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### *Artist's Statement*

By September 2011, Wence and I knew we were going to New York City for the Architectural Digest Home Design Show. The first few months of winter were spent looking at what we had in stock and where we would like to fill in the gaps. We decided on the new designs, and Wence started weaving like a maniac. When I turned to my painting, I tried a new thing: scheduling. So even though I had some major irons in the fire on a daily basis, I generally stopped by mid-afternoon and went to my painting. Before I knew it, I had a cast of characters. There is a cloudiness to them, layers that you can see through, and many have a distinct line of transformation.

Now, the shadow is falling. I am helping a loved one through Alzheimer's disease. As more of my family and friends pass over — whatever that means — I'm looking at my figures a bit differently. They guard, and they beckon. They mark the way.

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