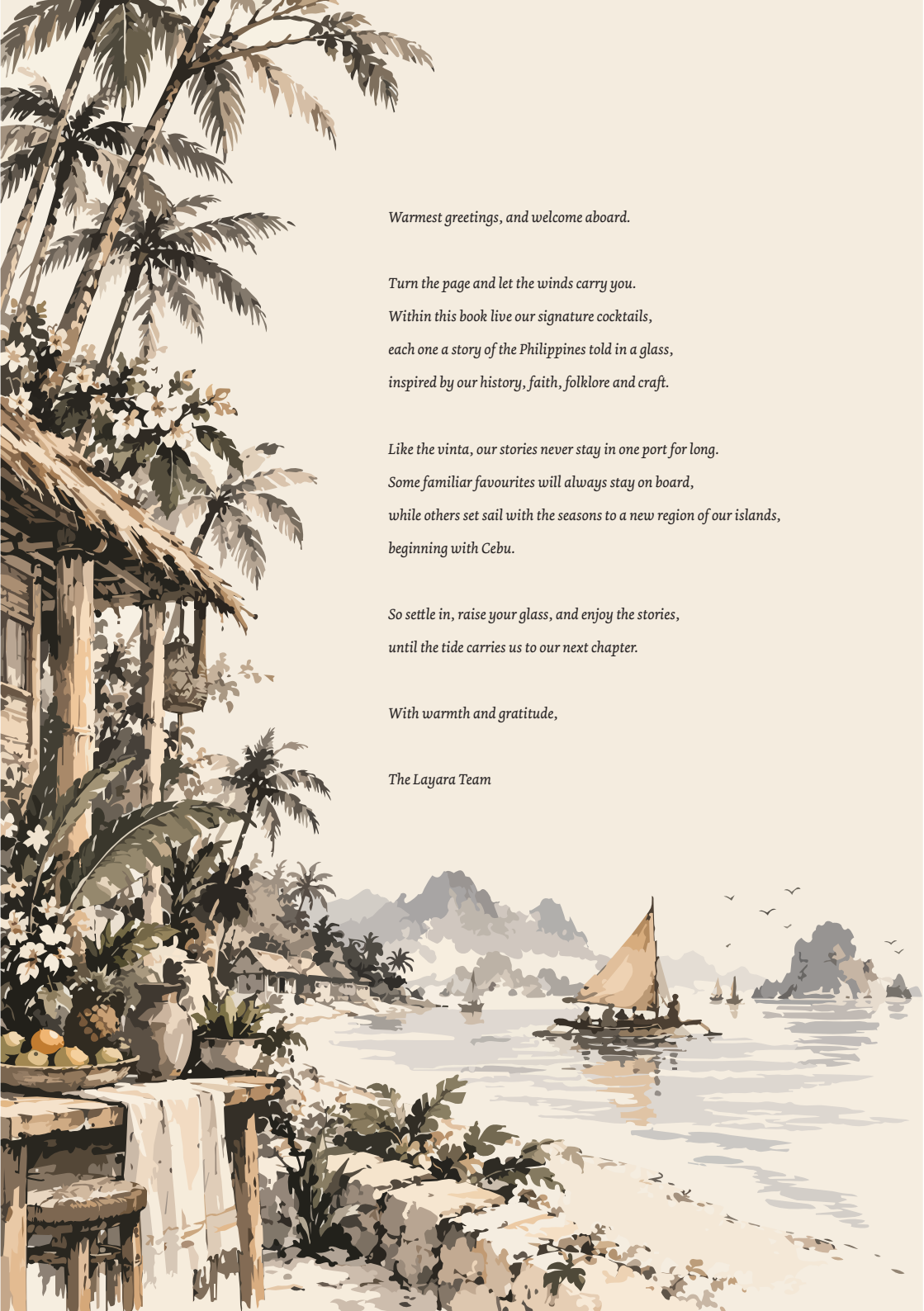
VOYAGE 1: CEBU

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Warmest greetings, and welcome aboard.

Turn the page and let the winds carry you.
Within this book live our signature cocktails,
each one a story of the Philippines told in a glass,
inspired by our history, faith, folklore and craft.

Like the vinta, our stories never stay in one port for long.
Some familiar favourites will always stay on board,
while others set sail with the seasons to a new region of our islands,
beginning with Cebu.

So settle in, raise your glass, and enjoy the stories,
until the tide carries us to our next chapter.

With warmth and gratitude,

The Layara Team



CHAPTER 1: COCKTAILS

SAILING THE PHILIPPINE ARCHIPELAGO

ᜇᜅᜆ (Dagat)

Orientalist Solera Rum · Pineapple
Calamansi · Pandan Coconut Water · Dalandan Air

1,450

Every story on this menu arrives by water.
A golden ship.

In the Philippines, the sea was never just a backdrop.
It carried every legend, every stranger,
every beginning to shore.

So we begin at the water's edge,
and follow the first story up into the mountains.

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MARIA CACAO

ᜉᜇᜒᜀ (Bulawan)

Orientalist Dragon Whisky · Yellow Mango
Passionfruit · Pomelo · Jasmine Tea

1,000

High in the misty mountains of Cebu lives
a woman who isn't quite of this world.

She tends cacao gvvroves on a peak that seems to breathe.

Once a year, when the rains swell the rivers,
she sails down to the sea in a ship of solid gold.
No one has ever touched it. No one has ever kept her.

But her mountain is not the only place
where the sky holds a secret.

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BAKUNAWA

ᜊᜒᜎᜈ (Bulan)

Martell VS Cognac · Black Sesame
Cacao · Muscovado · Banana Milk Foam

670

Long ago, the sky held not one moon but several.
Then a serpent longer than the horizon rose from the ocean
and swallowed them, one by one,
until a single moon was all that remained.

Every eclipse, old belief says, is the serpent trying again. Families once ran outside banging pots and pans, sure that noise alone could save the sky.

Not every legend lives above us, though.
Some of them walked the earth.

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PRINCESS URDUJA

ᜃᜓᜐᜒᜄ (Kusog)

Lady Trieu Contemporary Vietnam Gin
Ube · Earl Grey Tea · Goat Cheese Foam

1,050

In the far southern islands near Tawi-Tawi,
sailors who had travelled from as far as China
once wrote home about a ruler unlike any they had met.

A princess who governed her own land,
fought her own battles,
and bowed to no husband or king.

History barely remembers her name,
but everyone who met her swore she was real.

Closer to Cebu, power was shared too,
and not always easily.

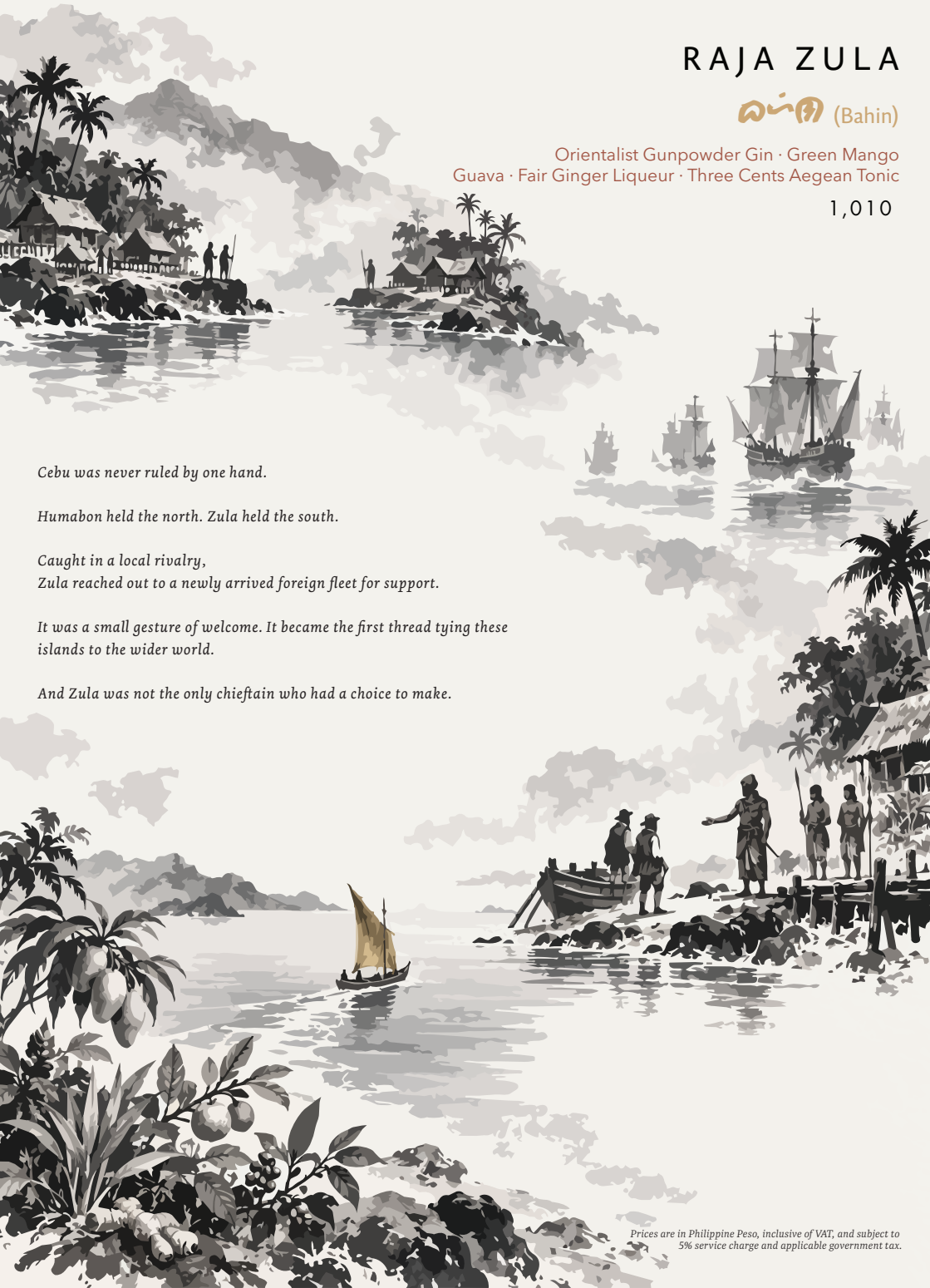
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RAJA ZULA

ᜊᜑᜒᜈ (Bahin)

Orientalist Gunpowder Gin · Green Mango
Guava · Fair Ginger Liqueur · Three Cents Aegean Tonic

1,010



Cebu was never ruled by one hand.

Humabon held the north. Zula held the south.

Caught in a local rivalry,
Zula reached out to a newly arrived foreign fleet for support.

It was a small gesture of welcome. It became the first thread tying these islands to the wider world.

And Zula was not the only chieftain who had a choice to make.

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LAPU-LAPU & RAJA HUMABON

ᜇᜆᜓ (Datu)

Orientalist Origins Vodka · Giffard Lychee
Giffard Elderflower · Lustau Fino Sherry · Mancino Bianco

1,170

Long before the Philippines was a country, it was a patchwork of island kingdoms, each ruled by its own chieftain, or datu.

Humabon welcomed the newly arrived Spanish expedition and embraced their Christian faith.

Lapu-Lapu chose to keep his own rule.

Two paths, side by side. And a beach, waiting.

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MACTAN

ᜄᜓᜊᜐ᜔ (Gubat)

Jameson Black Barrel Irish Whisky
The Glenlivet 12 Scotch Whisky · Coconut Milk
Jackfruit · Sweet Corn · Banana

750



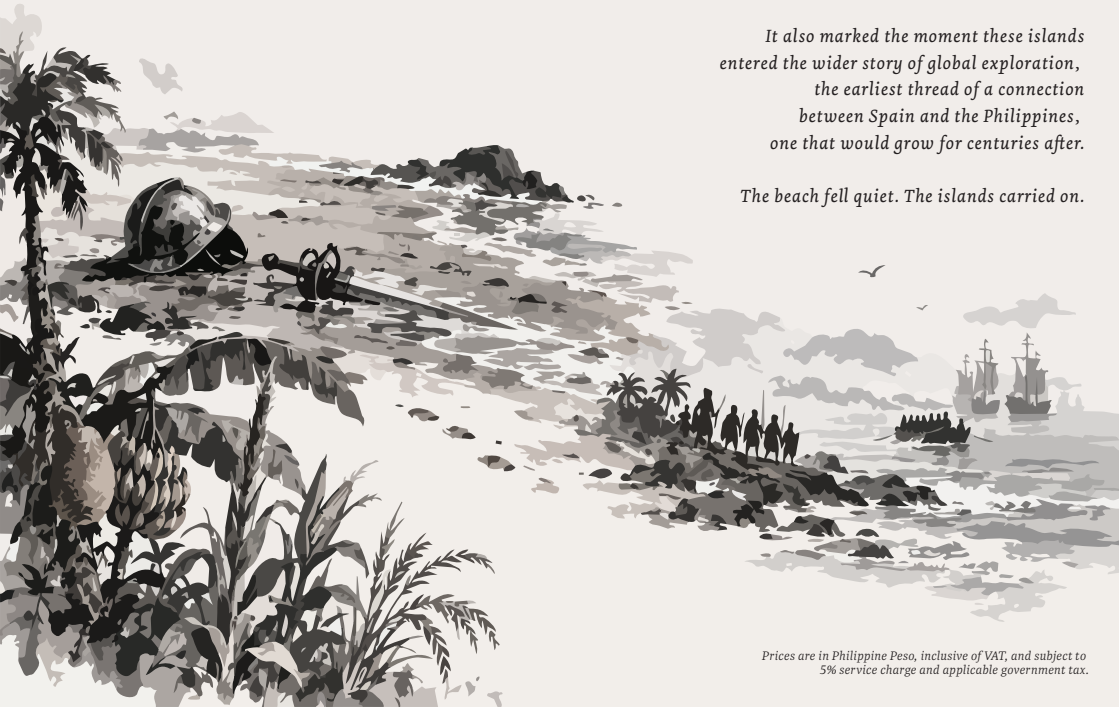
At first light on the beach of Mactan,
Lapu-Lapu's warriors met the soldiers of Ferdinand Magellan,
the explorer sailing for the Spanish crown on a voyage
meant to circle the globe.

The encounter ended in Magellan's demise.



It also marked the moment these islands
entered the wider story of global exploration,
the earliest thread of a connection
between Spain and the Philippines,
one that would grow for centuries after.

The beach fell quiet. The islands carried on.



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CHAPTER 2: MOCKTAILS

THE ISLANDS AFTER MACTAN

ᜇᜒᜏᜆ᜔ (Diwata)

Sober Spirits Rum · Citrus · Mint · Sugar

830

The islands' story was far older than any ship.
Before the sails arrived, people already had their own faith.
They spoke with the spirits of the sea, the forest,
and the rice fields, and they called them diwata.







Nothing was empty.
Every tree, river and stone had someone living in it.

And when you share a space with spirits,
you bring them a gift.

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THE OFFERING

ᜑᜎᜇ (Halad)

Glutinous Rice · Yellow Mango
Ginger · Coconut Milk
500

Rice. Fruit. Something sweet.
A little for them, a little for you.

The offering was never a bargain. It was good manners, a way of saying thank you for the harvest, the rain and the safe return home.

And when someone fell ill, the village knew exactly who to call.



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THE BABAYLAN

ᜇᜓᜏᜆᜈ᜔ (Healer)

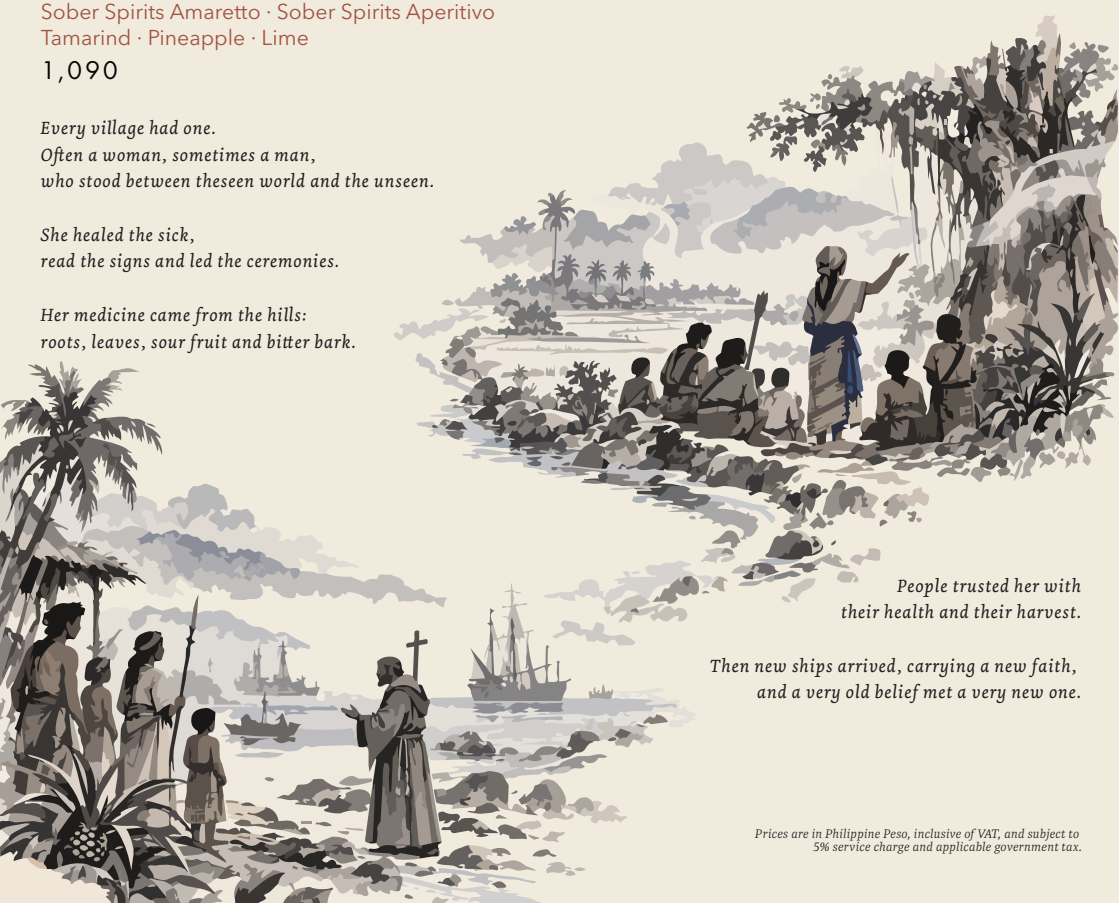
Sober Spirits Amaretto · Sober Spirits Aperitivo
Tamarind · Pineapple · Lime

1,090

Every village had one.
Often a woman, sometimes a man,
who stood between theseen world and the unseen.

She healed the sick,
read the signs and led the ceremonies.

Her medicine came from the hills:
roots, leaves, sour fruit and bitter bark.



People trusted her with
their health and their harvest.

Then new ships arrived, carrying a new faith,
and a very old belief met a very new one.

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THE CHILD FROM SPAIN

ᜐᜒᜎᜓᜎᜒᜅ (Sinulog)

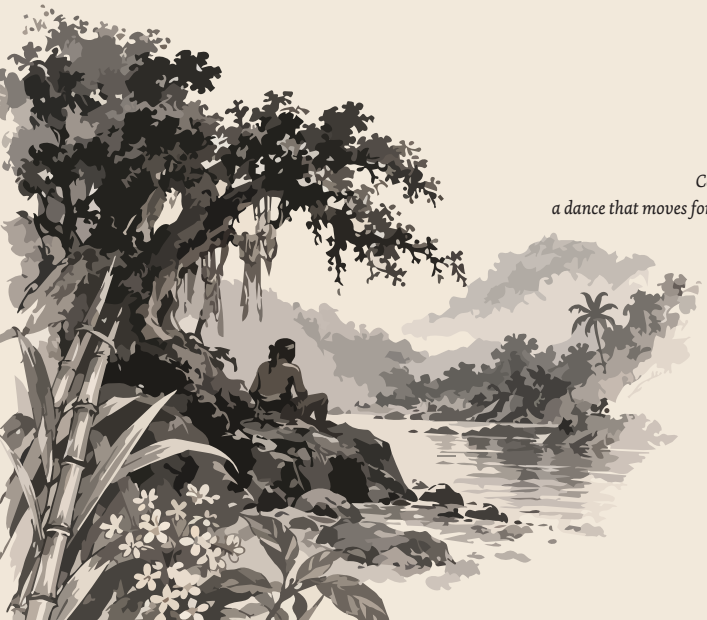
Sober Spirits Gin · Kaffir Lime Sugar Cube
Saicho Osmanthus Sparkling Tea

1,650

In 1565, the next Spanish fleet landed in Cebu.
In a house in the settlement, a soldier found a small carved figure of the child Jesus, the Santo Niño.

Magellan's expedition had given one to Queen Juana decades earlier.





A Spanish friar wrote that the islanders looked at it and saw a diwata of the Castilians.

Two worlds met over one small statue.
Cebu still celebrates it every January with the Sinulog, a dance that moves forward and back like the sulog, the current of the river.

But the old world did not simply vanish.
Some of it went quiet, and waited for night.

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THE ASWANG

ᜀᜐ᜔ᜏᜅ᜔ (Healer)

Salted Calamansi · Three Cents Cherry Soda
Luxardo Cherry Bitters (3 dashes) · Banana & Coconut
Cream Foam · **Low ABV**

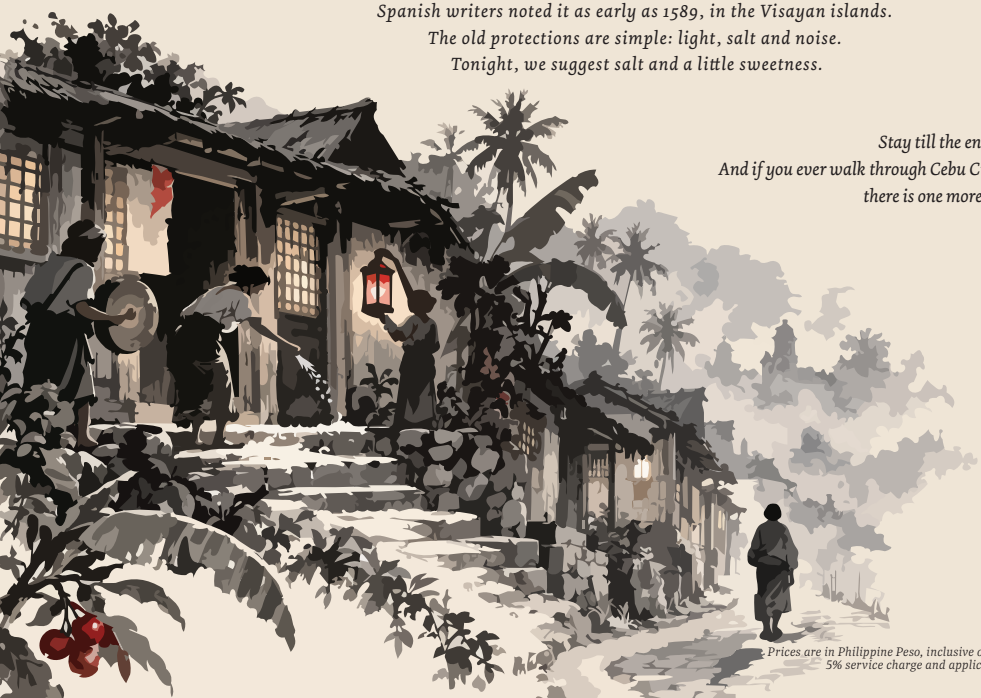
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Not every spirit is kind.

The aswang is the Philippines' great night creature,
a neighbour by day and something else after dark.

Spanish writers noted it as early as 1589, in the Visayan islands.
The old protections are simple: light, salt and noise.
Tonight, we suggest salt and a little sweetness.

Stay till the end of the glass.
And if you ever walk through Cebu City after dark,
there is one more place to pass.



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THE HOUSE ON THE HILL

ᜃᜓᜎᜒ (Soul)

Jasmine Tea · Lychee · Sampaguita · Lime

500

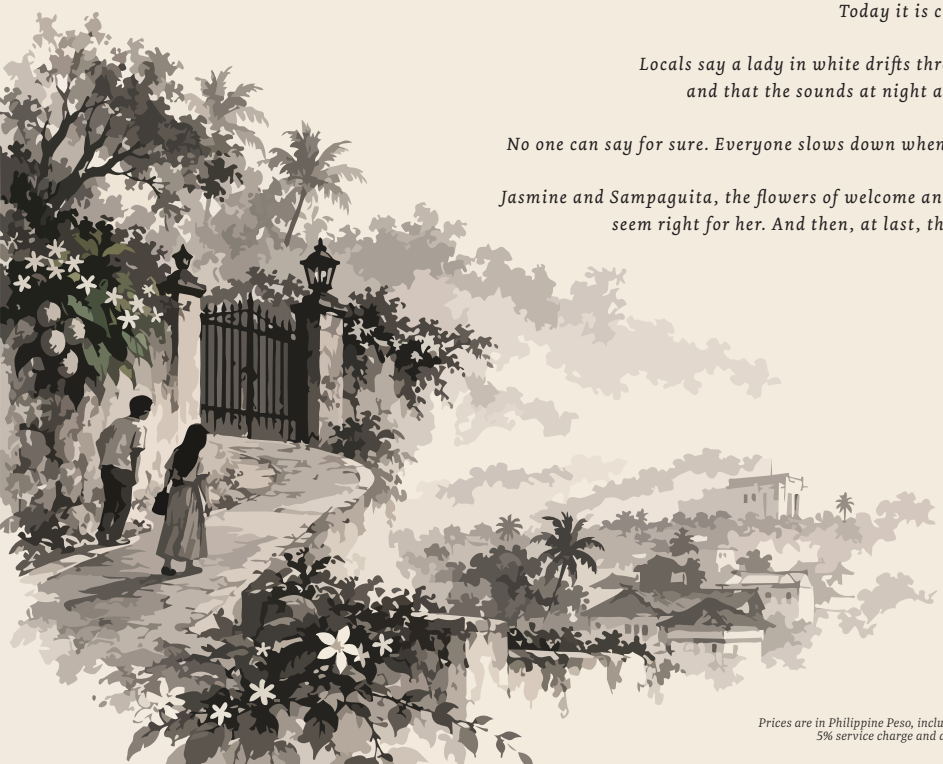
Behind the Capitol in Cebu City stands an old house on a hill.
A wealthy Cebuano family once lived there.

Today it is closed to visitors.

Locals say a lady in white drifts through the rooms,
and that the sounds at night are not the wind.

No one can say for sure. Everyone slows down when they walk past.

Jasmine and Sampaguita, the flowers of welcome and remembrance,
seem right for her. And then, at last, the roosters begin.



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FIRST LIGHT

ᜀᜄ (Aga)

Sober Spirits Gin · Pomelo · MO Dalandan Liqueur (10ml)
Sugar · **Low ABV**

820

And then, morning. The roosters start. The market wakes.
The fear of the night feels a little silly in the sunshine.

In the old stories, dawn is when the spirits step back
and the living take the island again.

Pomelo and Dalandan, our own sweet citrus,
close the menu the way a Cebu day begins:
bright, warm and unhurried.

Thank you for sailing with us.

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