

# El juego lúgubre

The Sinister Game



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It is 1936, a time of political and artistic agitation. Fascism is gaining strength in Europe. In Spain, the civil war is about to break out. Jonás leaves Madrid and travels to Cadaqués (Girona) in search of calm, but an atmosphere of mystery engulfs the small fishing village. Its inhabitants are terrorised by the painter who lives on Port Lligat beach. Salvador Deseo, the Catalan surrealist painter, is at the height of his creativity and genius. He needs the land of Cap de Creus to paint. And as Jonás will discover during the time he spends in his house, he also needs its people to give form to his nightmares...

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Paco Roca won the National Comic Prize 2008 for Wrinkles, and prizes for best script and best work in the Barcelona Comic Salon 2011 with The Illustrator's Winter. Memories of a Man in Pyjamas has been nominated for best national work at the Barcelona Comic Salon 2012.

"Blurring the line that separates delirium and reality, Roca plays with the reader, pushing the narrative forward through unusual territory in which his beautiful drawing acts as the perfect vehicle for the narrative, and he shows himself to be an artist capable of letting himself become infused with bygone surrealism so as to create all of the painter's apparitions".

Sergio Benítez.

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