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Charlie James Gallery is pleased to present *Landscapes*, a solo exhibition by Los Angeles-based artist Viktor Rosas opening November 12th, 2022 with a reception for the artist from 6-9pm. The show will run thru December 17th at CJG2, located at 961 Chung King Road in Los Angeles, CA.

In *Landscapes*, Viktor Rosas presents a new series of works on paper examining the human figure and its relationship to man-made institutional and natural forces. Rosas's nude figures bear an abject quality born of extreme vulnerability, amplified by the figures' isolation against institutional, ceramic tile backgrounds. The works employ a consistent visual structure - around each isolated nude Rosas places simple furniture elements beside depictions from the natural world: generally insects, flowers, and birds. Above the figures are an array of "triggers" or symbolic elements Rosas presents to evoke emotional responses and memories in the viewer. These elements can include dangling light bulbs, wheels, coat hangers, nets and more abstract compositions. Uniformly, and importantly, linocut prints of human faces are collaged onto the surface of each piece, suggestive of other people's watchful eye(s) and possible judgement. The composition of each work suggests a clinical gaze upon each subject, while showing the human figure adrift between the man-made / institutional worlds and the comforts and radiance of the natural world. Collectively the works serve to illustrate the manifold challenges that prevent people from seeing beauty rather than imperfection when regarding the human body.

Viktor Rosas (b. 1962, Veracruz, Mexico) is a self-taught artist and master printer who has worked, taught, and studied at the legendary arts and community institution Self Help Graphics in Boyle Heights, Los Angeles for nearly twenty years. Rosas's work has been exhibited domestically and internationally at spaces including the National Museum of Mexican Art in Chicago, IL, the Museum of Latin American Art in Long Beach, CA, and at the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, IN, among many others. Rosas's work resides in the permanent collection of the Los Angeles County Museum of Art. Rosas lives and works in Los Angeles, CA.

Artist Instagram: @ima_cheesecake2

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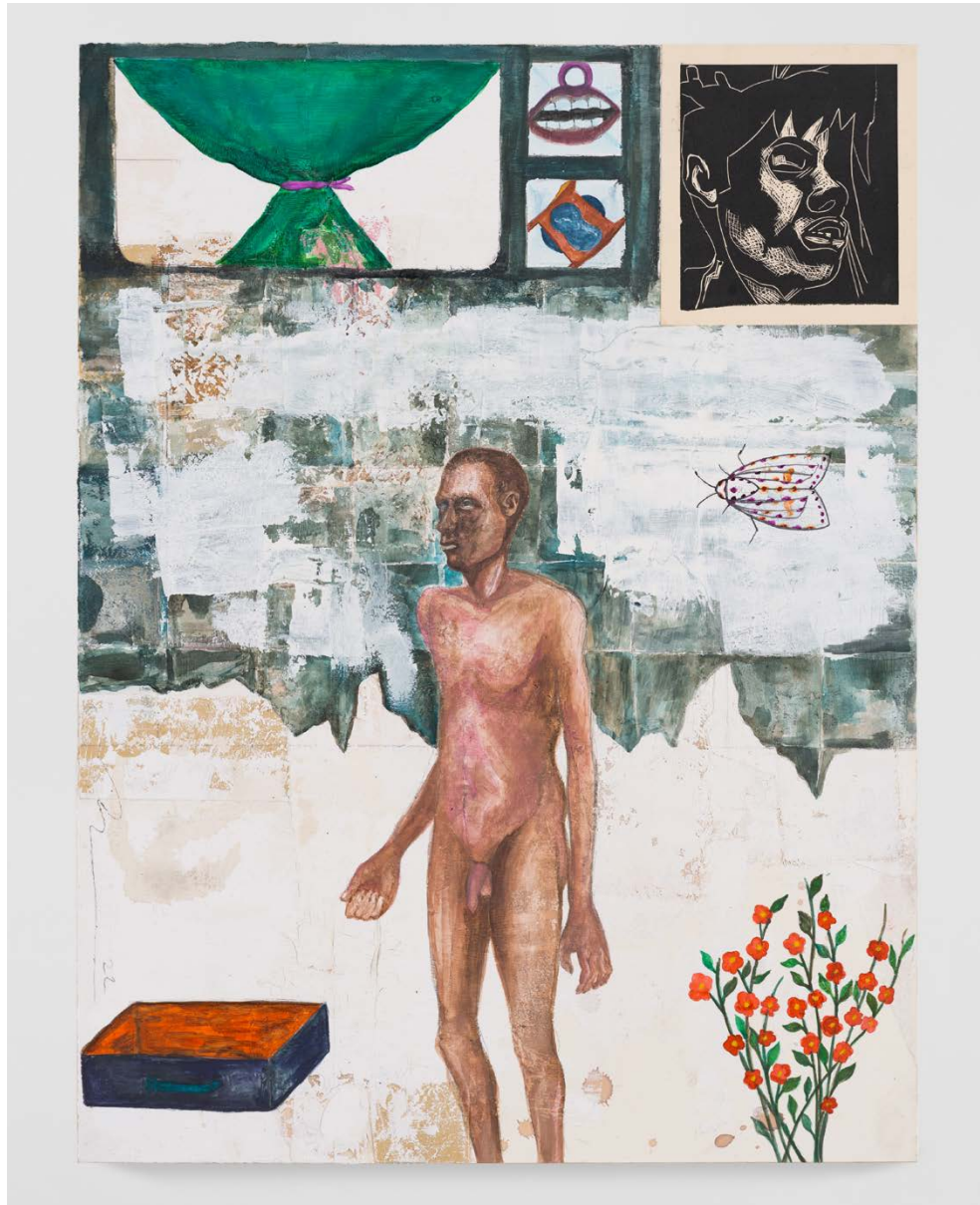
Room: I
Paper, fabric, tea bags,
watercolor, linocut,
pencil, glue, gesso on
wood panel
24 x 18 inches
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Room:II
Paper, fabric, tea bags,
watercolor, linocut,
gesso, glue on wood panel
29.5 x 24 inches
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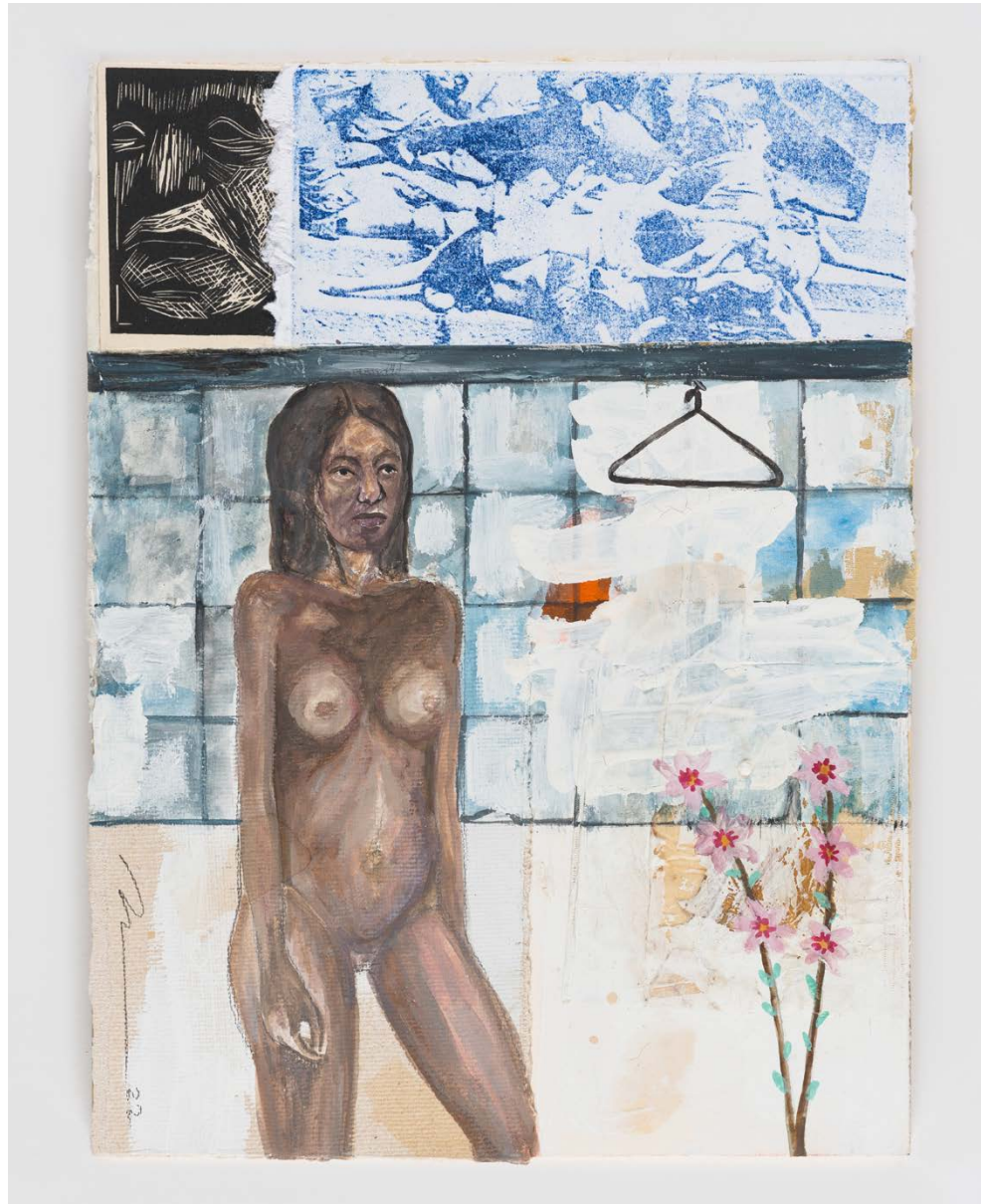
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watercolor, linocut,
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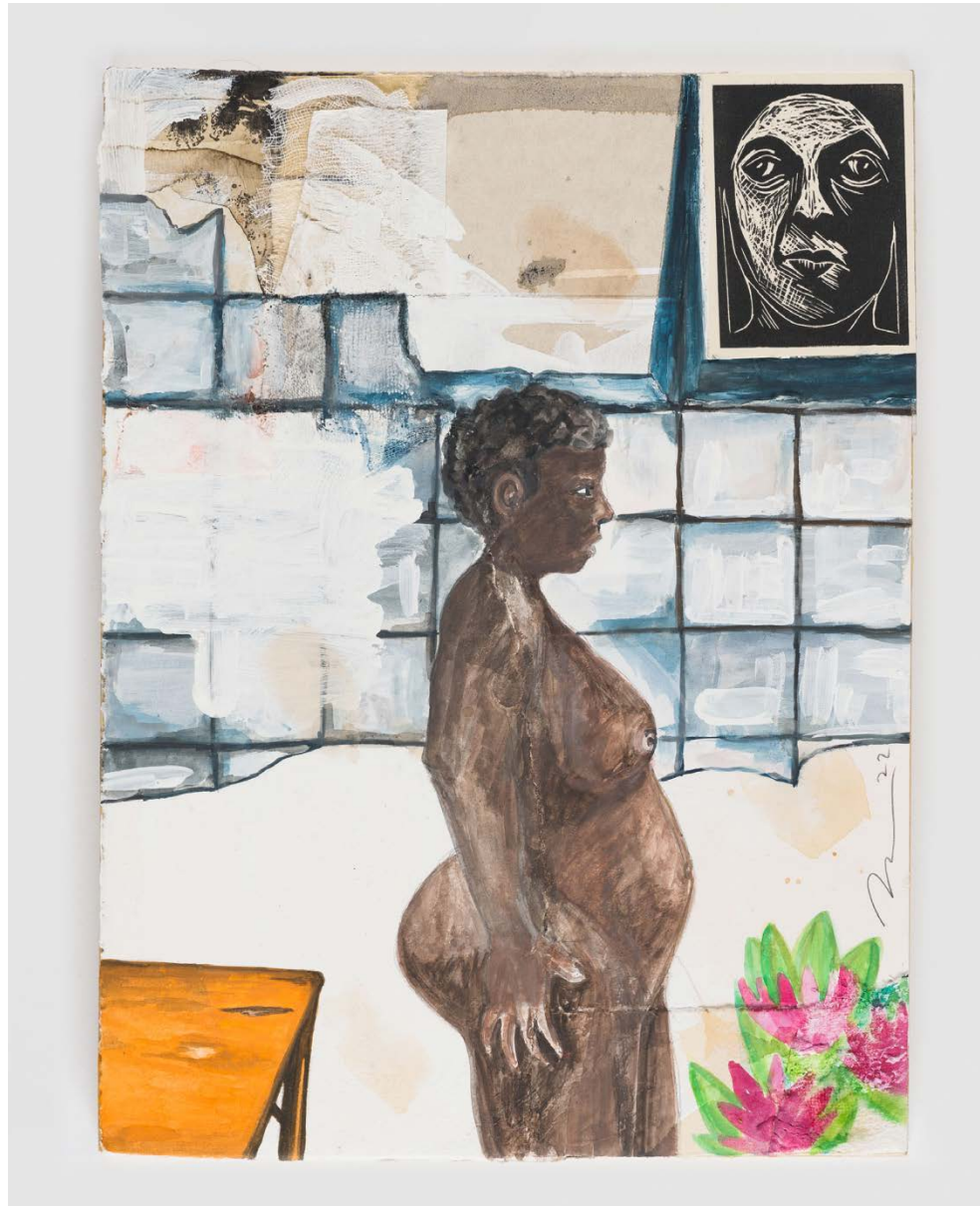
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Linocut, watercolor,
paper, tea bags,
lithotransfer, gesso
on wood panel
12 x 9 inches
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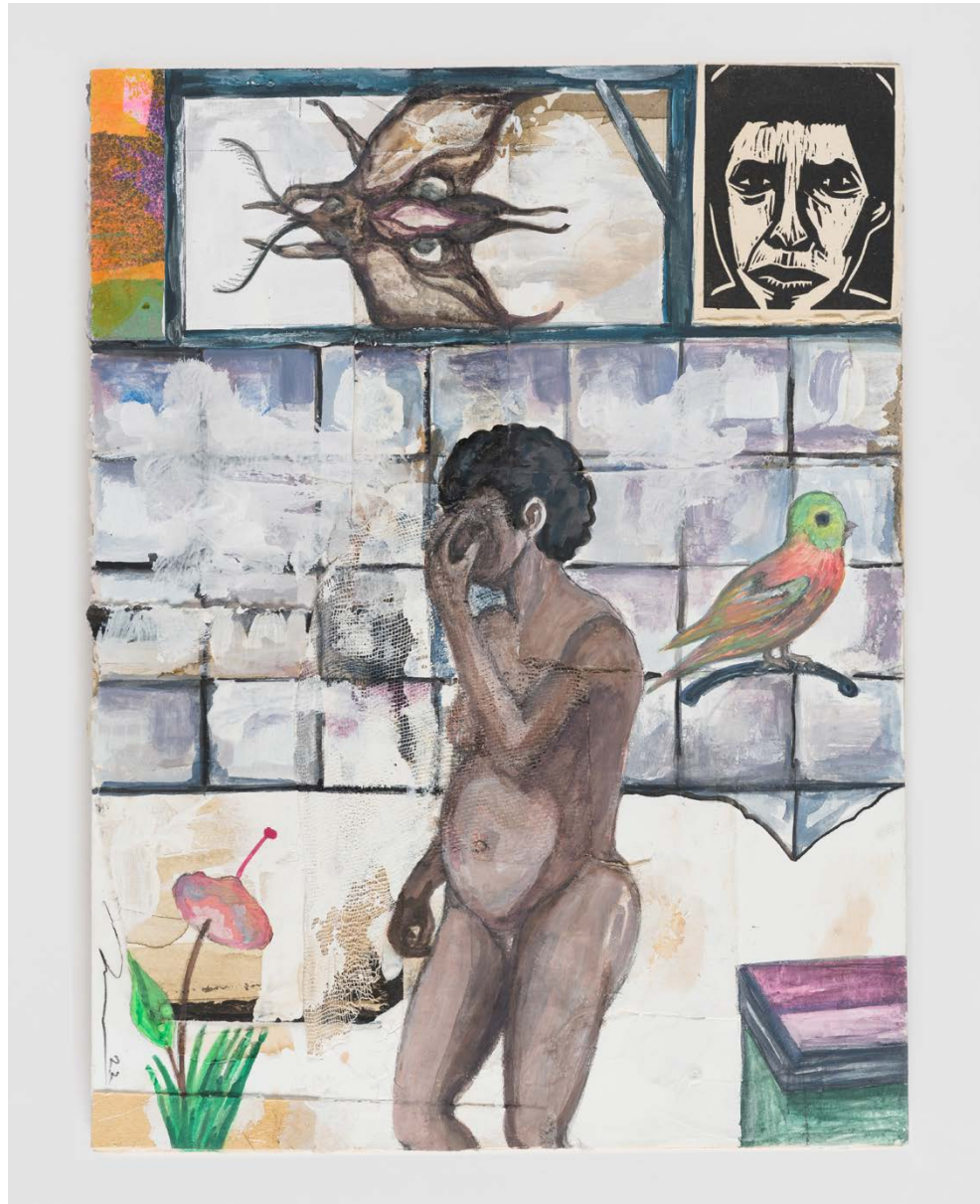
Room:V
Watercolor, linocut,
paper, tea bags, dry
point, pencil, fabric,
gesso, glue on wood panel
40 x 39.75 inches
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Room:VI
Paper, watercolor,
linocut, fabric, gesso
on wood panel
12 x 9 inches
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Room:VII
Watercolor, linocut,
fabric, gesso, pencil,
paper on wood panel
12 x 9.5 inches
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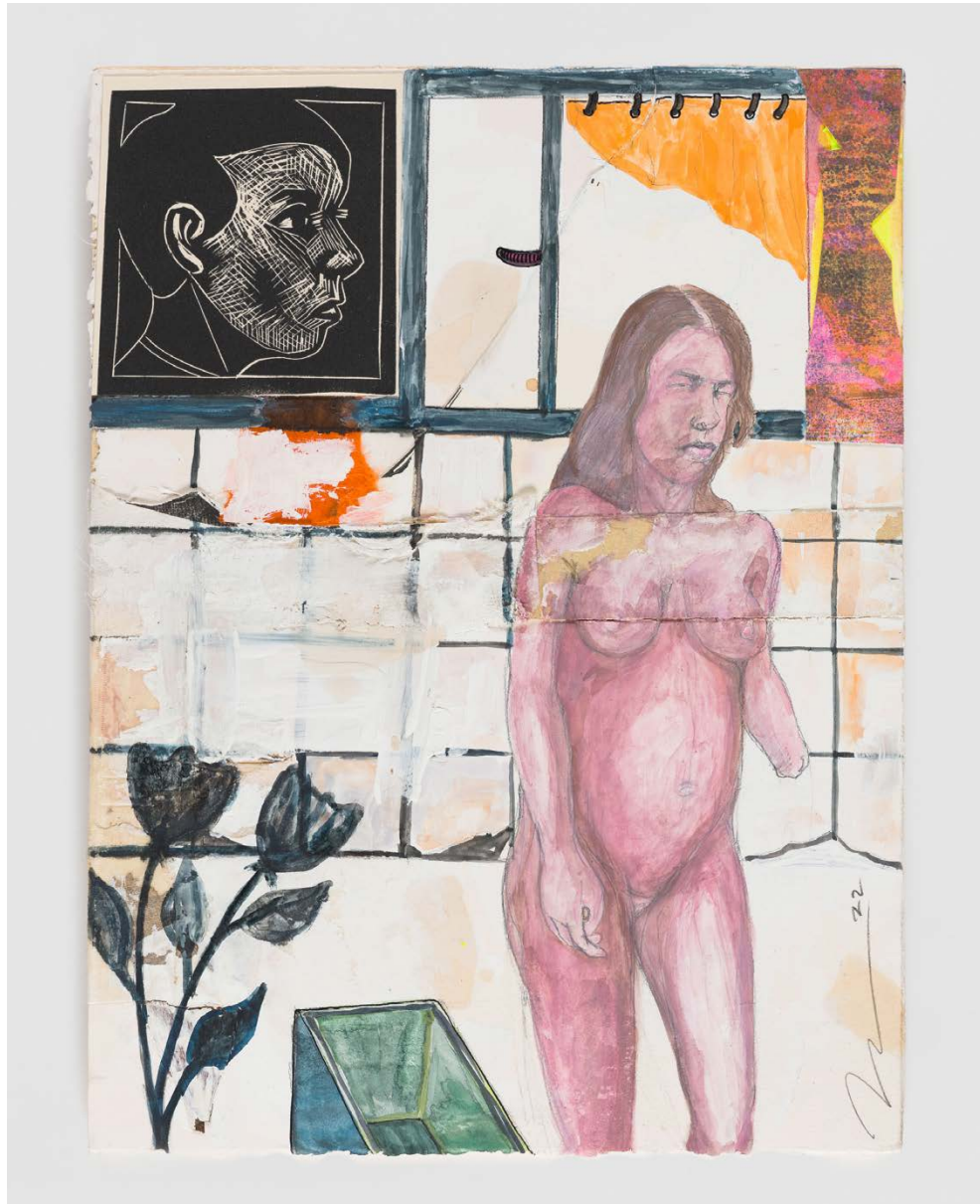
Room:VIII
Ink, watercolor, paper,
linocut, gesso, coffee on
wood panel
12 x 9.5 inches
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Room:IX
Paper, fabric, tea bags,
tea stain, watercolor,
linocut, pencil, gesso,
glue on wood panel
30 x 22 inches
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Room: X
Watercolor, pencil,
linocut, dried flower,
ink, gesso on wood panel
12 x 11 inches
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Room: XI

Ink, watercolor, gesso,
linocut, relief print on
paper

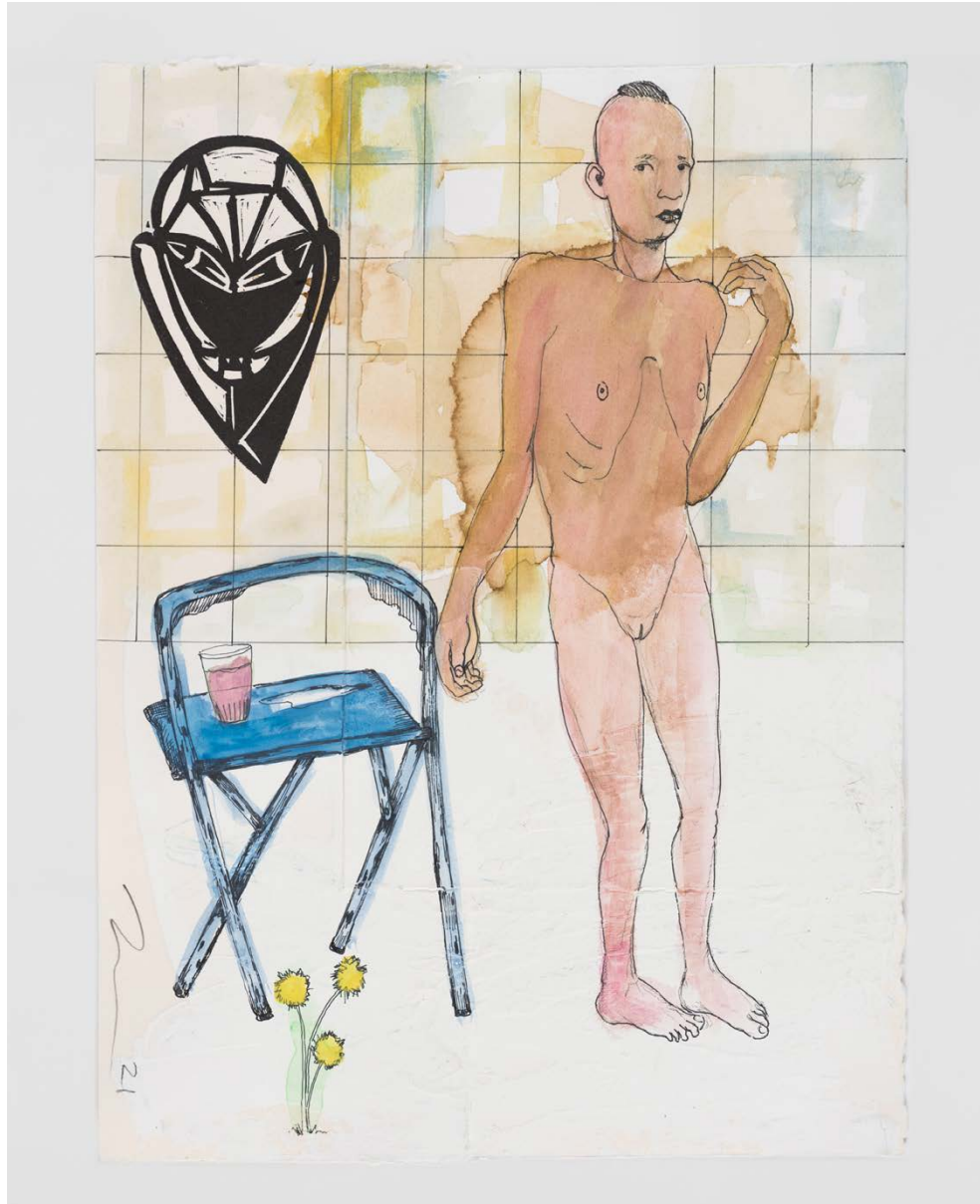
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Framed with museum glass:

15.25 x 12 inches

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Room: XII

Ink, watercolor, linocut,
coffee stain, gesso on
paper

Sheet: 11.75 x 8.5 inches

Framed with museum glass:

15.25 x 12 inches

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Room: XIII

Ink, watercolor, linocut,
gesso, collage on paper

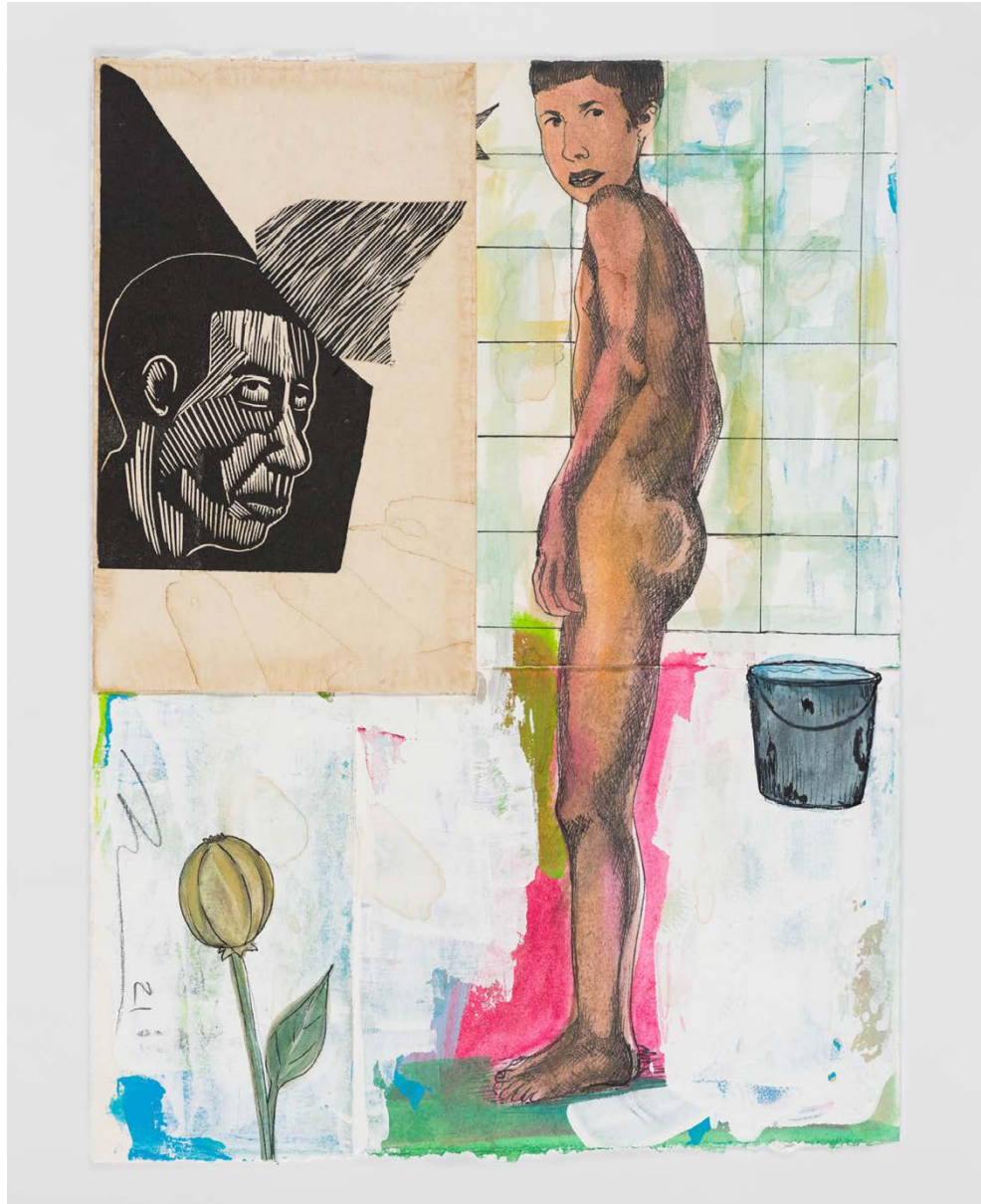
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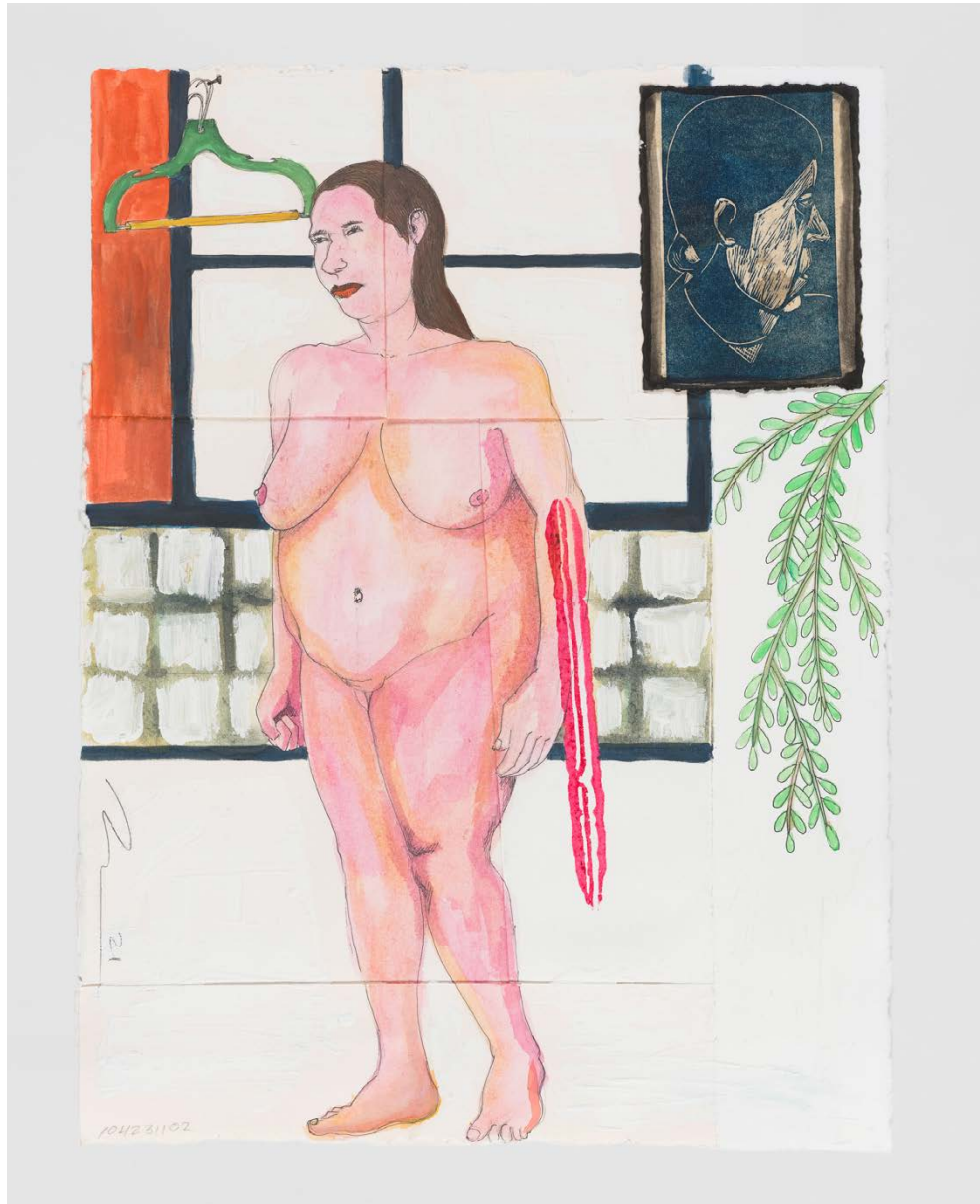
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Room: XIV
Ink, watercolor, gesso,
linocut on paper
Sheet: 11.75 x 8.5 inches
Framed with museum glass:
15.25 x 12 inches
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Room: XV

Ink, watercolor, linocut,

gesso, collage on paper

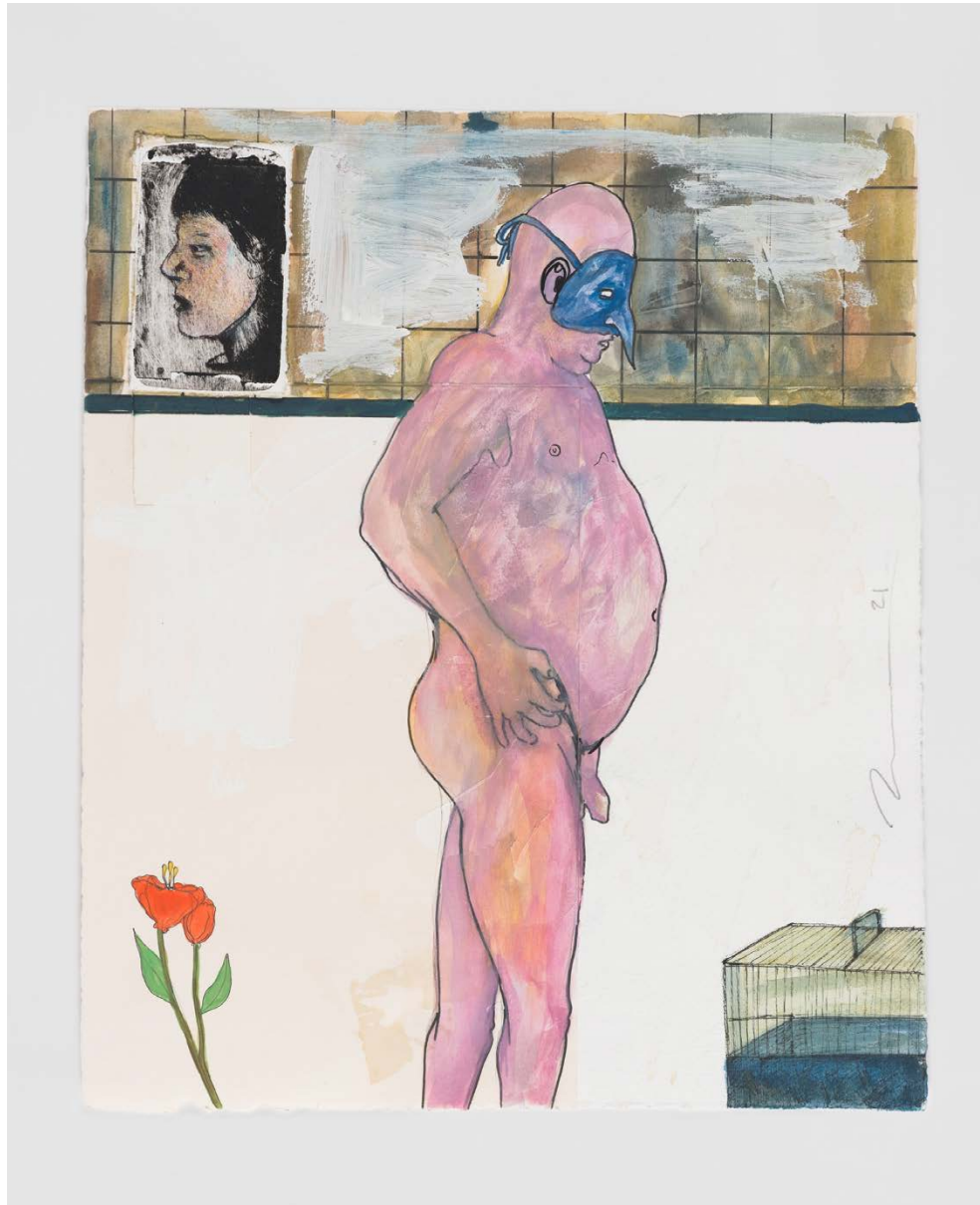
Sheet: 15 x 12 inches

Framed with museum glass:

19.25 x 15.25 inches

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Room: XVI

Ink, watercolor, dry
point, gesso, collage on
paper

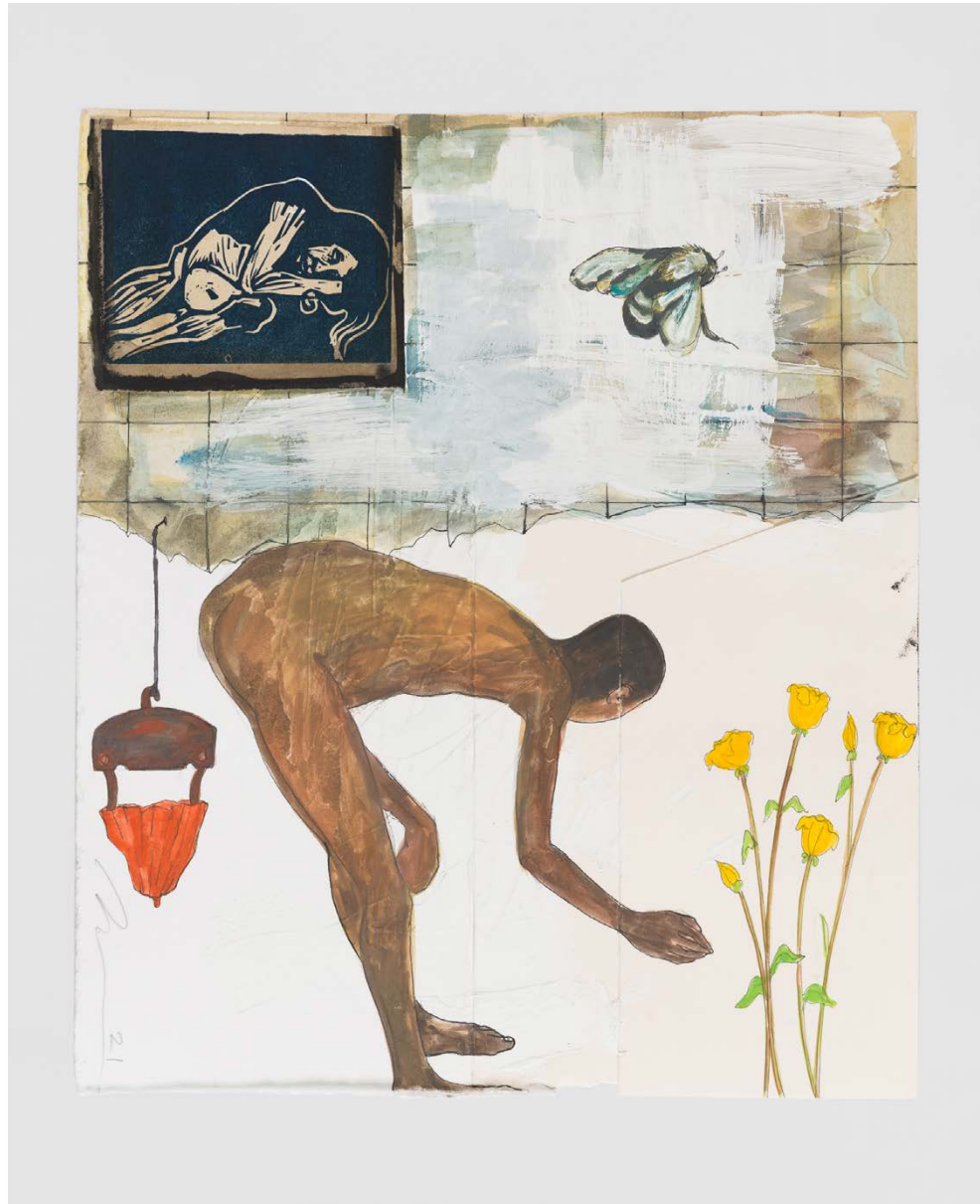
Sheet: 14 x 12 inches

Framed with museum glass:

17.25 x 15.25 inches

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Room: XVII

Ink, watercolor, linocut,
gesso, collage on paper
Sheet: 13 x 11.25 inches
Framed with museum glass:
17.25 x 15.25 inches
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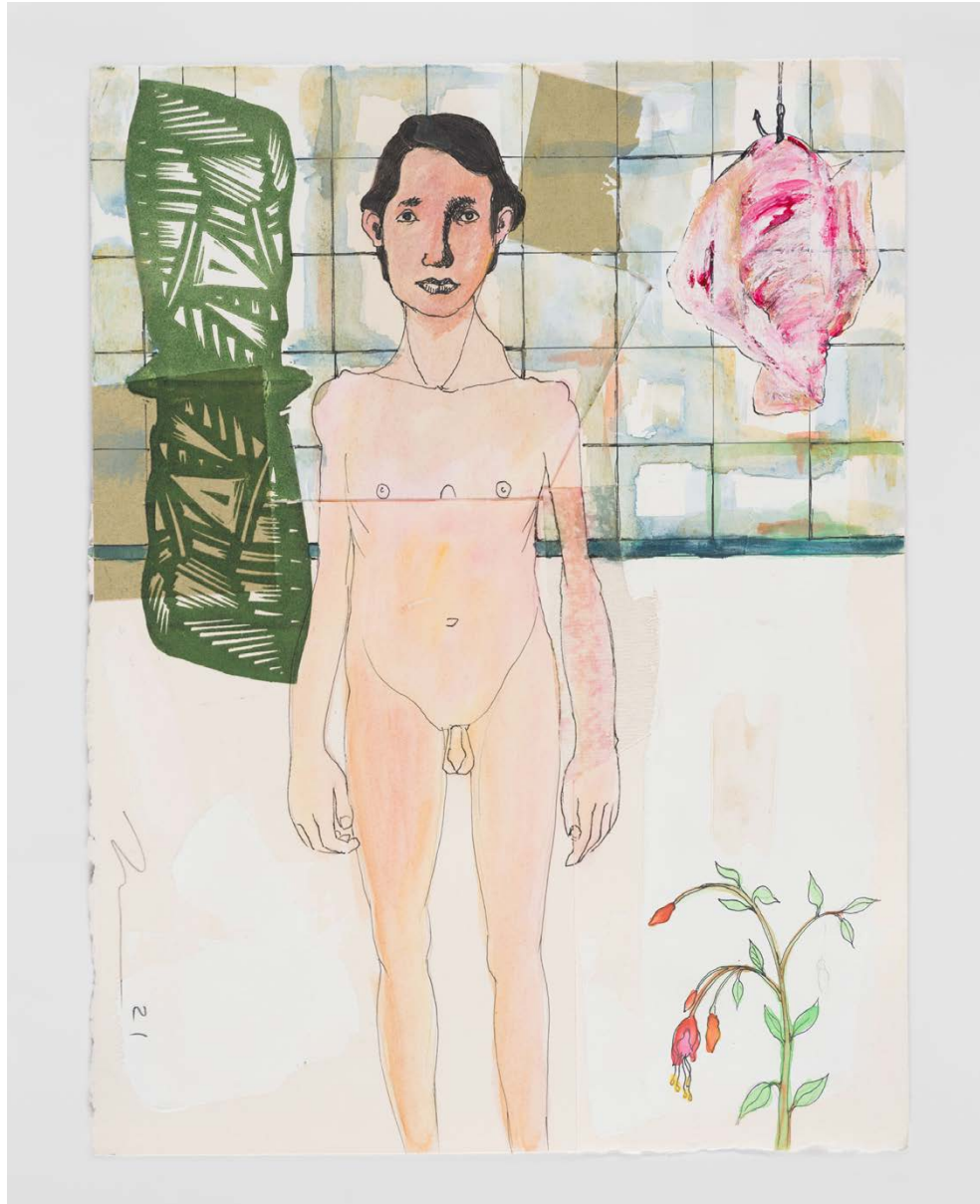
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Room: XVIII

Ink, watercolor, linocut,
colored pencil, fabric,
gesso, collage on paper
Sheet: 11.75 x 8.5 inches
Framed with museum glass:
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Room: XIX

Ink, watercolor, linocut,
pencil, gesso, collage on
paper

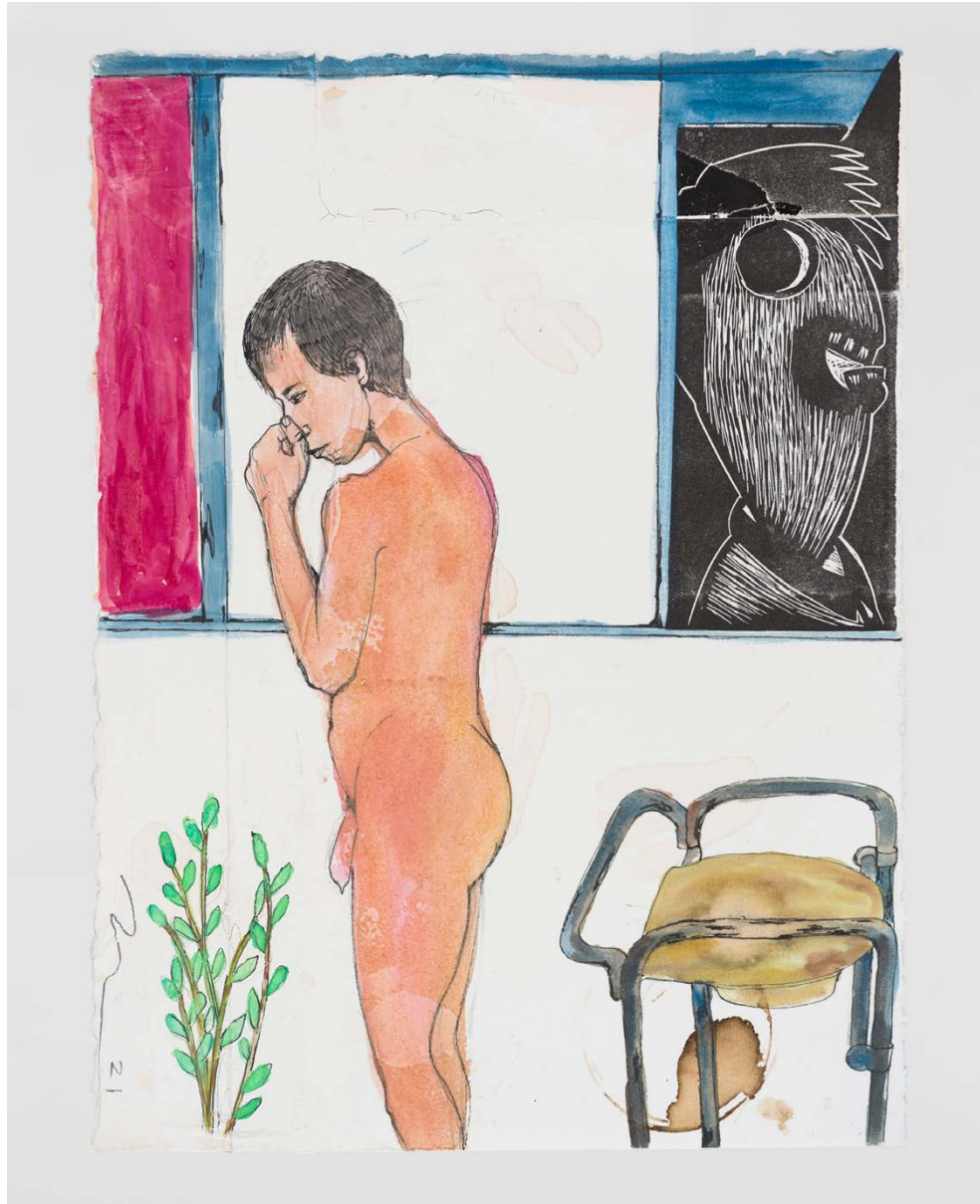
Sheet: 11.75 x 8.5 inches

Framed with museum glass:

15.25 x 12 inches

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Room:XX

Ink, watercolor, linocut,
coffee stain, gesso,
collage on paper

Sheet: 11.75 x 8.5 inches

Framed with museum glass:

15.25 x 12 inches

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Room: XXI
Ink, watercolor, linocut,
teabags, paper, and bee on
wood panel
12 x 11 inches
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