Landscape up close", Niavaran Cultural Center, Tehran, Iran
2014. "Shahnameh", Laleh Art Gallery, Tehran, Iran
2014. "Tehran Figurative", Azad Art Gallery, Tehran, Iran
2013. "Free topic", Laleh Art Gallery, Tehran, Iran
2012. Saba Art Gallery, Biennial Painting, Tehran, Iran
2011. Artin Art Gallery, Mashhad, Iran
2008. Tehran Museum of Contemporary Art, Iranian Painting, Tehran, Iran

Art Fairs

2024. Frieze London, presented by Dastan Gallery, London, UK
2024. Art Dubai, presented by Dastan Gallery, Dubai, UAE
2023. Frieze Seoul, presented by Dastan Gallery, South Korea
2022. Frieze London, presented by Dastan Gallery, London, UK

Biennials

2014. Award winner of Iranian Persian Painting Biennial
2008. Third place award winner of Iranian Persian Painting Biennial

Awards

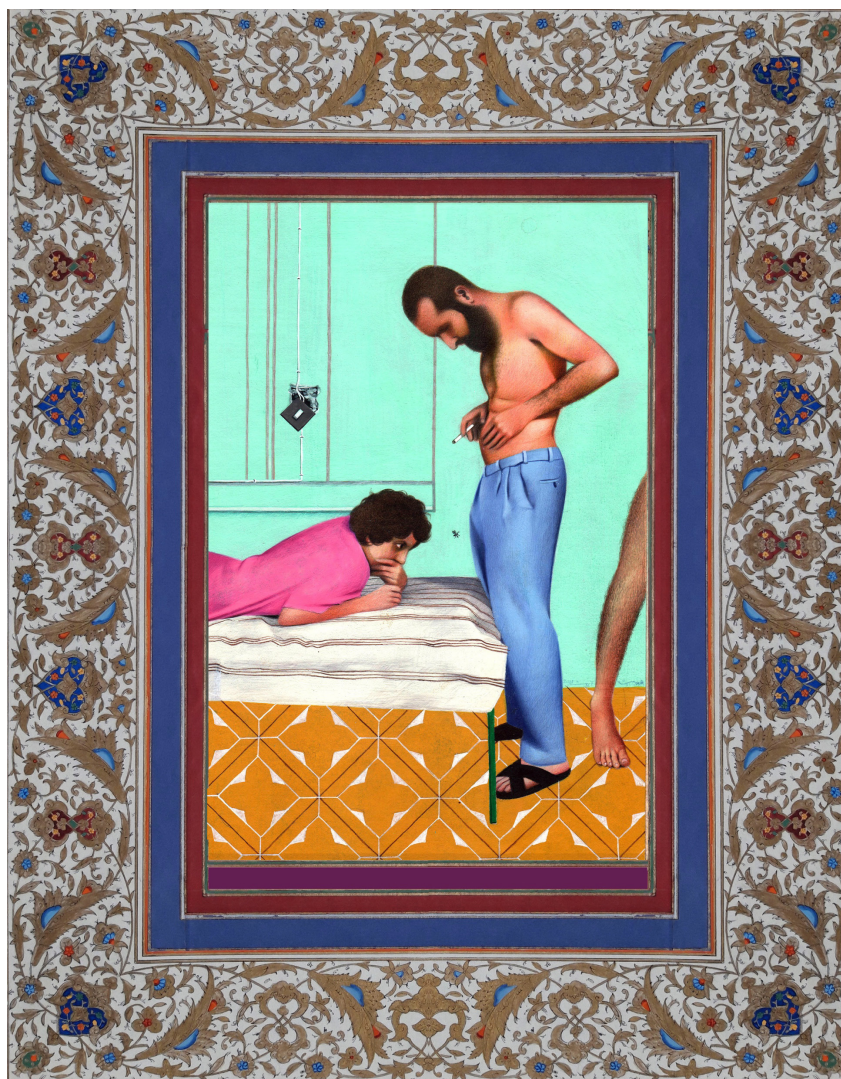
2009. Awarded by The National Youth Organization

2008. Elected participant in State Youth Festival of Visual Arts

2007. Elected participant of Khorasan Youth Festival of Visual Arts in Persian Painting

2007. Elected participant of State Youth visual arts festival, Orumiye in Persian Painting

2000. Awarded permanent permission of artwork installation in Attar's Tomb in Neyshabour, Iran



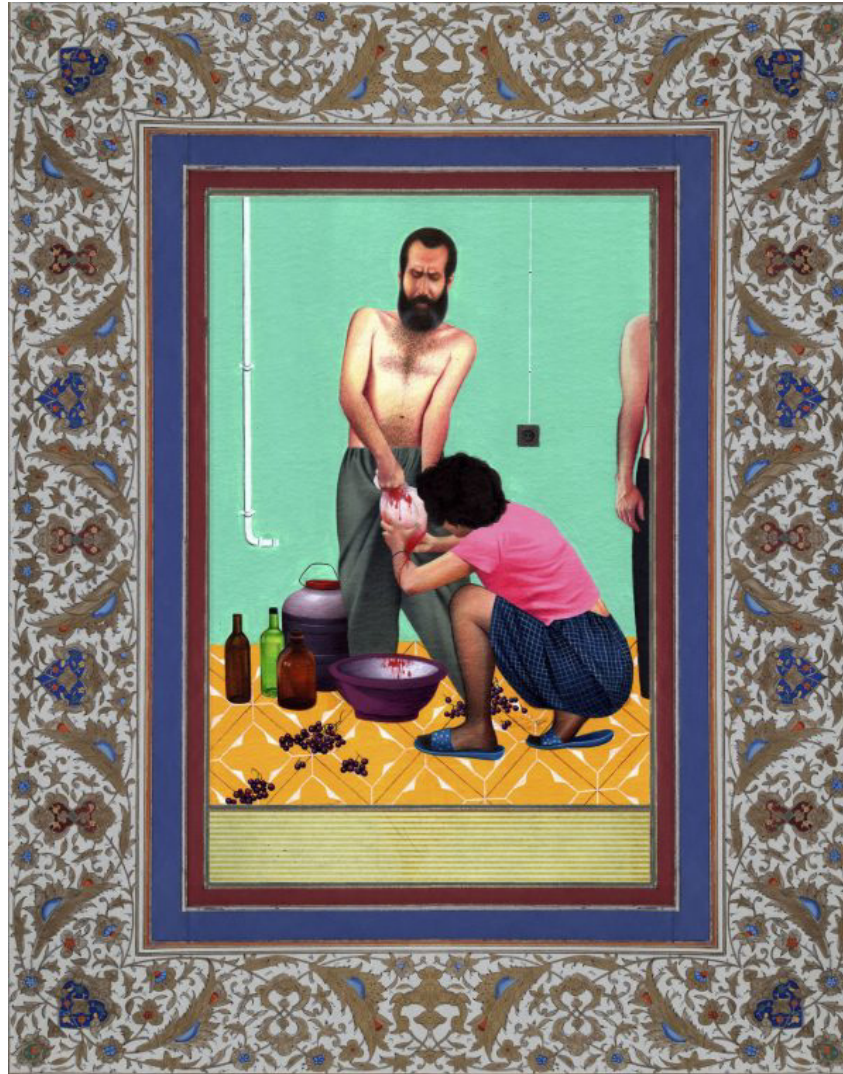
Maryam Ayeen & Abbas Shahsavar. *"Fall in Dopamine" (details)*. 2021
Gouache and Watercolor on Paper. Courtesy: The Artists



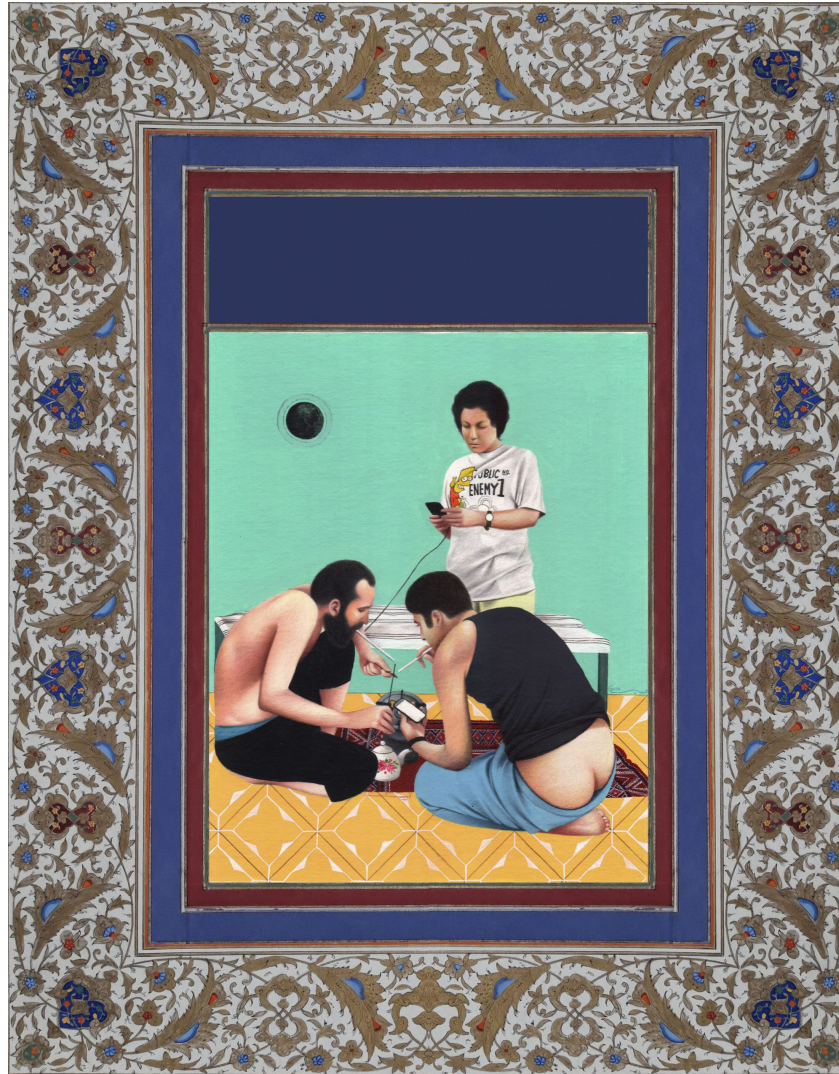
Maryam Ayeen & Abbas Shahsavar. *Untitled*. 2020
Gouache and Watercolor on Paper. 16 × 11 cm

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