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Cameron

mixed media on panel

12 x 12 cm 2020

CAMERON is the world's largest squirrel. He was kindly asked to leave by his kin as he would gobble up all the acorns.

Luckily, he has found a friend in Sir Ewen, who is the only remaining white wolf in his dimension. Cameron will often keep him company. They make each other laugh and keep each other warm. As Sir Ewen will not leave his den very often, Cameron is out and about on his own a lot. He considers himself quite the luminary as humans tend to mistake him for the last white wolf.

CAMERON is torn between two worlds. He is outgrown one, while the other is just a little beyond his scope. He will step up and learn the ways of the wolf. But he can't do it alone. No one can. And no one should. He teaches you to challenge yourself and take the next step. Be brave, so is he.

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Chris Berens

Chris Berens studied illustration at the Academy of Art & Design in 's-Hertogenbosch, graduating in 1999. He has developed a complex and time-consuming painting technique, mostly shown as mixed media on panel.

"I'm most comfortable using fine brushes and drawing inks and graphites, but I also regularly use water color paints, markers and acrylics", Berens says. "For some time now I've added digital image making to my line of techniques, meaning 3D sculpting, digital painting and image processing. I combine and mix them with my more traditional media."

After his first major solo show at Jaski Gallery in 2005, Chris Berens' fame spread quickly. The young artist has already exhibited all over the world, from Amsterdam to New York, from Tokyo to Los Angeles, Seattle and Singapore. He also designed the cover for *Panic of Girls*, an album which was released in 2011 by Blondie. Deborah Harry and Chris Stein, founders of the band, are admirers of his work.

Back home Chris has been the subject of a television documentary. *Chris Berens, Master of his Magical Universe* was made for Dutch broadcaster Avro's *Close Up* series in 2013 and has since been broadcast several times at home and abroad.

Chris Berens also featured prominently in the television documentary *Krabbé searches for Van Gogh*, in which actor/painter Jeroen Krabbé traced the path of Vincent van Gogh in co-operation with Dutch artists.