

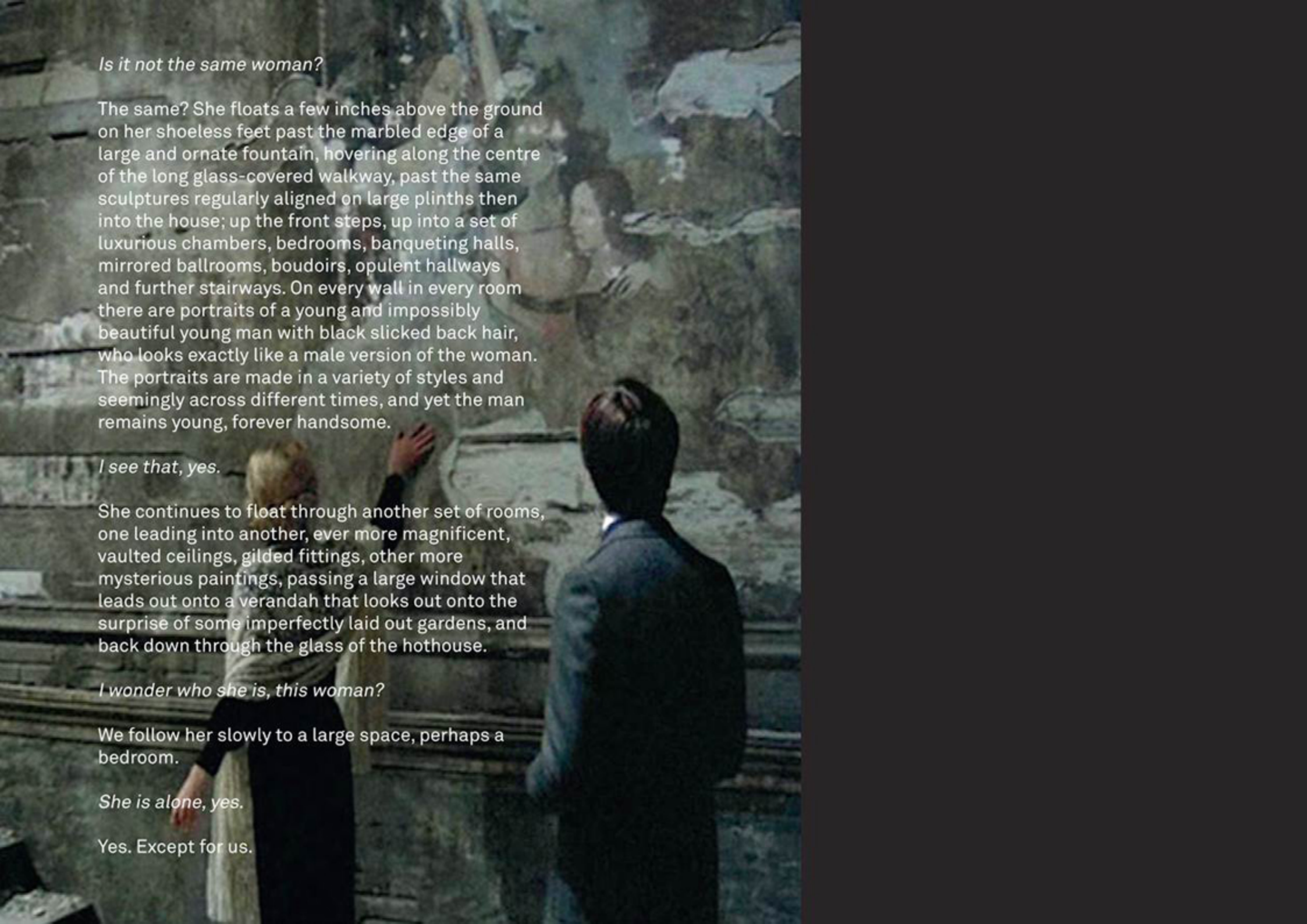
The background of the cover is a dark, moody photograph of an interior room. The walls are covered in peeling, light-colored wallpaper, revealing a darker surface underneath. In the foreground, a wooden desk or table is visible, with some papers or objects on it. The lighting is low, creating a sense of mystery and decay.

HOSPITALFIELD ARTS

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A woman in a white dress and a man in a dark suit are standing in a room with stone walls. The woman is on the left, looking towards the man on the right. They are both looking at a large mural on the wall behind them. The mural depicts a woman in a white dress, similar to the woman in the room. The room has a high ceiling and a large window in the background.

*Is it not the same woman?*

The same? She floats a few inches above the ground on her shoeless feet past the marbled edge of a large and ornate fountain, hovering along the centre of the long glass-covered walkway, past the same sculptures regularly aligned on large plinths then into the house; up the front steps, up into a set of luxurious chambers, bedrooms, banqueting halls, mirrored ballrooms, boudoirs, opulent hallways and further stairways. On every wall in every room there are portraits of a young and impossibly beautiful young man with black slicked back hair, who looks exactly like a male version of the woman. The portraits are made in a variety of styles and seemingly across different times, and yet the man remains young, forever handsome.

*I see that, yes.*

She continues to float through another set of rooms, one leading into another, ever more magnificent, vaulted ceilings, gilded fittings, other more mysterious paintings, passing a large window that leads out onto a verandah that looks out onto the surprise of some imperfectly laid out gardens, and back down through the glass of the hothouse.

*I wonder who she is, this woman?*

We follow her slowly to a large space, perhaps a bedroom.

*She is alone, yes.*

Yes. Except for us.