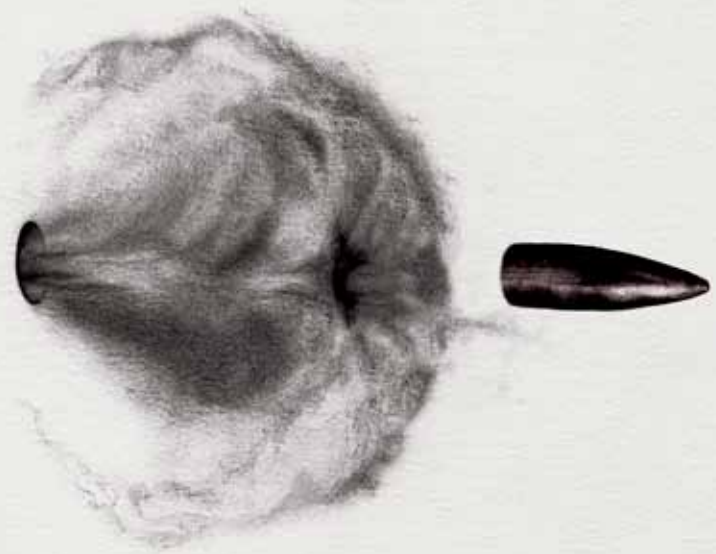
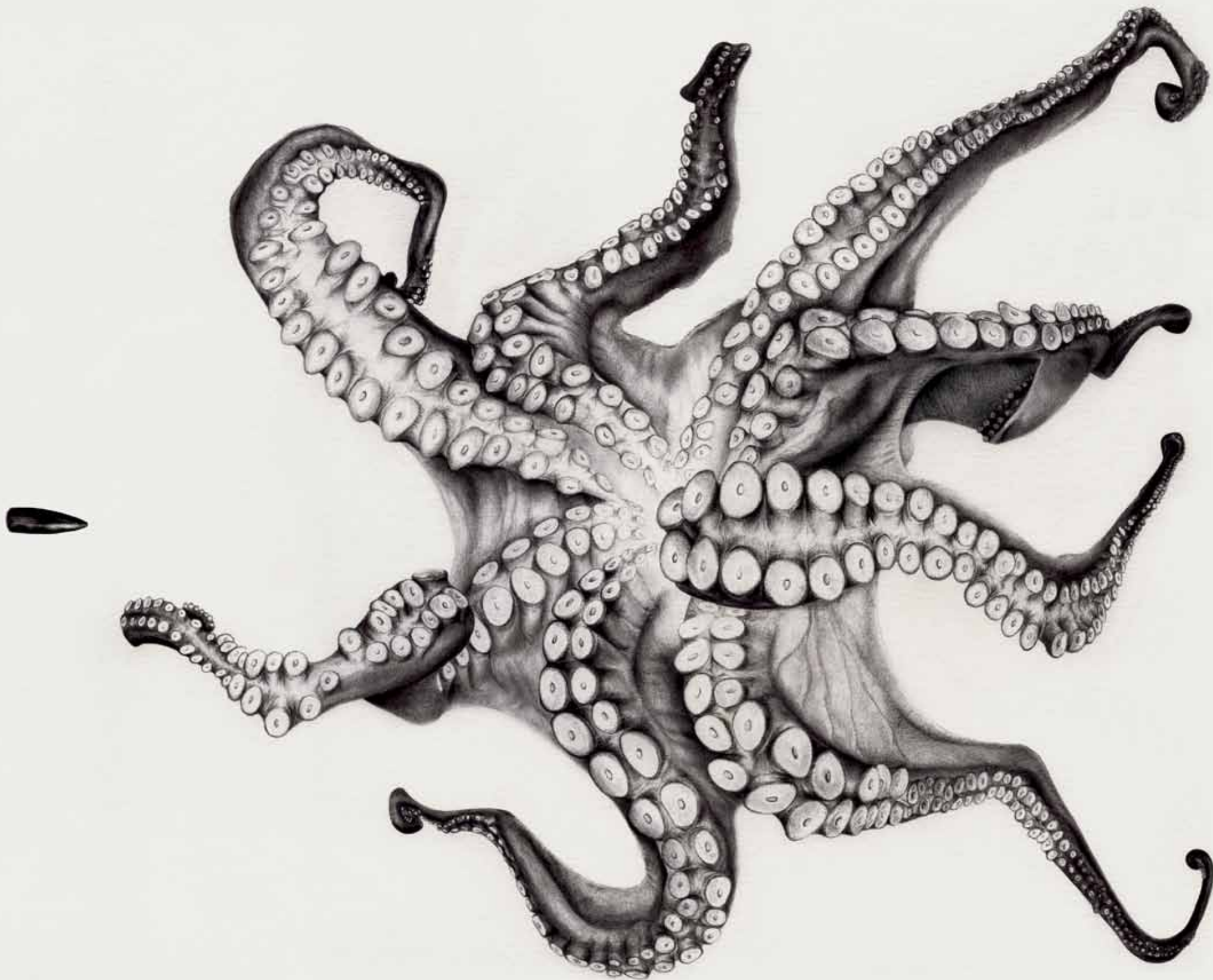


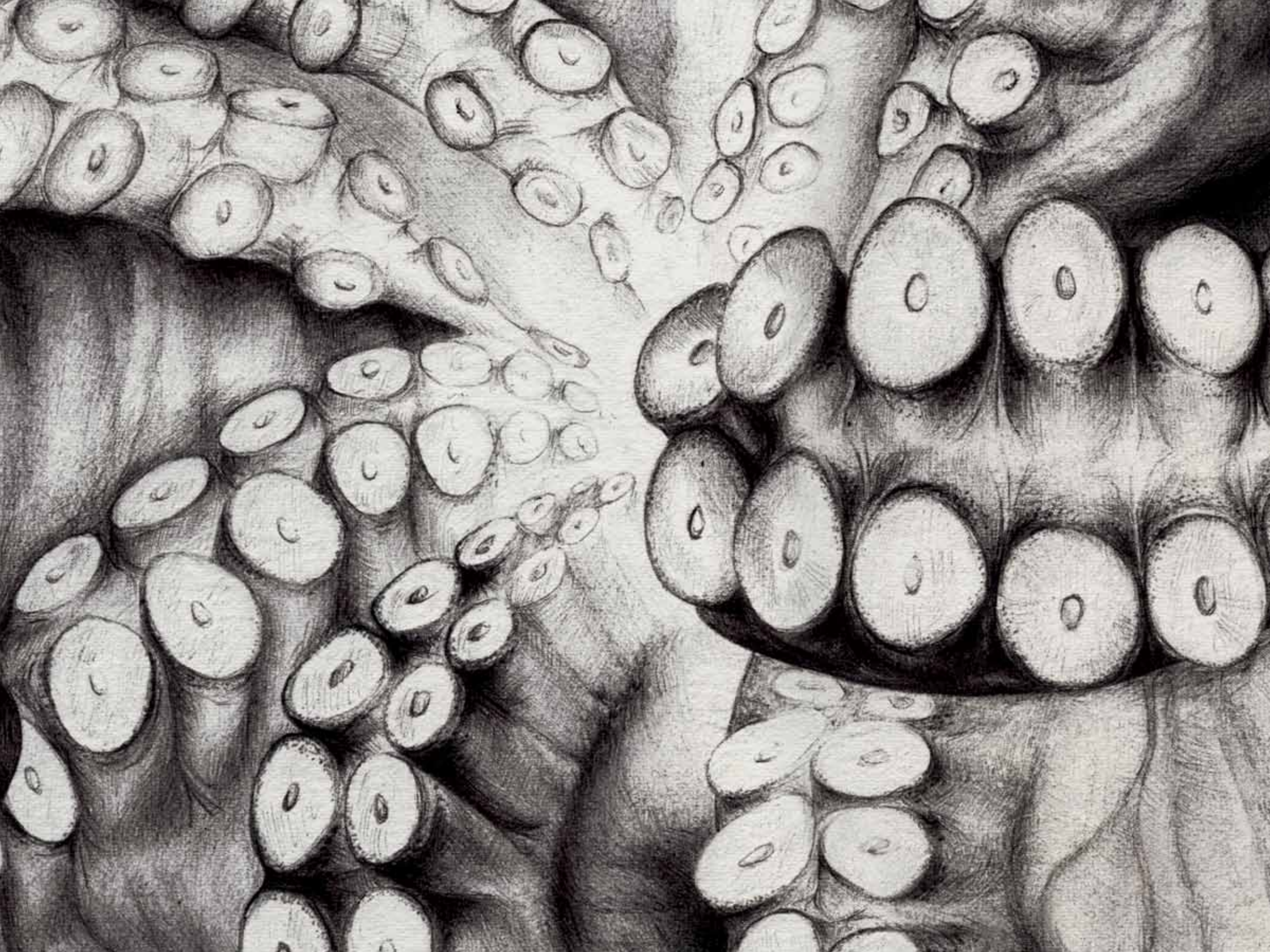
## Plate 7

The star-like shape lit up white and wet on the dark tilefloor. One of its arms still reached straight up, like a blind arrow splitting space. Blended in paleness one had to look twice to see that there were two bodies sprawled out among the shallow puddles of water, instead of one. The girl's limbs protruded from under the giant cephalopod's mantle, black strands of her hair rinsed in the seams of the dark tiles. This muscular lid had barely formed a shield for the bullet that pierced them both. The loud bang must have cracked open the silent air of soft plopping sounds – each sucker leaving a perfectly round little mark on her skin.











**North Pacific Giant Octopus ~ *Enteroctopus dofleini*** [Gk. oktopous meaning 'eight-footed', from okto 'eight' + pous 'foot;'] - (1). *Large CEPHALOPOD belonging to the genus Enteroctopus.* (2). *Special pigment cells in the skin enable it to change color and texture, in order to coincide with the environment.* (3). *With three hearts and a large brain that extends down into its eight arms, it is capable of individually navigating each of its suckers for sensing and tasting prey.* (4). *They are considered intelligent animals that can learn by OBSERVATION and are known to have individual personalities.* (5). *Both male and female die shortly after MATING.*

**Bullet ~** [L. bulla 'round thing, knob;'] - (1). *a PROJECTILE propelled by a firearm, sling, or air gun.* (2). *Bullets do not normally contain EXPLOSIVES, but damage the intended target by IMPACT and PENETRATION.*

