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Your Eyes Will Be Upon Me

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SYNOPSIS

In "Your Eyes Will Be Upon Me", we are introduced to Luísa, a woman who, in pursuit of upward social mobility, submits to a peculiar experiment: living as a pet dog in the mansion of a wealthy family. Through this unusual situation, the narrative explores the complex power dynamics and hypocrisy inherent in a society marked by inequality. We follow Luísa on her journey of adapting to this new role, observing her perceptions and reactions to the behavior of both the family and the other domestic staff. The work invites us to question the boundaries of humanity and reflect on the consequences of social exploitation, using the metaphor of animalization to expose the wounds of an unequal and dehumanizing system.

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Marcos J. Custódio was born in Maranhão in 1991, moved to São Paulo for graduate studies (2015–2019), and returned to MA, where he currently lives. His primary literary interest lies in writing the uncanny intertwined with contemporary themes. His short stories have been selected for various anthologies. He was awarded second place in the 2022 Prêmio Barueri de Literatura and received an honorable mention in the 21st Prêmio Literário Paulo Setúbal. He is also featured in the 2024 OFF Flip short story anthology.

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