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Foreword

Elvira Omerović

This book brings together a selection of 24 drawings made in 2022 during YouTube livestreams, in which Kim Engelen shares personal confessions with the audience, ranging from melancholy and disenchantment to happiness and ecstasy. Each drawing carries an esoteric undertone, engaging with questions of selfhood while opening a space for transformation.

The artist's confident honesty and presence are embodied in every drawing. Each line, like a protruding vein, pulses through the image with an animalistic vitality. Vivid colors, meticulously defined perspective and composition, and hypnotic slogans enrich the visual intensity, inviting us to observe and participate.

With this book, Engelen welcomes us into a self-moving world of intimate metaphors, seducing us into examining how past experiences shape our present.

Introduction

Kim Engelen

Encounter.

Reflection.

Confession.

Drawing.

Confession Drawings is an ongoing conceptual drawing series that I began in 1996.

Only encounters that demand reflection become drawings.

Reflection becomes confession. Confession becomes drawing.

The drawings give form to transformed experiences and insights.

The drawings are not about what happened, but about what remains.

Confession Drawings



My Own Boss
2022 · colored pencil on paper · 21 × 29.7 cm



The Advantages of Shitty Parents
2022 · colored pencil on paper · 21 × 29.7 cm



Keep your Carrot
2022 · colored pencil on paper · 21 × 29,7 cm



I Want to Ride my Bicycle
2022 · colored pencil on paper · 21 × 29.7 cm



Full Body
2022 · colored pencil on paper · 21 × 29,7 cm



Brother
2022 · colored pencil on paper · 21 × 29.7 cm



Dream Brain—Narcissus
2022 · colored pencil on paper · 21 × 29.7 cm

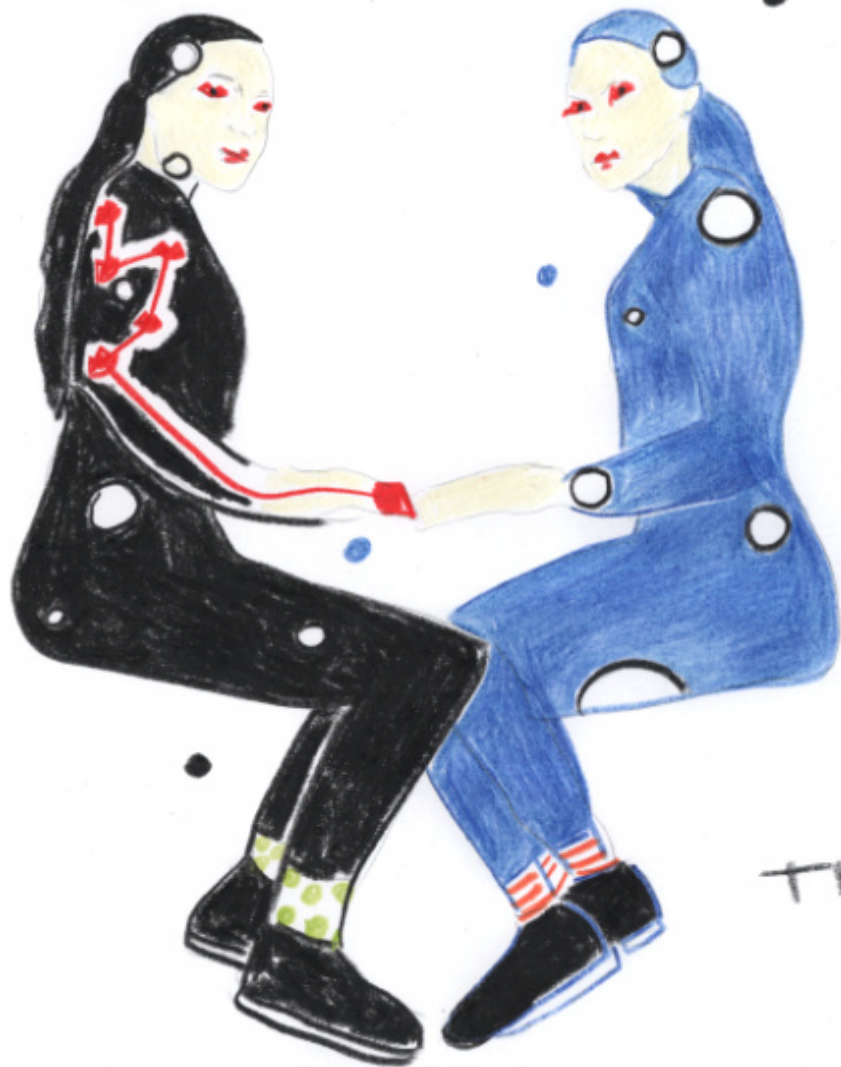


Reconstructed Evidence

2022 · colored pencil on paper · 21 × 29,7 cm



Torero's Red Rag
2022 · colored pencil on paper · 21 × 29.7 cm



The Body
Talks



Unknown Sister
2022 · colored pencil on paper · 21 × 29,7 cm



Unhole Person

2022 · colored pencil on paper · 21 × 29.7 cm

An encounter can become a confession.

A confession becomes a drawing.



Self-Preservation
2022 · colored pencil on paper · 21 × 29,7 cm



I am a Creator

2022 · colored pencil on paper · 21 × 29.7 cm



First Brain, Second Brain, Little Brain
2022 · colored pencil on paper · 21 × 29,7 cm



Built Better Tables
2022 · colored pencil on paper · 21 × 29,7 cm



Winning Disco
2022 · colored pencil on paper · 21 × 29.7 cm



Surviving
or
Living



Input Output

2022 · colored pencil on paper · 21 × 29,7 cm



Art Is My Life—My Life Is Art
2022 · colored pencil on paper · 21 × 29.7 cm

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Love of the Future
2022 · colored pencil on paper · 21 × 29,7 cm



Exits

2022 · colored pencil on paper · 21 × 29.7 cm



Joker
2022 · colored pencil on paper · 21 × 29,7 cm

Epilogue — Happy Birthday Love



Happy Birthday Love
2024 · colored pencil on paper · 21 × 29.7 cm

A Final Confession

I think I have simply been looking for ways to better survive the complexity of encounters with other people.

In my work, encounters are often the starting point.

An encounter can become a confession.

A confession becomes a drawing.

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