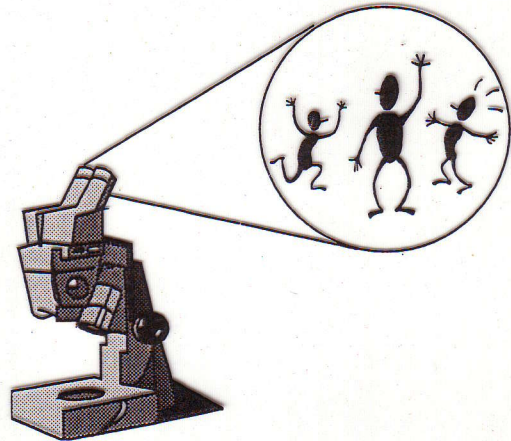
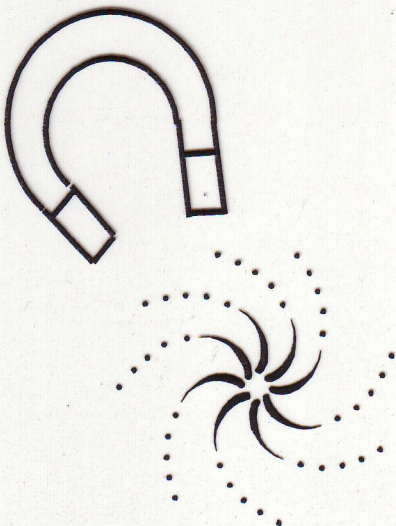
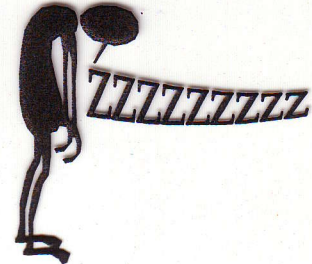


For many centuries on Alias, identifying and interpreting geometric patterns in conflicts could only be done by the Alian religious leaders.

The theory that conflicts consisted of colonies of ficts was well established long before the invention of the microscope first made it possible to observe individual ficts.



Microscopic examination showed that there were two kinds of conflict: active and quiescent.



Shortly after they discovered magnetism in C20, the A-I observed that quiescent conflicts were arranged in orbits that followed the lines of the local magnetic field. The organisation of active conflicts at present remains a mystery to the A-I.