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*Welcome to **The Doll Scene**, where you get exclusive access to some of the best Blythe, Pullip, BJD (ball-jointed dolls), Monster High, Susie Sad Eyes, and Dal dolls customizers.*

Funny, sweet, libidinous, adorable, and sometimes sinister, these dolls have truly become objects of desire and pop culture icons of this century.

The artists featured in this amazing book give each doll a unique personality by exchanging body parts, sculpting faces, changing “eye chips” and hair colors, adding endless eyelashes, applying makeup, and carefully tailoring all its clothing and accessories. Also, we will meet other artists who have designed their own dolls—called OOAK (one-of-a-kind) and used for art dolls made of various materials, such as polymer clay and resin—creating original molds.

Custom-designed dolls are increasingly valued by fans and collectors, and most of these pieces of art are available in several online stores and auctions on eBay.

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The Doll Scene!*

Nanuka

Naira is Nanuka, an artist and interior designer from Bilbao, Spain. Her colorful world is the result of years of investigation, working hard by paying special attention to those little details that make an artist become an artist. Nanuka incorporates electronic and mechanical devices into her creations to achieve movement and realness to her lovely dolls. Being an interior designer allows her to create beautiful small-scale environments for her characters. Although she is inspired by music and movies, her favorite subject is the amusing world of circus. Nanuka's sole intention is to make us dream and smile—and she really succeeds!







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Julien Martinez

Julien Martinez is a contemporary artist living in Paris. Martinez is very well known and admired in the doll scene for his creepy and gothic style. Martinez uses a wide range of dolls to create his unique and dark world: Blythe, Pullip, Dal, Toffee, Reborn, BJD, vinyl, vintage, and porcelain dolls. He presents his stunning creations each year in the main doll collectors, events and exhibitions worldwide. To create his creepy and dark universe, Martinez is inspired by literature, cinema, old fairy tales, and costume design history.







Julien Martinez









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Julien Martinez

Caramelaw

Sheena Aw is Caramelaw, a graphic designer specializing in motion graphics and a professional video editor.

She describes herself as an adventurous dreamer and a creatures-and-monsters creator. After a hard day's work in the office, she loves to spend her free time customizing vinyl toys and dolls in her home studio in Singapore.

Rainbows, candies, animals, flowers, mushrooms, and dripping colors play a big part in her unique universe.

She sews and designs all the clothing and accessories for her dolls. Aw has worked with very well-known

international brands, such as MTV Asia, Hasbro, DC Comics, and Atomic Snowboard.







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Cookie Dolls

Rebeca Cano lives in Toledo, Spain, which is near Madrid. Cano works as an archaeologist and restorer, and she is the founder of Cookie Dolls. Her inspiration comes from religion, dreams, and poetry. Cano loves to tell stories with each creation, flavored with a hint of melancholy, in which each doll is the star. Through her conscientiously taken photographs, Cookie Dolls bring us to a magical place where we can see sumptuous dioramas and detailed, beautiful costumes, designed and sewed specially for each doll, giving them life, personality, and soul. Cookie Dolls are absolute objects of desire, no doubt about it.



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Poison Girl's Dolls

María Francisco Sarasa is Poison Girl, a young Spanish girl who loves to collect and customize dolls. María started her artistic career as doll customizer in 2010, merging together three things she is passionate about: dolls, customization, and photography. Poison Girl describes herself as an ordinary girl who tries to make beautiful things and bring happiness to the people. Poison Girl's Dolls is a delicious cotton candy world made of pastel colors, a beautiful palette thoughtfully used with skill, love, and dedication. María loves to share her work with the doll community through her Flickr website account.





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Clockwork Angel

Clockwork Angel, also known as Silvee van Toor, is an artist from The Netherlands with a deep love for the world of fantasy and fairy tales. When Silvee discovered ball-jointed dolls she felt as though all the pieces of the puzzle fell into place. These kind of dolls require everything she loves to do: work with tools and clays to reshape them; paint their faces; design and sew all outfits; do their overall styling, and surf the Internet searching for the perfect eyes, shoes, and wigs. Silvee also works with other kinds of dolls, such as Monster High and Blythe. Clockwork Angel's characters are inspired by Lolita and pin-up style aesthetics.





Clockwork Angel







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Enchanted Doll

Marina Bychkova is the Russian-Canadian artist founder of Enchanted Doll, an exquisite porcelain doll luxury brand. Bychkova's dolls are small articulated works of art, hand-sculpted, hand-painted, tastefully nude or adorned with opulent embroidered dresses full of metals and gemstones, and accompanied by strange found objects. There is always a little hint of Russia in every doll she makes, and her inspiration comes from folk and popular traditions from cultures and ethnicities such as China and the Middle East.











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Juan Albuerne

Juan Albuerne is a very well-known painter and caricaturist based in Gijón, Spain. Being a doll collector and a movie lover, Albuerne naturally started customizing original factory dolls to create his particular portraits of actors and singers. His work with the Pullip doll has allowed him to create stunning 3-D caricatures of celebrities, which are fused in perfect harmony with his work as an illustrator. His spectacular dolls have been published in a wide variety of magazines and books and exhibited in art galleries.















Erregiro

Rafael Rodriguez Girona is Erregiro, a profesional photographer, passionate painter, and makeup artist who lives and works in Seville, Spain. Erregiro designs and sculpts, paints, does hair and makeup, and takes all the photographs of every custom-doll he creates, leading us on a journey through his wonderful and unique universe. Erregiro's work is increasingly being recognized in the doll collectors scene, and that's why each year he is invited to take part in events and exhibitions. In addition to books, his work has been published in Internet blogs, and print and digital magazines worldwide.









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Zombuki

Brigitte Coover lives in Florida and is the founder of Zombuki, a beautiful series of exclusive customized dolls. Zombuki comes from the fusion of the words zombie and kabuki, a concrete style of traditional Japanese theater characterized by dramatic and elaborate makeup on the actors. Her work has been featured in publications and art galleries, including the Japanese American National Museum and The Valley of the Dolls, in Los Angeles. Coover also designs jewelry and fanzines.











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Forgotten Hearts

Aidamaris Roman is a self-taught artist from Puerto Rico.

Roman learned to create her own porcelain dolls watching YouTube tutorials and reading specialized books. That is how the amazing Forgotten Hearts dolls were born a decade ago. In addition to making her dolls entire-ly by hand, Roman also likes to sculpt and paint fairies, mermaids, and other fantastic creatures.















Nerea Pozo

Nerea Pozo, from Bilbao, Spain, began her artistic career by studying fine arts at the Basque Country's Facultad de Bellas Artes. Pozo was one of the first Spanish custom-doll artists, and she is also known for her cute Blythe dolls paintings and her miniature furniture sets. She is inspired by Manga comics, Japanese culture, and popular culture characters such as Alice in Wonderland and Pippi Longstocking. Pozo is very concerned about the importance of the smallest details, taking care on the ornaments, hairstyles, makeup, attitudes and on the background dioramas that she makes and in which the dolls stand.









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Cocomicchi

Cocomicchi was born in the south of Spain, lived in London for almost twelve years, and now resides and works on the island of Ibiza. Cocomicchi is a self-taught painter and fashion designer specializing in corsets who has been customizing dolls for over five years.

For Cocomicchi the Blythe doll is a wonderful canvas and a big inspiration to create her original characters.

Cocomicchi's dolls are on the shelves of homes around the globe, and she really loves making people happy by creating something special just for them.



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Sally's Song Dolls

Lorena Sánchez is a talented makeup artist, a special effects professional based in Barcelona, Spain, and the founder of Sally's Song Dolls. To create her lovely and creepy characters, Sánchez is mainly inspired by horror movies and classic children's stories, mixing darkness with sweetness in perfect harmony. With each custom-doll, Sánchez tells us fantastic stories in which creatures aren't as evil and sinister as they seem.









Sally's Song Dolls















IrrealDoll

IrrealDoll, an original brand dedicated to the creation of collectible dolls, was founded in 2011 by Laura Garijo, a Spanish artist and illustrator from Seville. The

*Engendritos—little monsters—are currently IrrealDoll's most popular characters. These ball-jointed dolls, original molds, have been carefully designed and hand-sculpted by Garijo herself. IrrealDoll dolls are manufactured in Asia and include various customization options and endless finishings. Garijo has also published her own graphic book titled *Synkope* and has worked as an illustrator for publications worldwide.*



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Shaiel

Katarzyna “Shaiel” Mroczek lives in Poland. She studied advertising in Warsaw and works as a creative photographer and photo editor for photographic agencies, magazines, and newspapers. Ball-jointed dolls have been her passion for life, and she loves to paint, customize, and photograph them. Shaiel started taking commissions because she wanted to share her passion with others, turning customer’s ideas into real dolls. Shaiel loves working with different models of dolls, trying to bring different aesthetics to each of her beautiful characters.

Recently, Shaiel has ventured to work with Monster High and Blythe dolls.











Shaiel

Juan Jacobo Vaz

Juan Jacobo Vaz, also known as Dr. Blythenstein, was born in Mexico, where he studied graphic design and illustration. He discovered the international customizing doll scene in 2007, when he met the Blythe doll for the very first time. He suddenly fell in love with her because of her endless modification possibilities. Vaz's most distinctive characters are the "Yarn heads"—bears, cats, ducks, or dinosaurs—with huge colorful heads made of wool.

"Faux bois," the log girl, is another of his iconic characters, and her colors represent the seasons of the year and a connection with Mother Nature that allows him to use organic elements, such as rocks or dried mushrooms.







Juan Jacobo Vaz





Juan Jacobo Vaz



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Juan Jacobo Vaz





Mapuca

Marta Puente is Mapuca, a 3-D artist born in Santander and based in Madrid, Spain. Mapuca works in the fields of advertising and television. Some years ago she discovered the Blythe doll, and she suddenly felt a reawakening of her childhood passion for dolls. Since then, Mapuca's skills have grown in sewing, taking photographs, and customizing dolls. Inspired by everything, she tries to project on her art dolls a little part of who she is by bringing some sweetness to every doll character she creates.















Noel Cruz

Originally from Manila, Philippines, and based in the United States, Noel Cruz is one of the most versatile and distinguished repaint artists in the doll community.

Cruz is most recognized for his Hollywood movie and television-based dolls. Cruz uses factory dolls to make his iconic re-creations, transforming a generic molded doll into an amazing likeness of one of the world's greatest celebrities. His repaints are done with intricate detail to the point of being lifelike. All of his dolls, sold through eBay, now belong in the personal collections of their proud owners.







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Noel Cruz



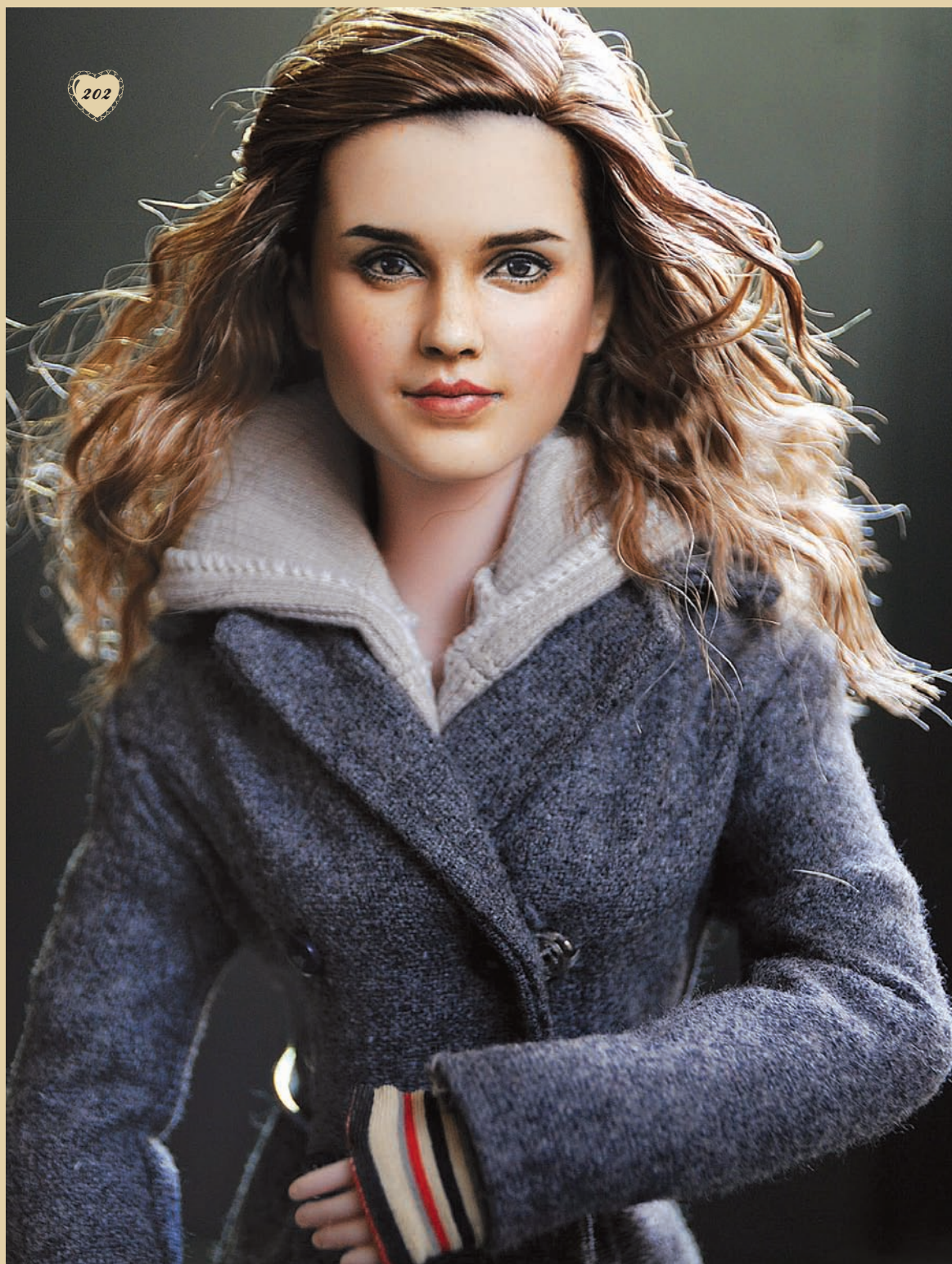








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Noel Cruz

Roguedolls

Neus Perales, aka Pícaro, is Roguedolls, and she lives in Valencia, Spain. Pícaro has been customizing and making clothing for dolls since she can remember. Her creations are a combination of classic and modern, sweet and dark, fairy tales and real life, and, as she says, they are a reflection of herself. She is inspired by haute couture, retro and futuristic aesthetics, Japanese culture, and creepy things. When she started customizing dolls there weren't any online shops or YouTube tutorials, so she became a self-taught artist—and that's what makes her dolls so unique. Her personal touch includes glossy realistic lips, facial piercings, and the artwork she designs specially for the eyelids.







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Citron Rouge

Céline C. is Citron Rouge, a creative artist and web designer from Marseille, France, and, among other things, an icon in the doll community. Céline loves to customize ball-jointed dolls, although sometimes she works with Blythe and Pullip dolls. Her favorite subjects are mythologic creatures, the Asian erotic culture, dark and fantastic tales, and horror stories, which inspire her to create her amazing decadent universe. Céline, a multidisciplinary artist, also loves to draw, sculpt, sew, write, and take photographs.











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Nympheas Dolls

K6 lives and works in Angers, France, and she is the founder of Nympheas Dolls. K6 works as a children's book illustrator, graphic designer and videographer. She has always been fascinated by dolls, and after testing with different materials, she finally decided to create her own ball-jointed doll mold called Nymphette, inspired by the mythological character of the nymph. After Nymphette's success she decided to create new characters: Fantasia and Capricia, two demonic creatures, and a strange cat called "Shafeuy." Each of these unique creatures is head to toe handmade.









Nympheas Dolls







Pam Dolls

Pam Dolls is Fuencisla Martín, a computer engineer from Madrid, Spain. She discovered the Blythe doll in 2008, and after that it was love at first sight, she was compelled to start customizing it. Martín dolls are cute, sweet, and colorful, but they can also be a little dark, vampiric, and punk. She loves to transform original dolls completely but keep their essence, treating them as if they were “little people.” Martín has participated in many doll exhibitions, such as the BlytheCon Europe 2013 celebrated in Barcelona.







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G. Baby Dolls

Gina Soriano is a custom-doll artist and visual communications student based in the San Francisco Bay Area. She is better known throughout the doll scene as G.Baby. Soriano has created more than one hundred custom dolls that are recognizable for their adorable pouty lips and sassy expressive attitude. She takes great care in making sure that each doll she creates is truly one-of-a-kind and different from the previous. Soriano's dolls can be found in many different styles and colors, from cute to sexy, ghostly to glamorous, and everything in between.





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G. Baby Dolls



Freddy Tan

Freddy Tan is an artist from Singapore, and he has been customizing all sorts of dolls for more than a decade—mainly Fashion, BJD, and Monster High—but now he has a crush on the Blythe doll. Tan says that the Blythe doll is the best to work with because its face is made out of hard plastic, which allows him to create endless facial expressions: sad, happy, worried, mischievous, and so on. Tan was a product designer in the past, but now he works full-time as a custom-doll artist at his home studio, where he's also able to take care of his aging parents.



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Freddy Tan







Freddy Tan

Contributors

NANUKA

www.nanukafactory.com

9, top: Lanu; bottom, left to right: Bubba and "05." 10 -11: The dancer of a thousand keys. 12: Little Red Riding Hood. 13: Mia Mimma. 14, clockwise from top left: Caramel, Mia Mimma, Circe, and Tapas. 15: Little Siamese. 16 -17: Maria Netta. 18 -19: Benzini.

JULIEN MARTINEZ

www.intermundisblogdejulienmartinez.blogspot.com

21: Contes/Tales. 22: Lizette. 23: Stella. 24: Rosetta. 25: Sugar. 26: Kittyry in the labyrinth. 27: Marnie Zombie. 28 - 29: Datura Vampirica. 30: Freak Show. 31: Leopoldine.

CAMELAW

www.iamcaramelaw.com

33: Hello Candy Kitty. 34, top: Sundae Kittypops; bottom row, left to right: Candy Kiipups and Lumpy Space Princess. 35: Sundae Kittypops. 36 - 37: Little Betty. 38: Strawberry Flossface. 39, top: Sprinkles Sugarheart; bottom: Miss Bunny Pop.

COOKIE DOLLS

www.cookie-dolls.com

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www.poisongirlsdolls.com

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CLOCKWORK ANGEL

www.flickr.com/photos/clockworkangel

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ENCHANTED DOLL

www.enchanteddoll.com

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JUAN ALBUERNE

www.juanalbuerne.com

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ERREGIRO

www.erregirodolls.com

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ZOMBUKI

www.zombuki.wordpress.com

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FORGOTTEN HEARTS

www.forgotten-hearts.com

Note: This artist does not name her dolls.

NEREA POZO

www.nereapozo.com

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COCOMICCHI

www.flickr.com/photos/cocomicchi

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www.sallyssongdolls.com

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www.irrealdoll.com

157: Enyo. 158 -159: Ino. 160: Ino Azul. 161: Ino (Diorama by Nerea Pozo). 162 -163: Ringo. 164 -165: Enyo.

SHAIEL

www.shaielaesthetics.blogspot.com.es

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JUAN JACOBO VAZ

www.juanjacobovaz.tumblr.com

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MAPUCA

www.mapucaatelier.com

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NOEL CRUZ

www.ncruz.com

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www.theroguedolls.com

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CITRON ROUGE

www.citronrougeprettydecay.blogspot.fr

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www.nympheasdolls.com

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PAMDOLLS

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G.BABY DOLLS

www.facebook.com/gbabydolls

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FREDDY TAN

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Funny, sweet, libidinous, adorable, and sometimes sinister, these dolls have become objects of desire, as well as pop-culture icons for this century. With more than 300 full-color images, *The Doll Scene* is the perfect inspiration for doll collectors, designers, and fashionistas.

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