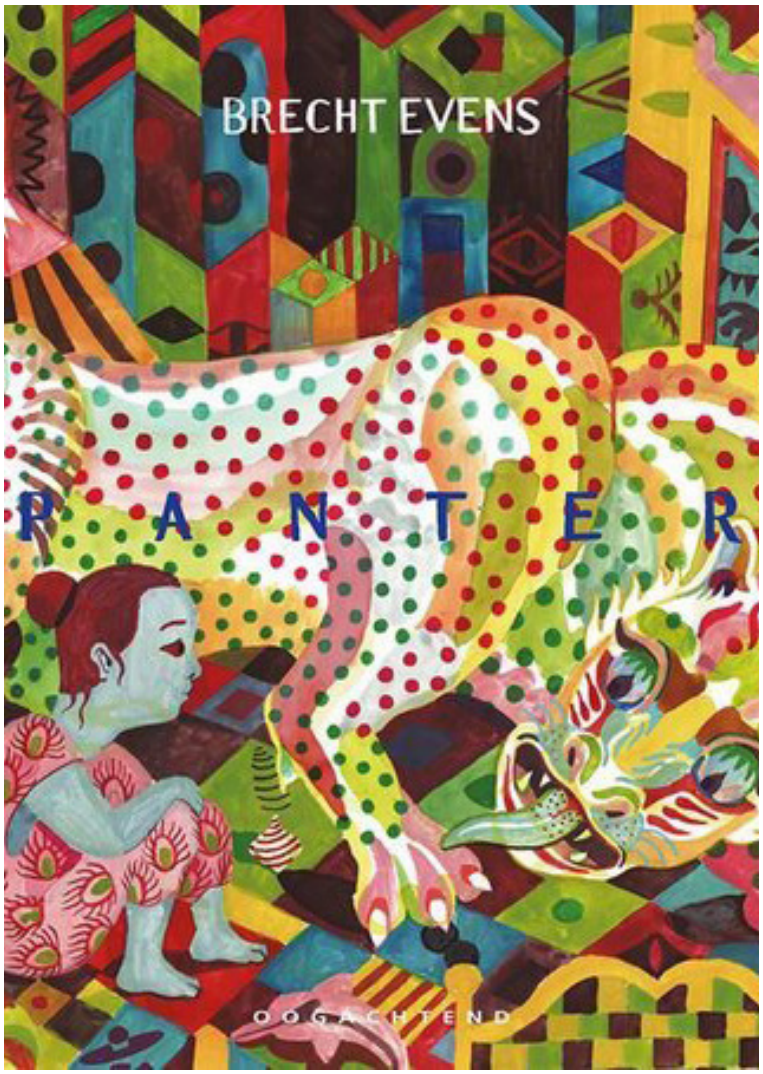

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Panther

BRECHT EVENS

'Panther' is an unsettling graphic novel about a little girl and her imaginary feline companion. Iconoclastic in his cartooning and page layouts, subtle in his plotting, and deft in his capturing of the human experience, Brecht Evens has crafted a tangled, dark masterwork. Christine lives in a big house with her father and her cat, Lucy. When Lucy gets sick and dies, Christine is devastated. But alone in her room, something special happens: a panther pops out of her dresser drawer and begins to tell her stories of distant Pantherland, where he is the crown prince.

Brecht Evens (b. 1986) published his first comic book when he was 19, for which he won the Flemish Comic Book Debut Award. The Wrong Place represented his breakthrough in Flanders and the rest of the world. Since then Evens has stood out for the style so typical of his work: he doesn't use contour lines or balloons for text, but paints exuberant scenes and familiar dialogues in sequence, using an overwhelming colour palette. Evens surprises readers with each new book, and with each new page. In 2019, he was awarded the Prix Spécial du Jury at the Angoulême Comics Festival for The City of Belgium.

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Rights sold : English (Drawn and Quarterly), French (Actes Sud), German (Reprodukt), Norwegian (No Comprendo Press), Korean (Open Books), Polish (Timof), Spanish (Astiberri),Russian (Boomkniga Press), Ukraine (Vydavnytstvo), Turkish (Baobab), Slovak (Monokel)

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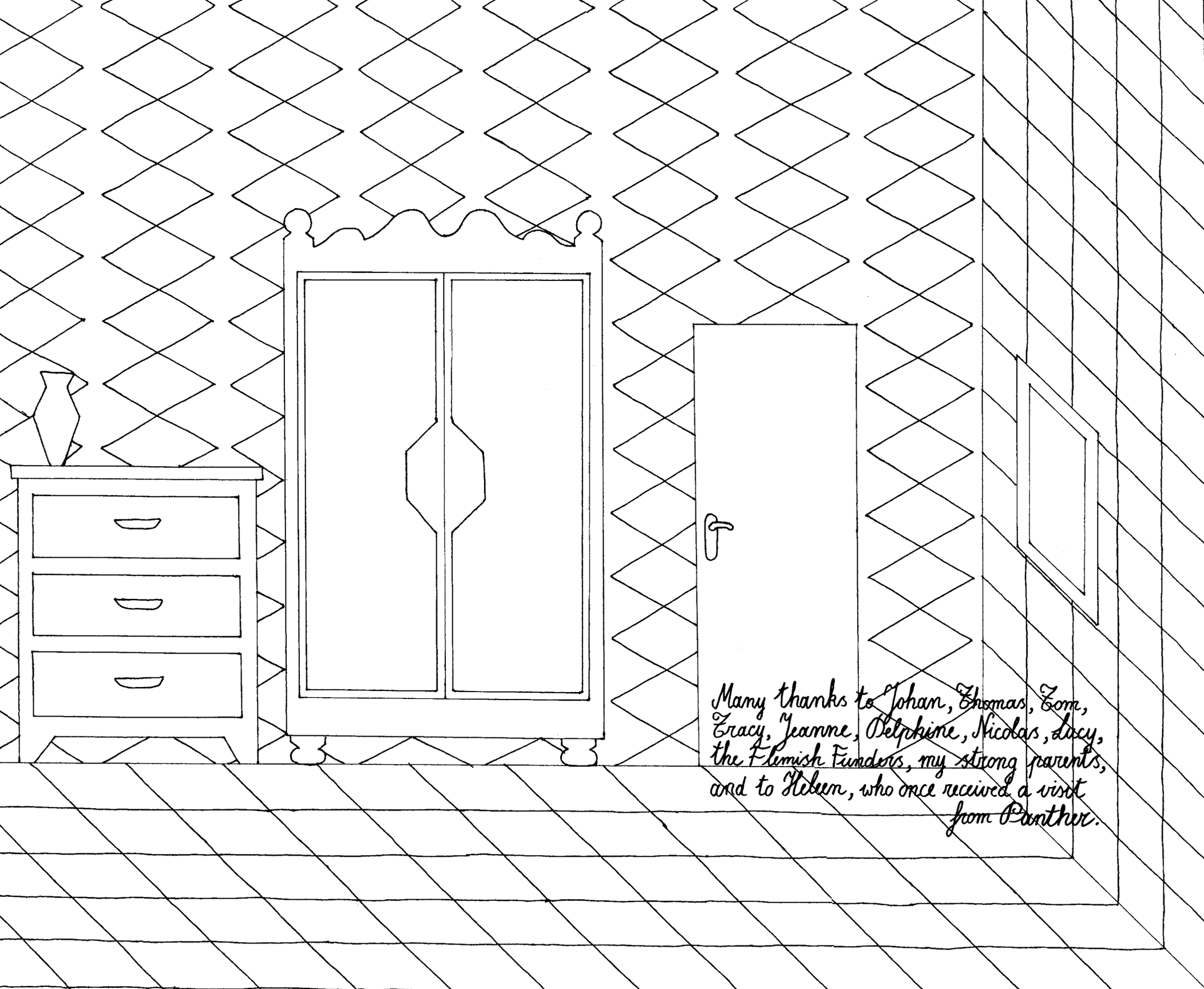

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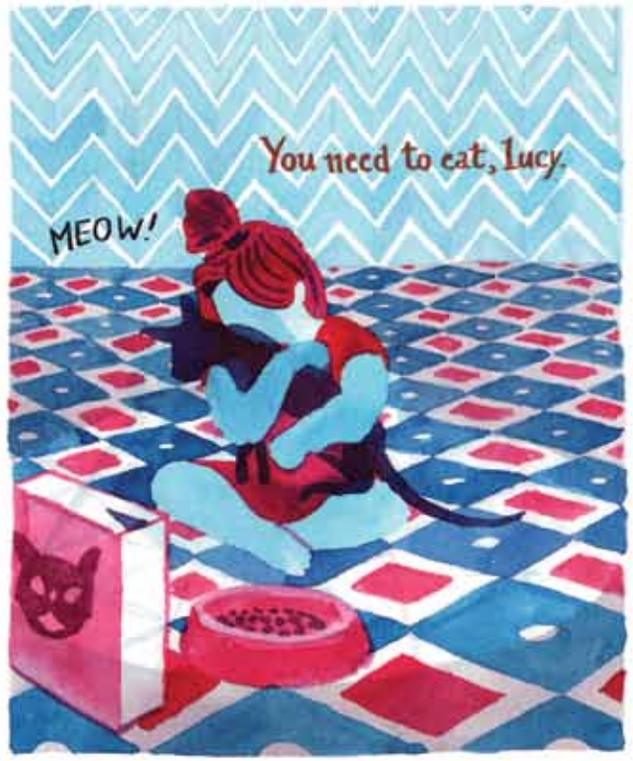
CHAPTER ONE

LUCY

Come, Lucy.

Come on, Lucy.
Eat up.

Mmm, look.
So yummy.
MEOW

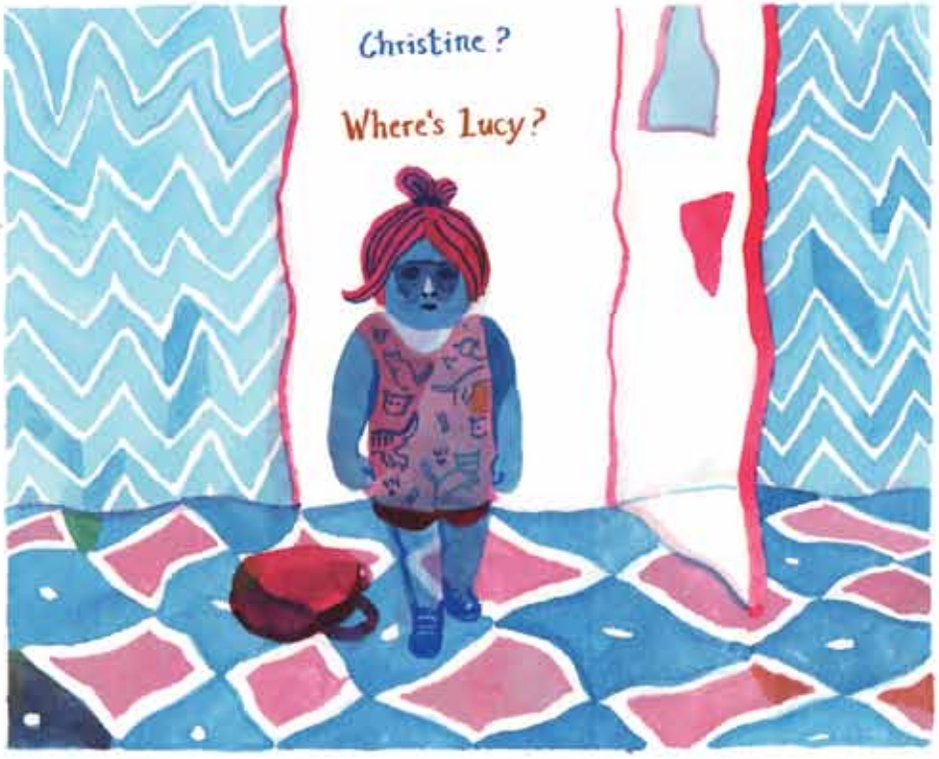

You need to eat, Lucy.
MEOW!

I have to go to school now but Daddy's going to take you to the vet and then you'll feel much better.

See you tomorrow, Christine!

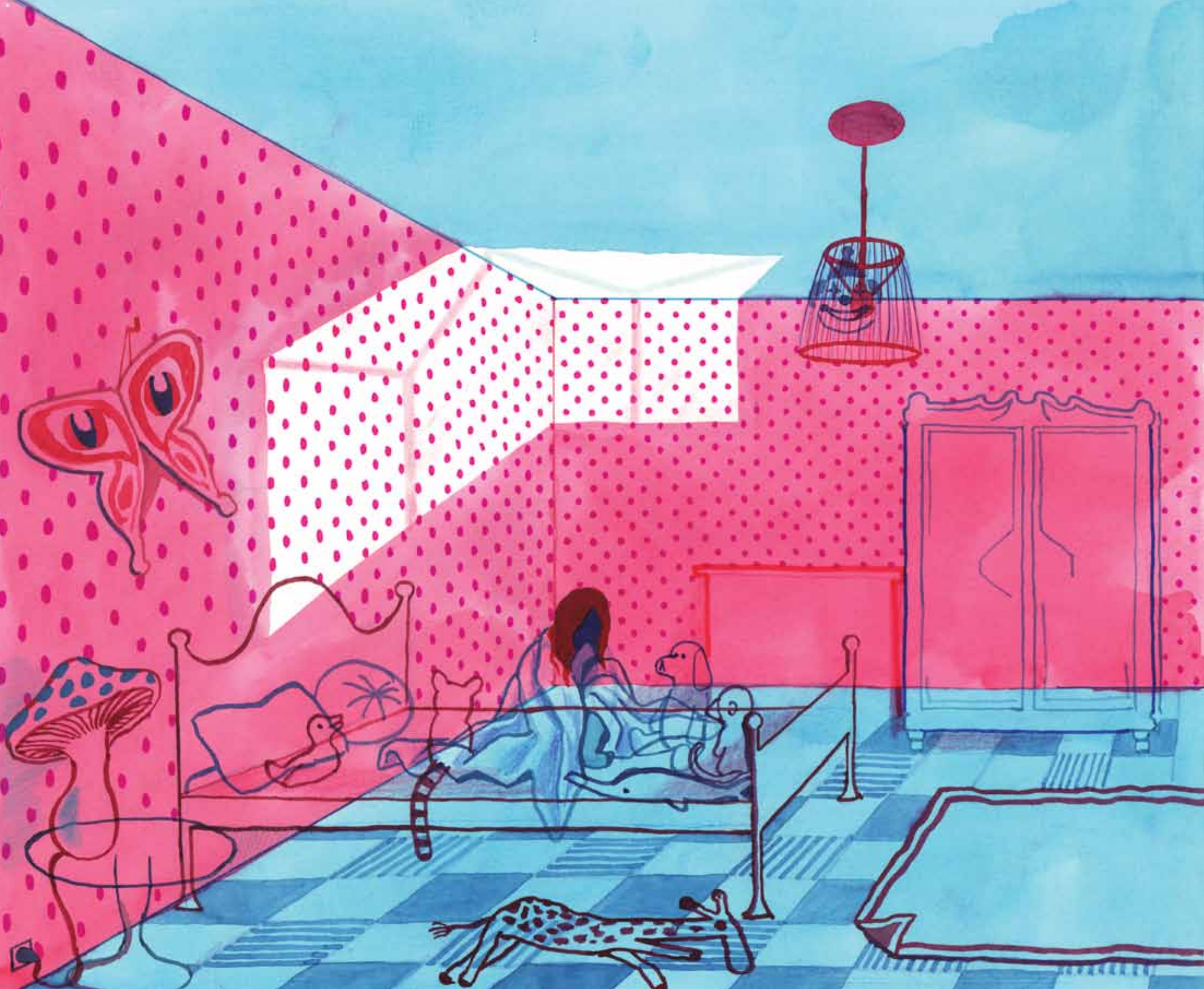
Lucy?

Christine,
come sit with me...


Christine?
Where's Lucy?

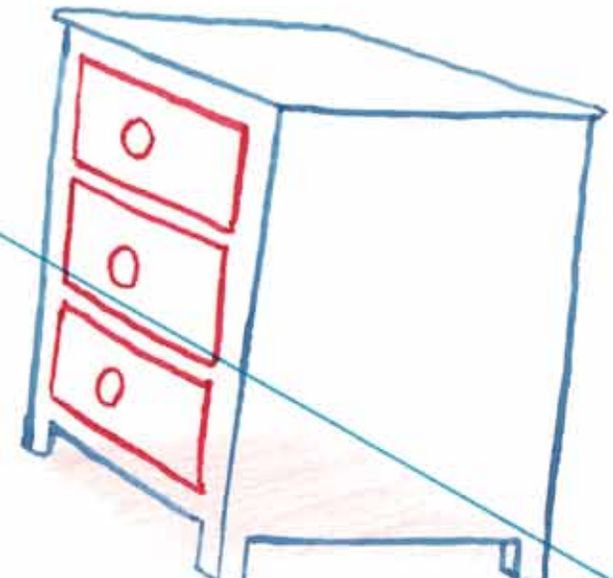
Well, you know Lucy was in a lot of pain....

Christine !



CHAPTER TWO

A VISIT FROM PANTHER



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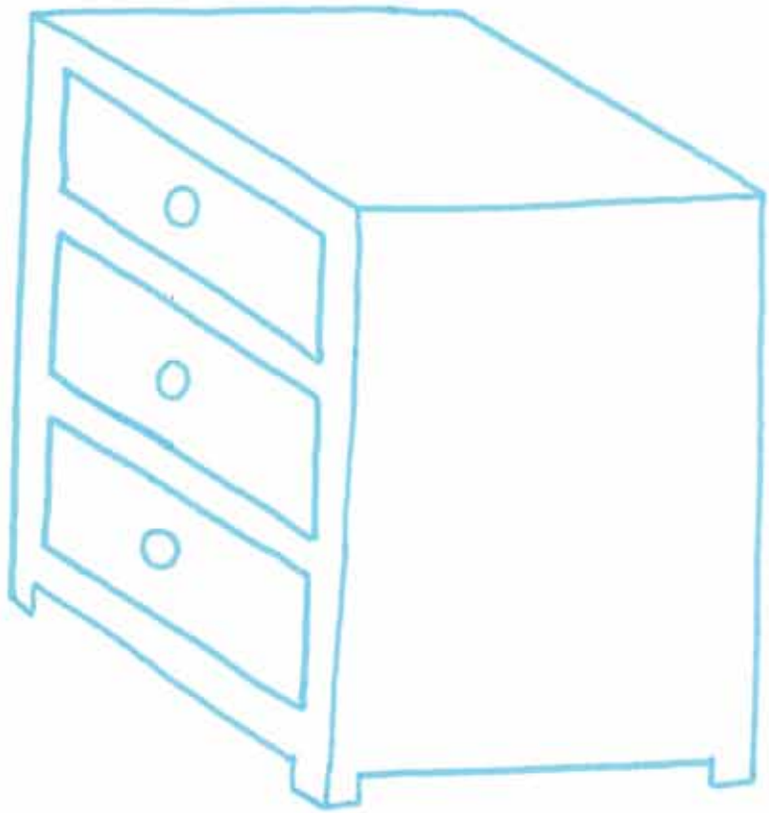

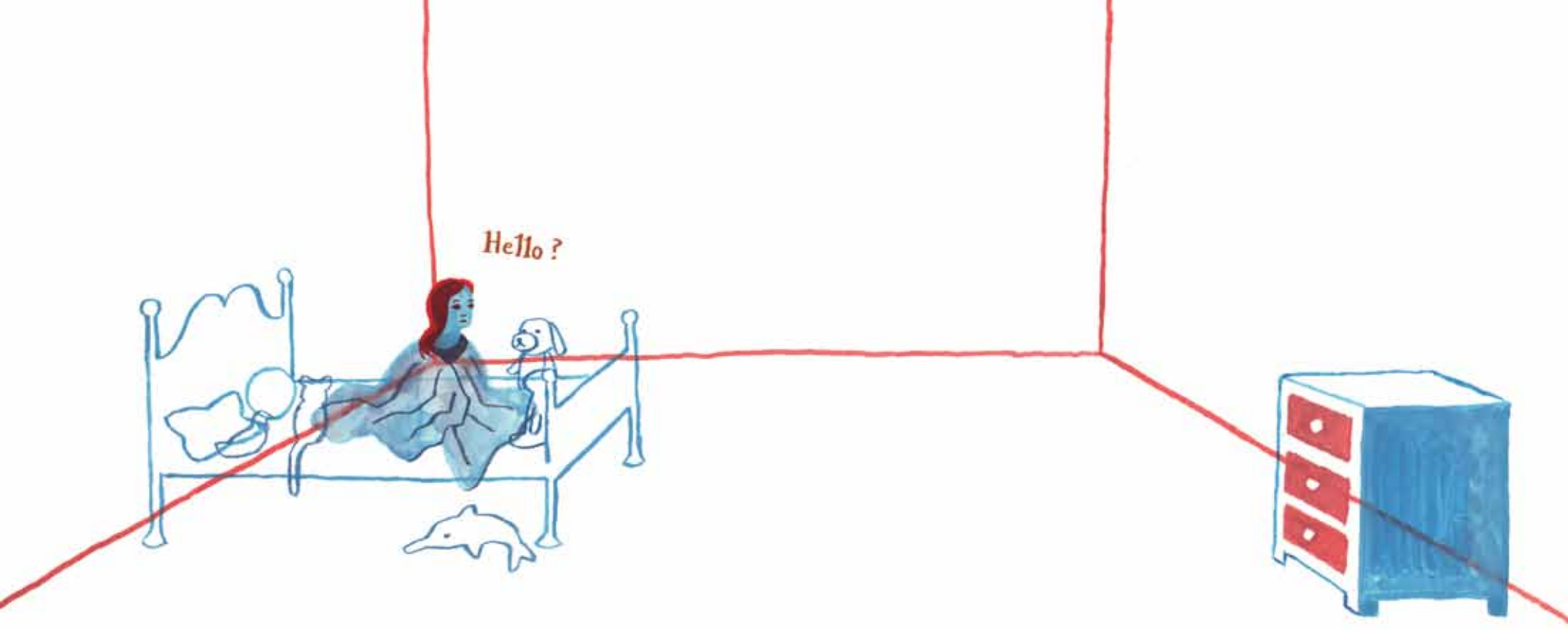
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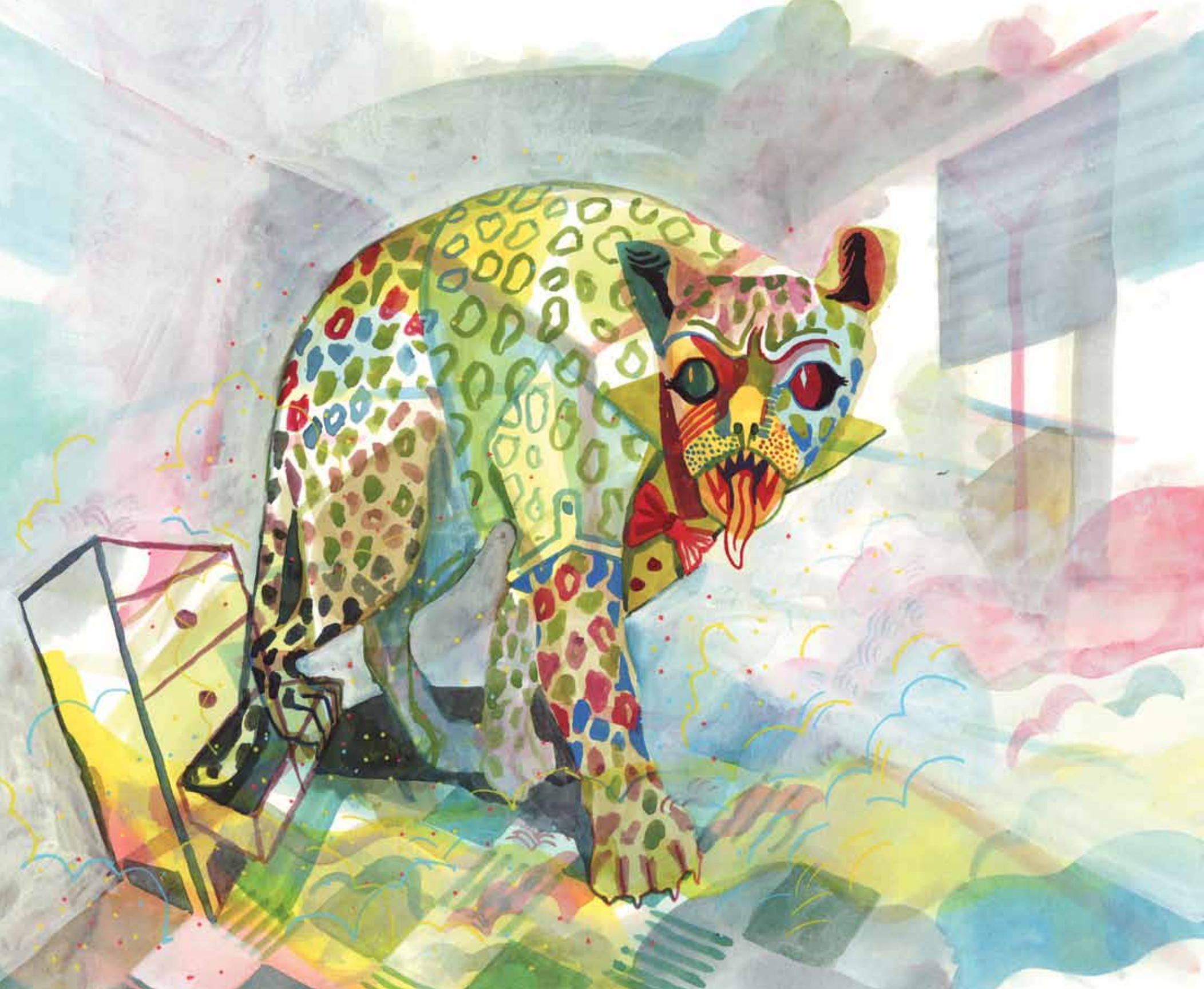
Is someone
there?