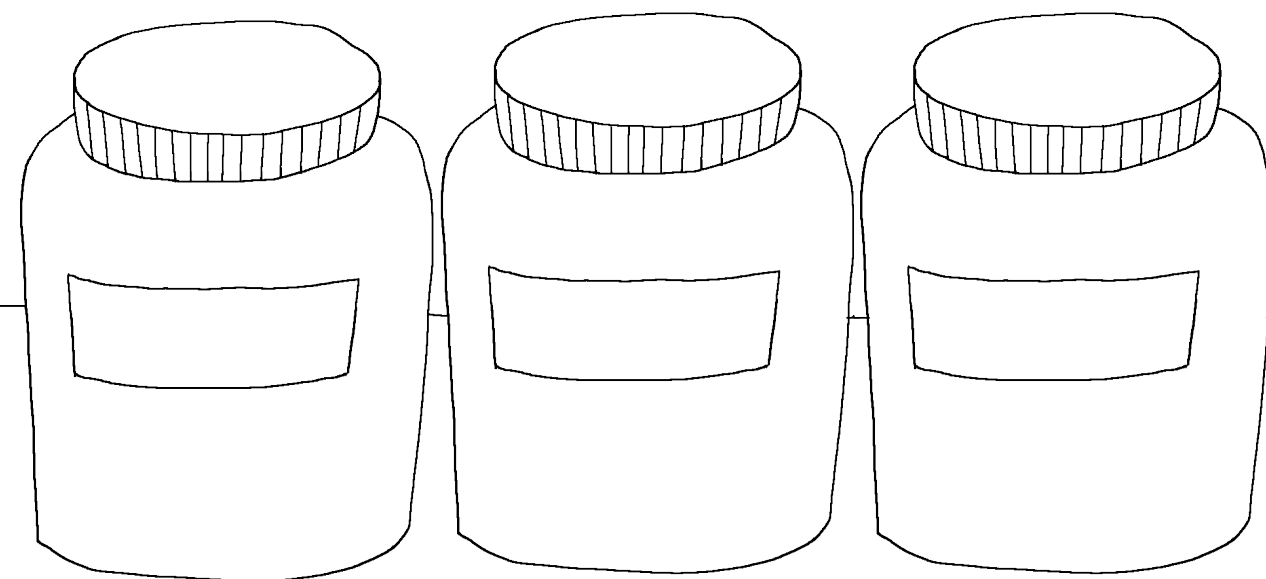
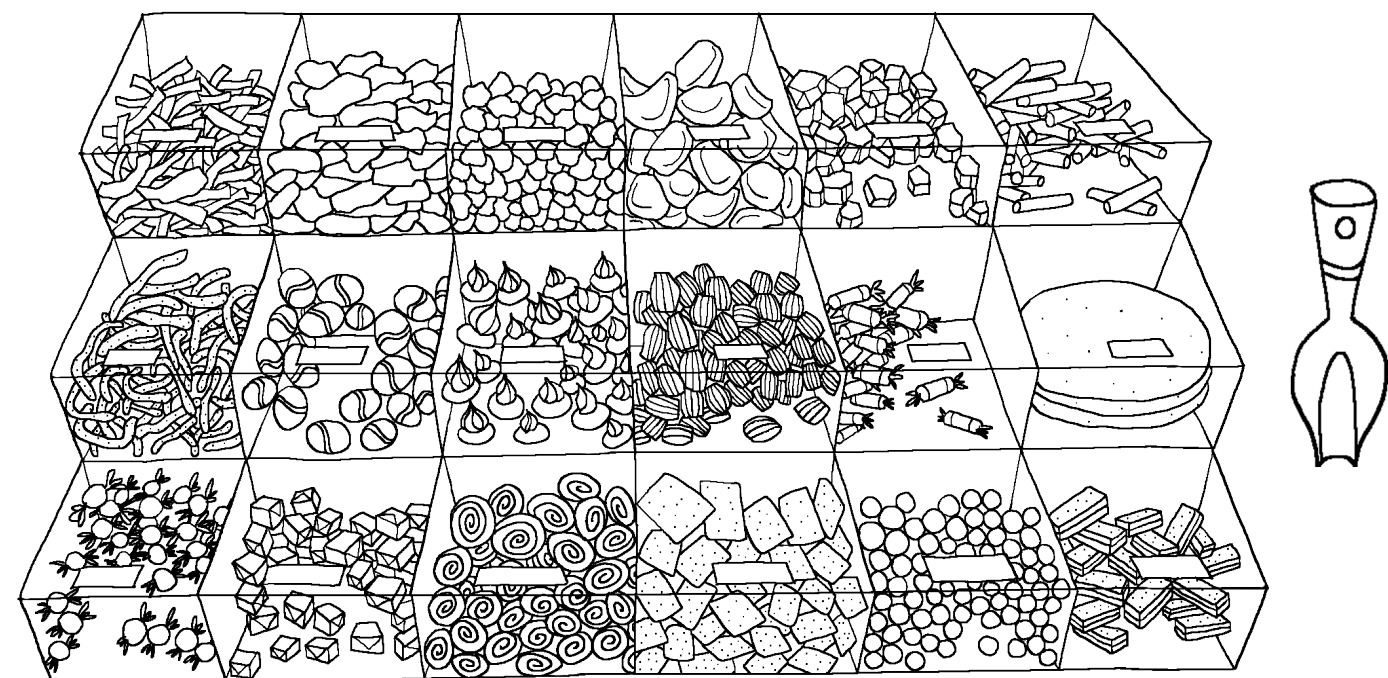


# Auntie Sweets

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A big, plain sign in block red. Rows of plastic containers, filled to the brim with a variety of preserved fruits. Large tins lined up side-by-side, each containing a different kind of biscuit or snack. These are the familiar sights associated with a particular type of store that is slowly disappearing – the humble provision shop, some of which still peddle their trade in sleepy heartland neighbourhoods. In a modern city driven by fast-moving food trends, here is the kind of place that still carries traditional snacks like sour plums. Here is where the owner will pack your purchases for you in clear plastic bags after weighing them on a yellow faded scale. Take a moment, and colour in this place - fill in the gaps with memory and nostalgia. Here is where you can still find auntie sweets.