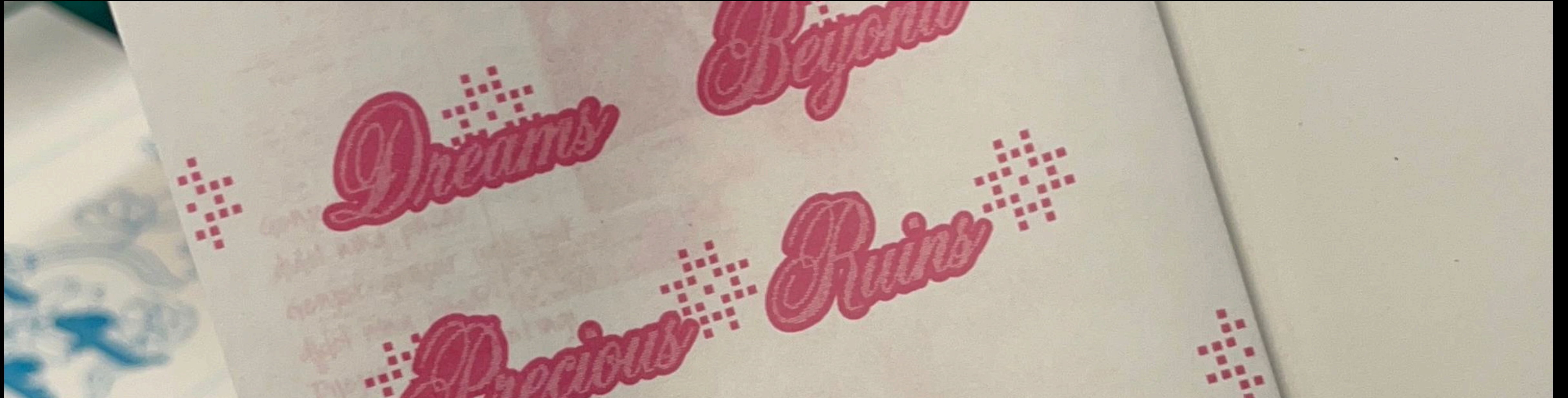


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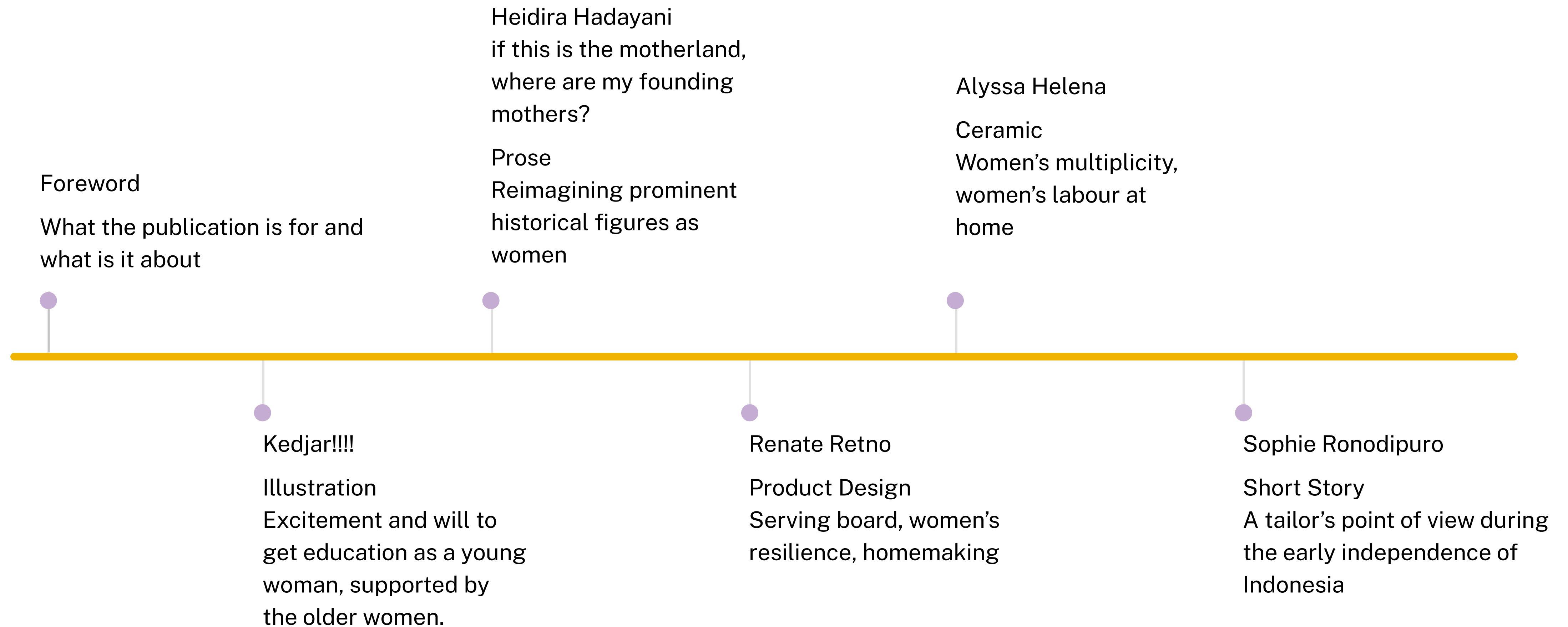
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an alternate trajectory
in this motherland, i dream up the founding mothers
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10 why do we call it motherland, when *Ibu Pertiwi* is just a term we give to a nameless metaphor of the green, green land, and the blue, blue sea? why do we call it motherland, when we only ever hear about the founding fathers, and not a mention of a founding mother?

maybe we are conditioned to think of mothers are figures to be protected and shielded. the past is not always right, but it can never be changed, so we take it upon ourselves to imagine a trajectory where the motherland also means a land forged by the mothers and the women, where they are given the chance to take a centre stage and write themselves into the narrative.

1 Ibu: Mother, Pertiwi: Land (Indonesian)

[scene i.]
if the first person to ever lead this young, trembling country was a woman: maybe some details of history would be different going forward.

she would not wage a war on her neighbour, as she knows how wars always, always, despair those who are the weakest, hurt the most to those left behind when their husbands go off to battle and do not return. she would not wage war, as wars are costly, and a woman knows how hard it is to keep your kitchen stove burning, and every penny that buys a bullet also buys rice and given the choice between dominating another land and feeding your own people, the answer would have been slightly more obvious for her.

2 President Soekarno announced a "Crush Malaysia" campaign in 1963, opposing the creation of Malaysia. The intermittent confrontations continued into 1966.

they say women hold grudges, maybe it is true or maybe it is not, but one thing is for sure: she does not forget. she would have a memory sharp enough to remember what it feels like to be subjugated, colonised, and squeezed dry. she will not forget the unfairness of the more

