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Gherdëina, Ortisei, Italia (2020), Fondazione Mario Merz, Torino (2020 -21) e (2019), Museo Cicladico, Atene (2017), Fondazione Onassis New York, (2016), 56a Biennale di Venezia, Italia (2015), Fondazione DESTE, Grecia (2014), Museo d'arte contemporanea, Marsiglia, Francia. (2012), Louisiana Museum of Modern Art, Danimarca (2011), Royal Academy of Arts, Londra (2010-11), The Haifa Mediterranean Biennale, Israele (2010), 10th Lyon Biennial, Francia, Kunsthaus Graz, Austria.(2009), 7th Gwangju Biennale, Gwangju, Korea (2007). 1° Biennale d'arte contemporanea di Salonicco (2007). 1° Bienal de Arquitectura Arte Paisaje de Canarias (2006-7). Padiglione d'arte contemporanea, Milano (2006), Bâtiment d'Art Contemporain, Ginevra (2007). EPO Monaco (2006). MM Projects Rincon, Puerto Rico (2004). Fondazione Olivetti, Roma (2004). Museo Reina Sofia, Madrid (2004). Manifesta04, Francoforte (2003), 25° Biennale di San Paolo (2002)

IF I WERE YOU

MARIA PAPADIMITRIOU

I dreamed I was a fox
If I were a fox I would love my tail

I dreamed I was a butterfly
If I were a butterfly I would fly here and
there sucking your nectar with my sting

I dreamed I was a swan
If I were a swan I would stretch my neck
to reach you

I dreamed I was a cockroach
If I were a cockroach I would wander
around your pipes because I like the dark

I dreamed that I was a dog
If I were a dog I would be loyal and I would
wait for you

I dreamed I was a wild boar
If I were a wild boar I would open roads
in the forest

I dreamed I was a white whale,
If I were a white whale, I would bounce in
the foam of the sea, nostalgic for Captain
Ahab

I dreamed that I was a seagull
If I were a seagull I would run behind your
mast

I dreamed that I was an eagle
if I were an eagle I would desire the peaks
of your mountain

I dreamed I was an ant
If I were an ant I would love the land and
its resources

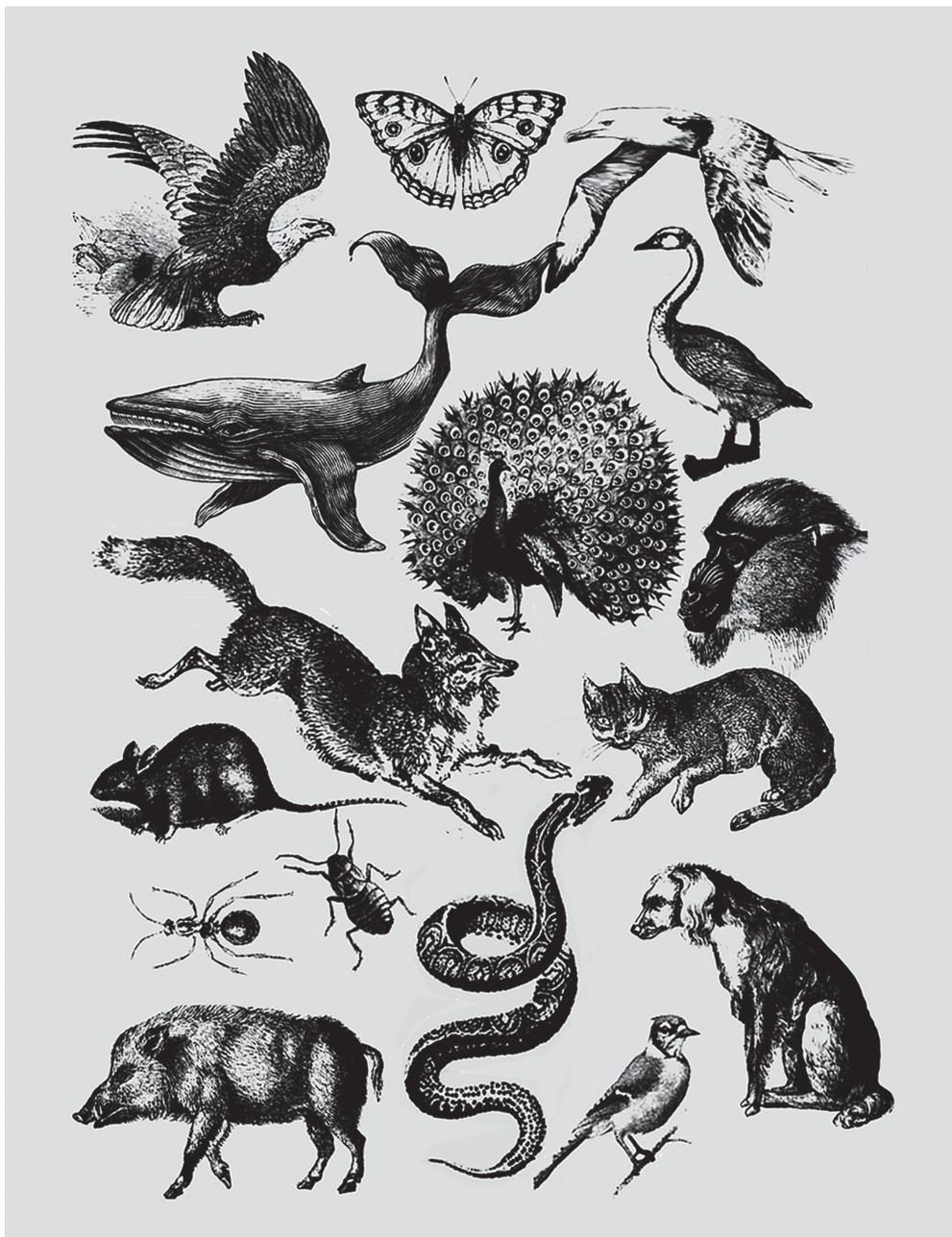
I dreamed that I was a peacock
if I were a peacock I would be in love with
my wings

I dreamed I was a cat
if I were a cat I would sharpen my finger-
nails

I dreamed I was a monkey
if I were a monkey I would laugh at the
evolution of man

I dreamed that I was a snake
if I were a snake lazily I would come to you
and hug you to death

I dreamed I was a sparrow
if i were a sparrow i would love nothing



Maria Papadimitriou, *If I were you*, 2021
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