

The Usual Suspects:
Presto-chango, Empty Rhetoric,
Caught Red-handed and Sideshow

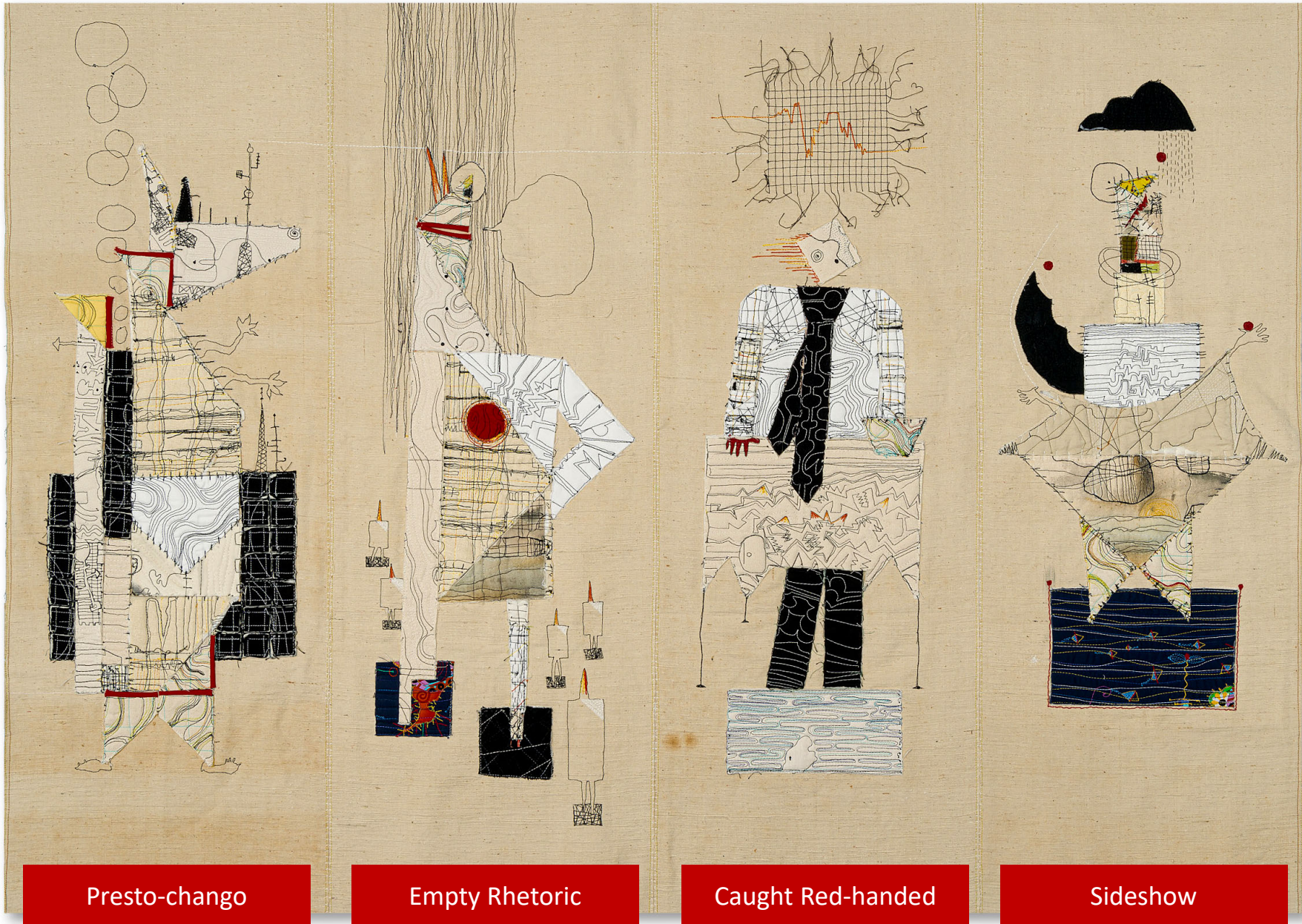
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Hello!

My name is
Paula Kovarik.
I've been quilting
for about 15 years.
My focus is on
stitching what can
not be expressed
in words.



Here are the Usual Suspects.

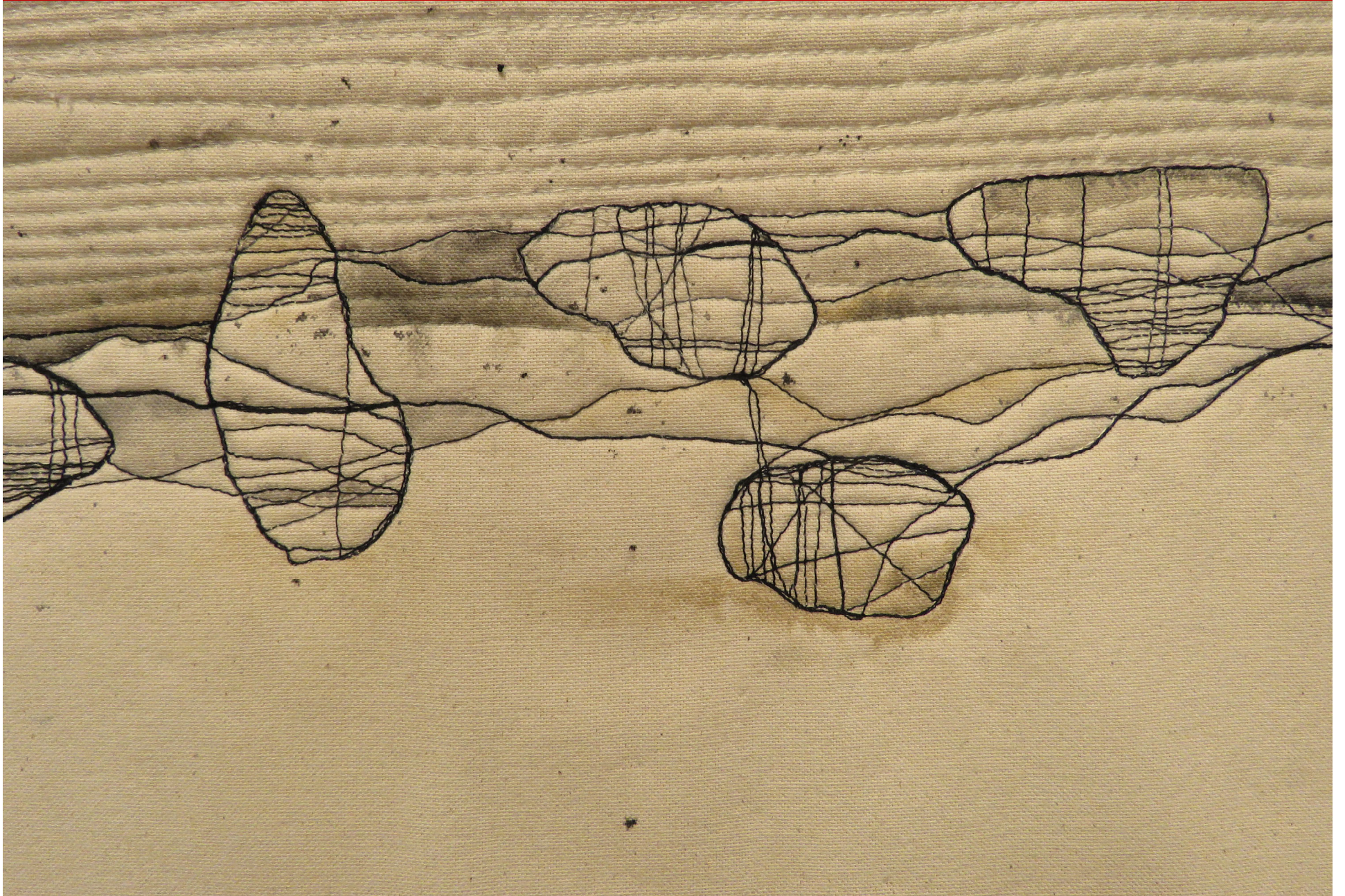


River

They have
been cobbled
together from
quilts that wanted
a new life.



Stones

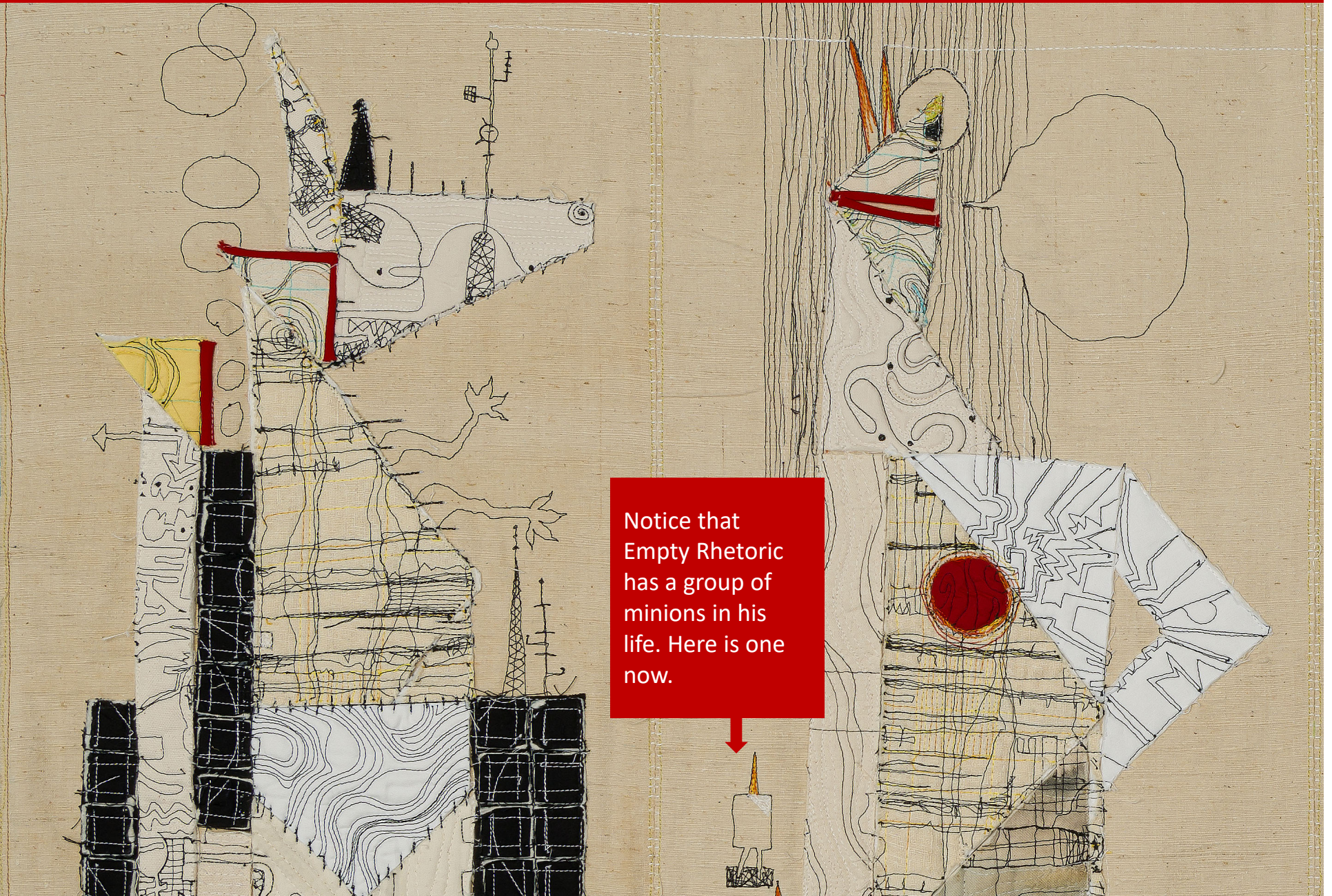


Extra bits

I repurpose the trimmings from finished quilts in these collage pieces.



Presto-chango and Empty Rhetoric



Notice that Empty Rhetoric has a group of minions in his life. Here is one now.



Presto-chango



I used a woven panel for the base of these compositions. It has great tooth and some evocative stains I couldn't resist.

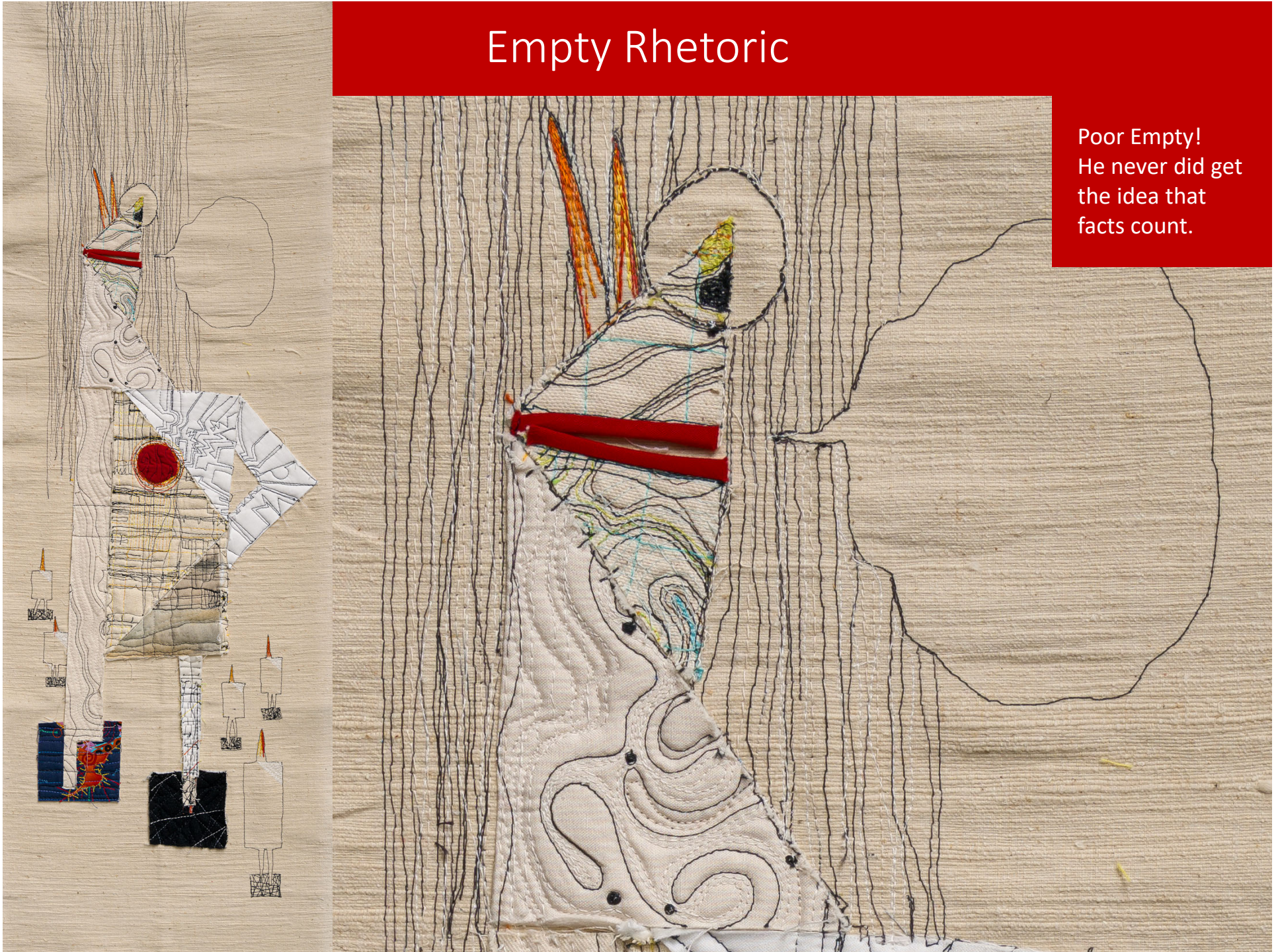
Presto-chango

Dear Presto
thinks he can
conjure new
truths through
the media.



Empty Rhetoric

Poor Empty!
He never did get
the idea that
facts count.



Empty Rhetoric

Minions
everywhere.



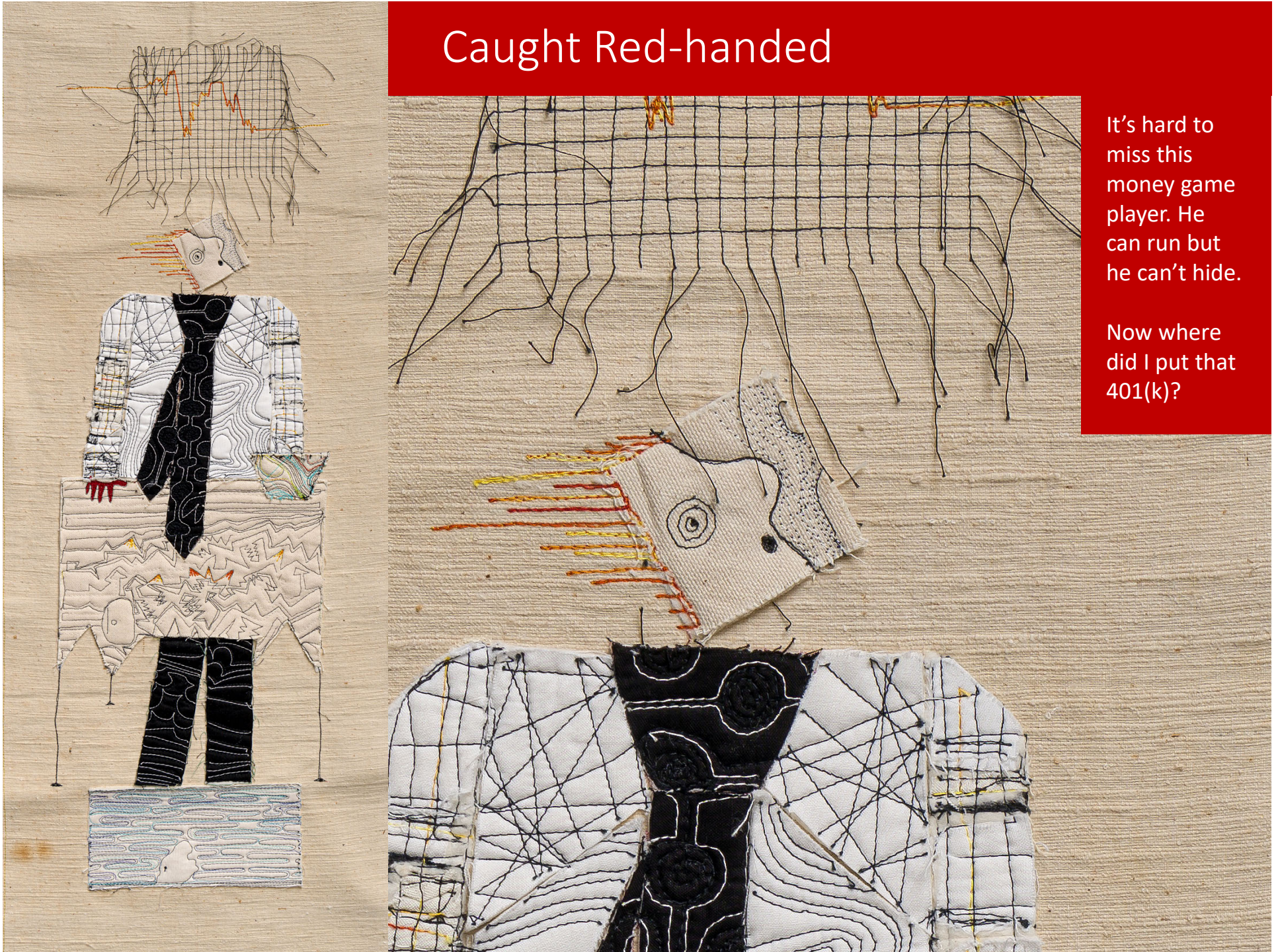
And here are Caught Red-handed and Sideshow.



Caught Red-handed

It's hard to miss this money game player. He can run but he can't hide.

Now where did I put that 401(k)?

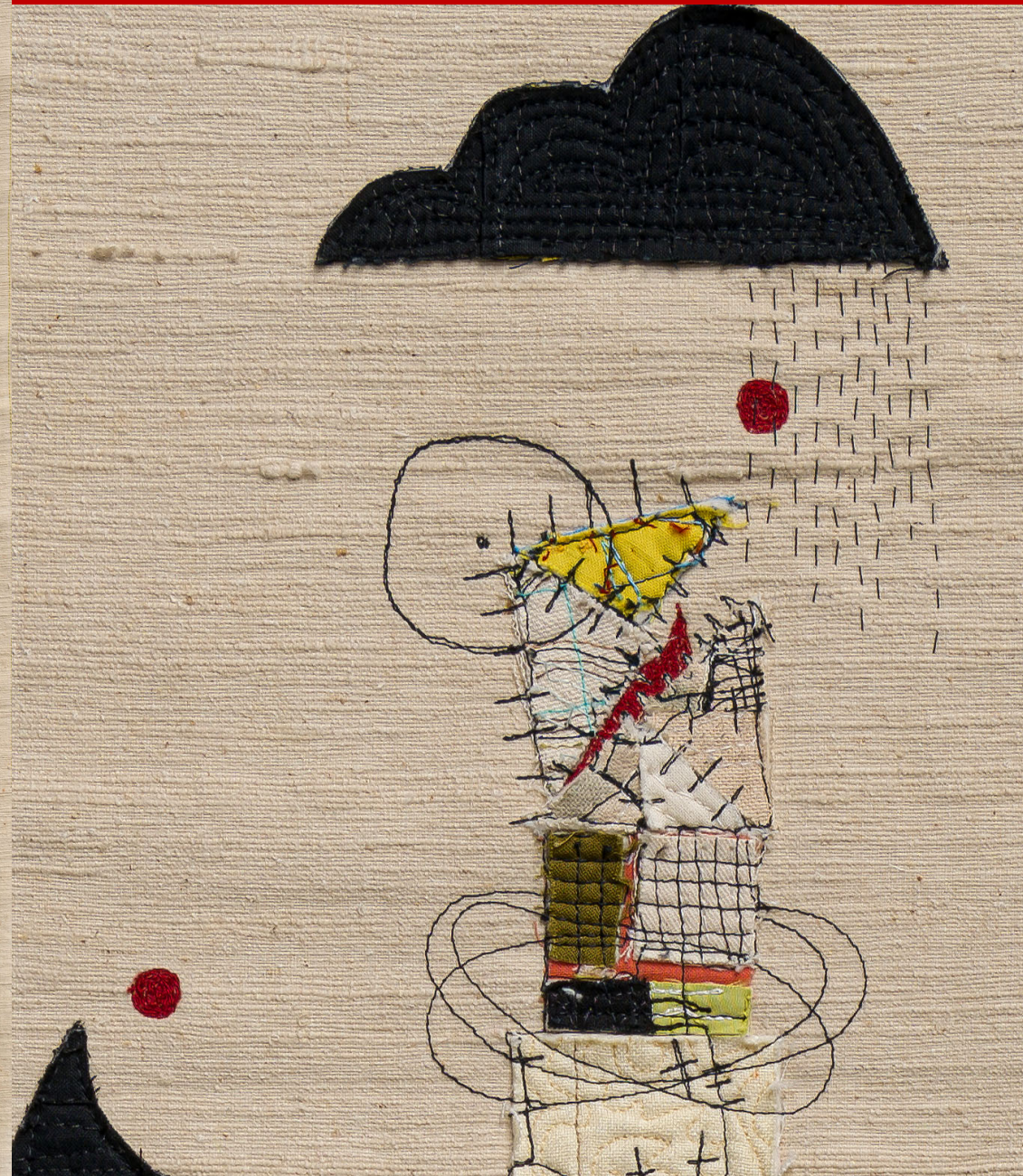
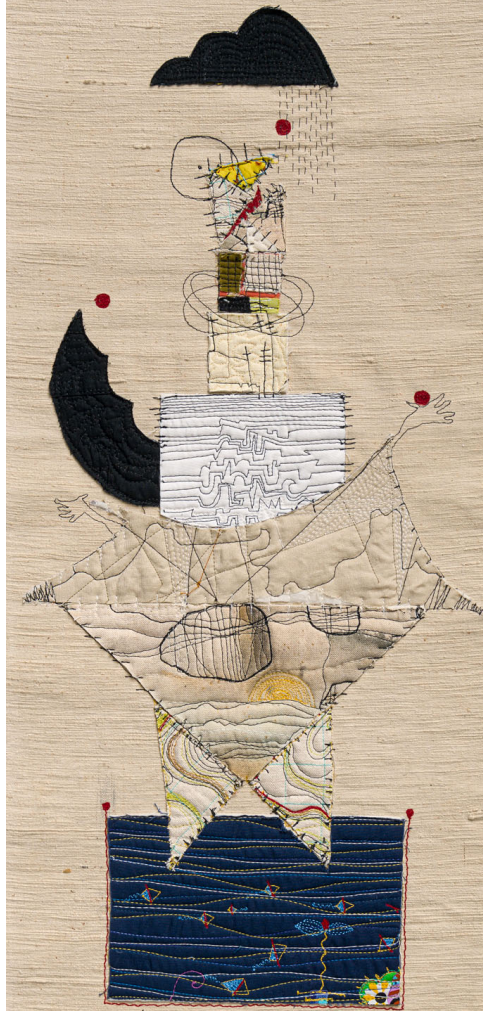


Caught Red-handed

Is there
reason to this
madness?
Why does
bad news
beget a rise
in the stock
market?



Sideshow



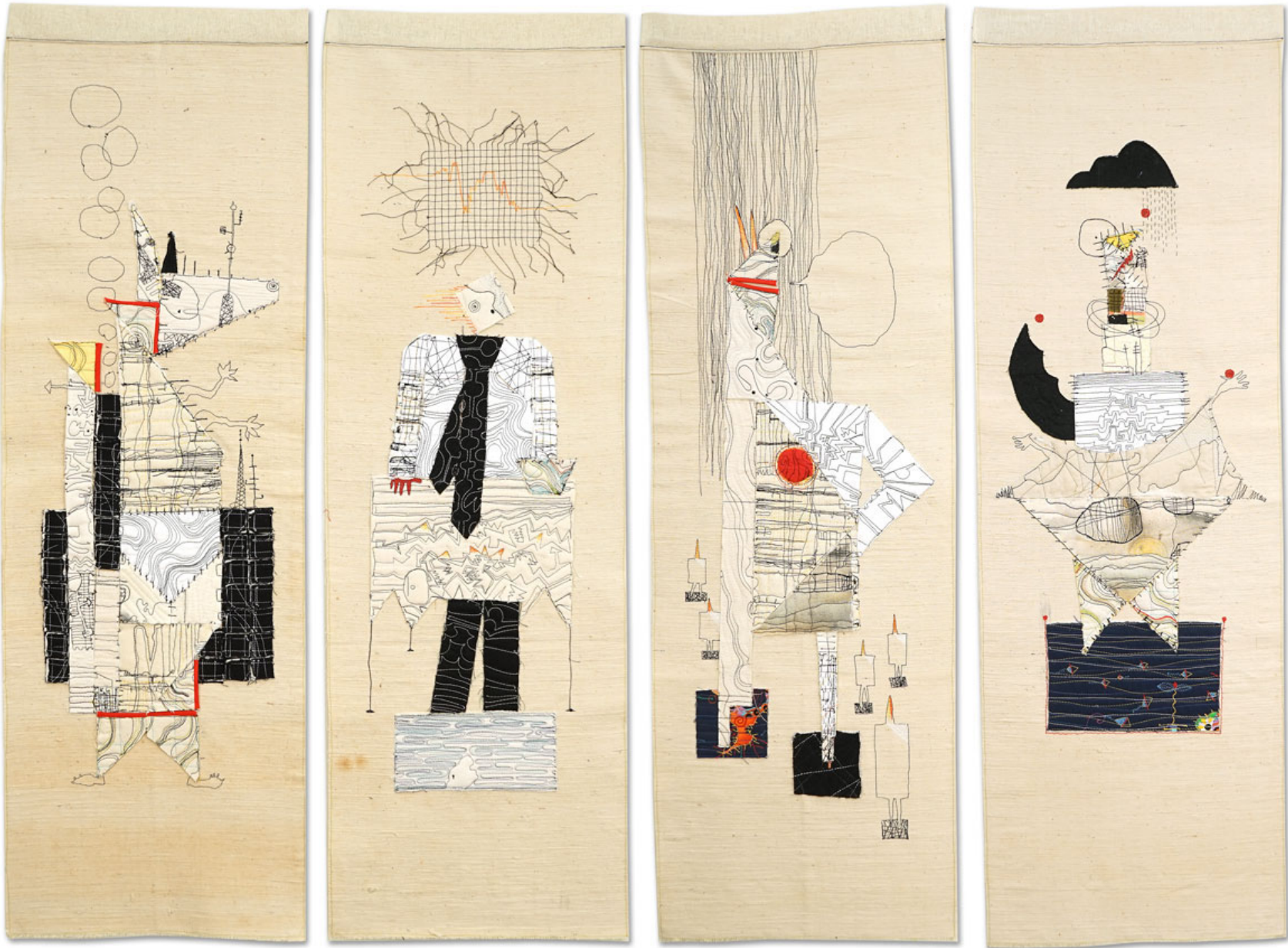
Sideshow is a lonely fellow. He juggles science to predict the climate.

Sideshow

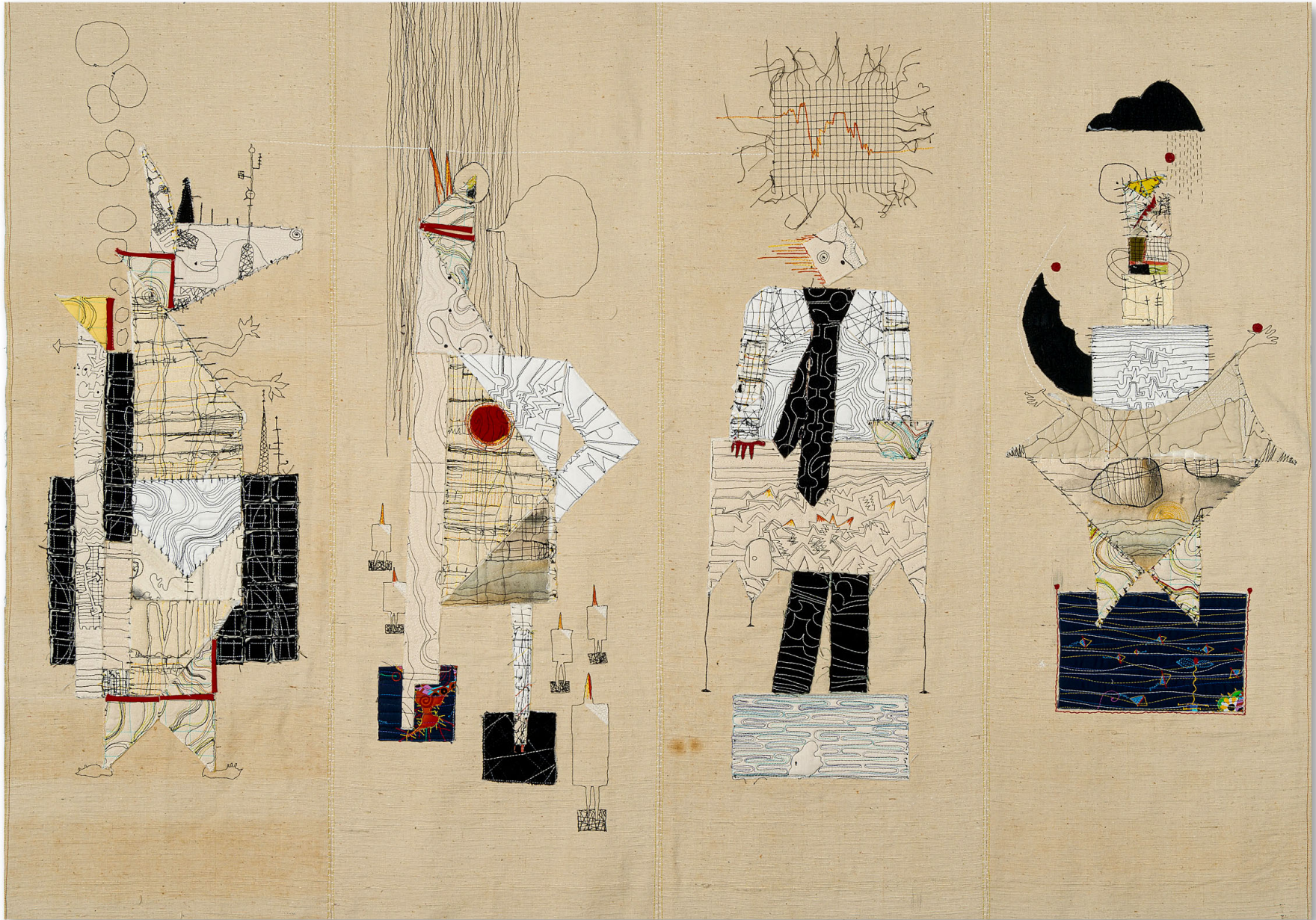
Stitching practice squares gave Sideshow his body. Is that an earthquake I see?



At first I thought they all needed their own panels.



But then I decided they deserved one another.



Where I Work

If I had a cot and
a hot plate in
here I probably
wouldn't leave.



Our new normal



The pandemic has added a new level of introspection to my work.

I do miss normal.



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