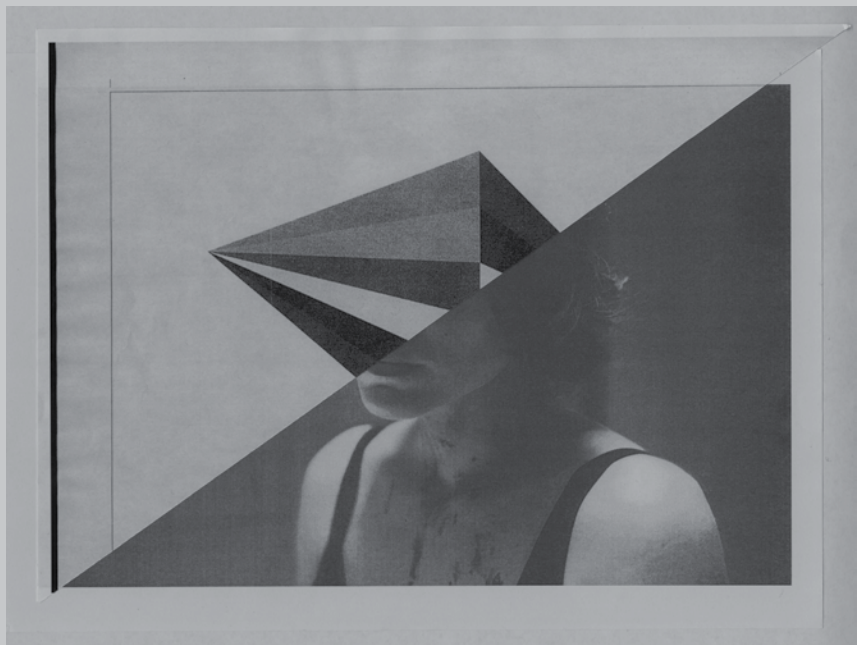
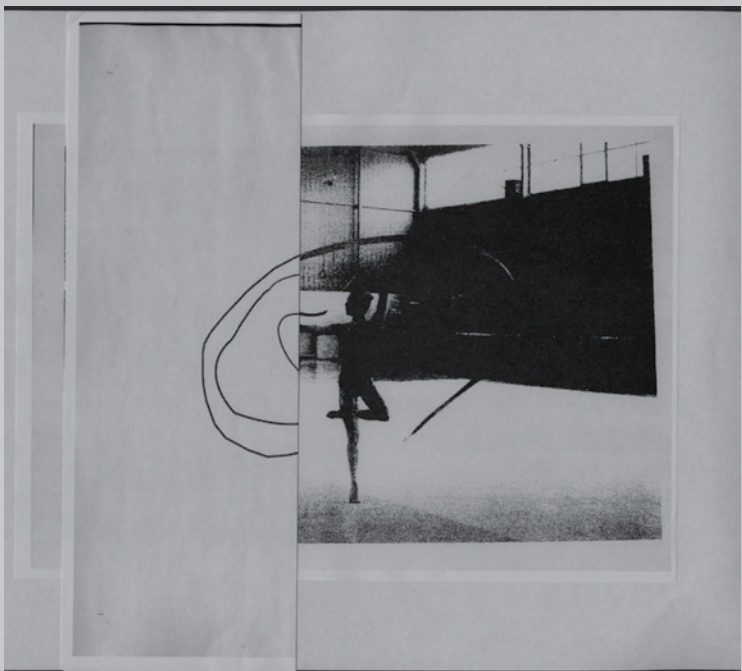
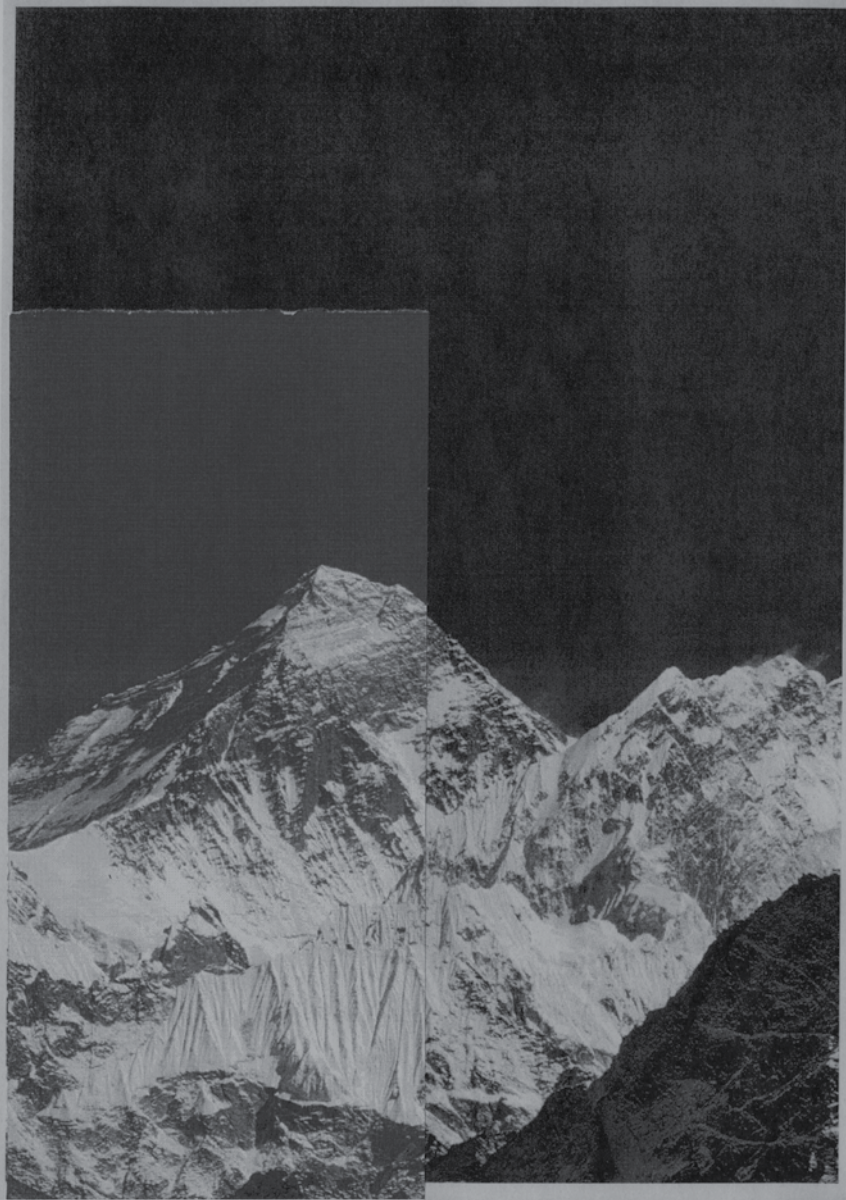


ALPS

when the end is here the Alps are near









ΑΛΠΕΙΣ ALPS

written by Yorgos Lanthimos & Efthimis Filippou
directed by Yorgos Lanthimos
2011 / Greece / 93' / 35mm
2.35:1, Colour, Dolby Digital, Greek

Synopsis

A nurse, a paramedic, a gymnast and her coach have formed a service for hire. They stand in for dead people by appointment, hired by the relatives, friends or colleagues of the deceased. The company is called Alps. Their leader, the paramedic, calls himself Mont Blanc. Although Alps members operate under a discipline regime demanded by their leader, the nurse does not.

Cast

nurse Aggeliki Papoulia
paramedic Aris Servetalis
coach Johnny Vekris
gymnast Ariane Labed
nurse's father Stavros Psillakis
lighting shop owner Efthimis Filippou
blind lady Efthia Stefanidou
friend of nurse's father Constantina Papoulia
tennis player's father Sotiris Papastamatiou
tennis player's mother Tina Papanikolaou
tennis player's boyfriend Nikos Galgadas
tennis player Maria Kirozi
50-year-old man Fotis Zahos

Crew

written by Yorgos Lanthimos & Efthimis Filippou
directed by Yorgos Lanthimos
produced by Athina Rachel Tsangari & Yorgos Lanthimos
director of photography Christos Voudouris
editor Yorgos Mavropsaridis
sound Leandros Ntounis
production designer Anna Georgiadou
costume designers Thanos Papastergiou & Vassilia Rozana
head of production Maria Hatzakou / Haos Film
line producer Kostas Kefalas
assistant director Kostas Papadakis

A Haos Film Production,
in co-production with ERT, Faliro House Productions,
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Maria Hatzakou, Matt Johnson, Thanos Papastergiou
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THE 15 RULES OF THE ALPS

Alps members:

1. Must declare in advance the things they are unwilling to do by filling out Form 1 (e.g. kissing, lifting weights, travelling etc.) .
2. Must declare in advance the things they are good at by filling out Form 2 (e.g. dancing, waterskiing, discussing etc.) .
3. Must have some basic knowledge of psychology and sociology.
4. Are obliged to support, under all circumstances, the interests of the Alps group .
5. Must respect each other.
6. Have the right to change their nickname only twice.
They cannot choose a nickname belonging to another Alps member.
The nickname must strictly be the name of a mountain in the Alps, and not something general or irrelevant (e.g. Blonde, Master, Dragon etc.).
7. Can never talk about Alps activities with non-Alps members.
8. Are obliged to take the Gymnastics Club Test, if necessary.
9. Must be over 14 years of age.
10. Should always be smart, clean, punctual, and in complete control.
11. Must never get emotionally involved with clients, or have intimate relations with them .
12. Cannot change their physical appearance without the Leader 's permission (e.g. dye their hair, lose or gain weight, wear coloured contact lenses etc.) .
13. Must be able to make convincing facial expressions (sadness, happiness, despair etc.) .
14. Must honour the title of their membership, and be ready to kill or die for it.
15. Must never attack one another, and must believe in teamwork.

Mont Blanc, Leader of the Alps group
January 2008

WE ARE THE ALPS

Don't weep, don't cry
Don't be sad
Don't be sad
Wave sadness goodbye
Say hello to joy

'Cause we are here, by your side
We are the Alps
Oh yeah, we are the Alps

No need for sadness
No need for pain
We'll be there, there, there
No more unhappiness
Grieve no more

The Alps are here
We are your friends
We are your lovers
We are your father
We are your colleague s

We are the Alps
Oh yeah, we are the Alps

Yorgos Lanthimos was born in Athens, where he studied directing for film and television. Since 1995, he has directed a series of videos for dance-theatre companies, television commercials, music videos, short films and theatre plays.

In 2011, he staged Chekhov's *Platonov* at the Greek National Theatre. His first film *KINETTA* (2005) screened at the Toronto and Berlin Film Festivals to critical acclaim. His sophomore feature *KYNODONTAS* (Dogtooth) won the Un Certain Regard prize at the 2009 Cannes Film Festival, followed by numerous awards at festivals worldwide. It was also nominated for the Best Foreign Language Film Oscar™ at the 2011 Academy Awards.

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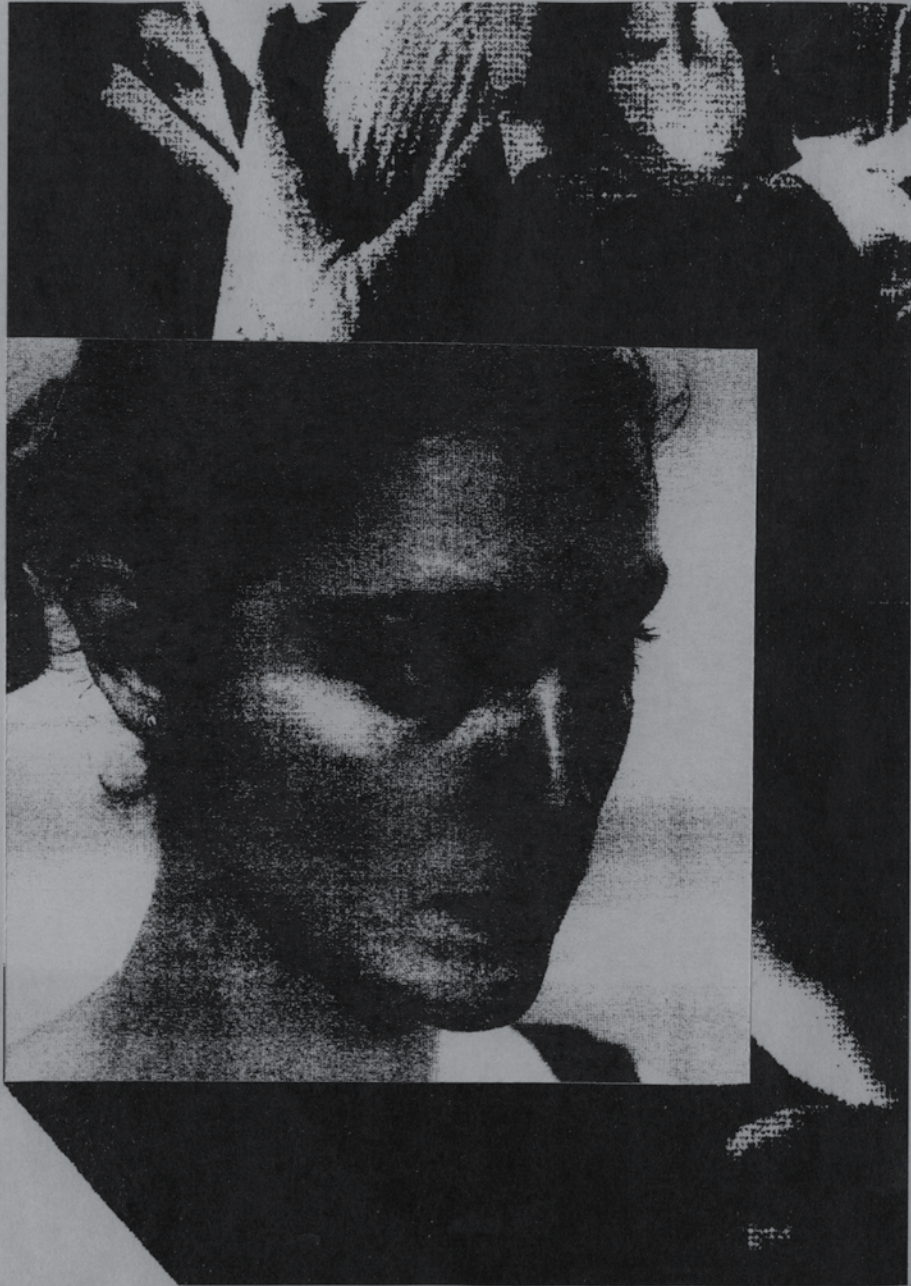
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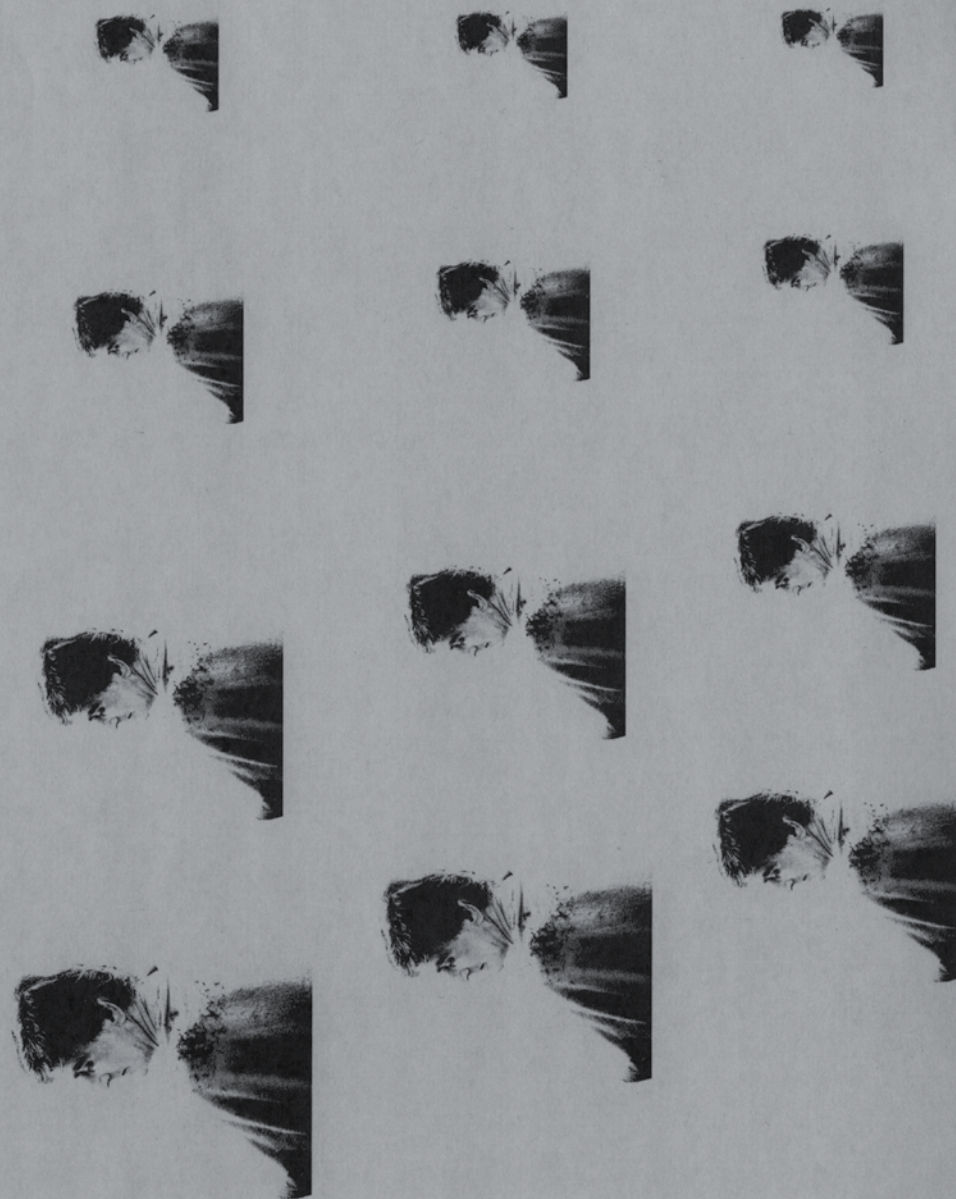
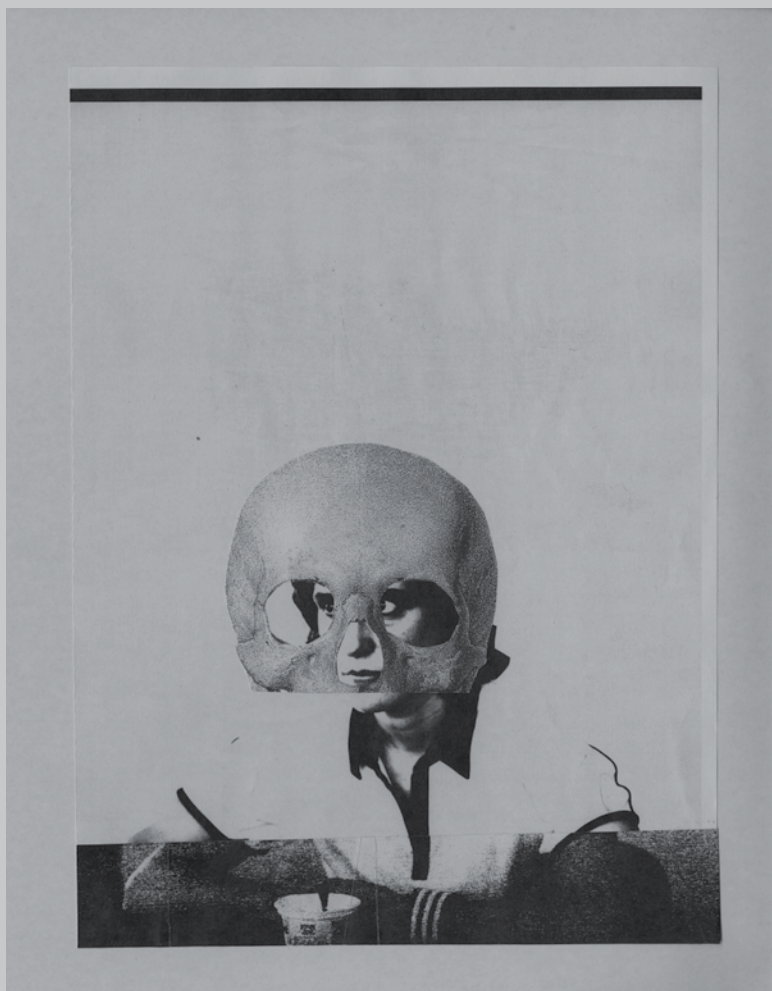
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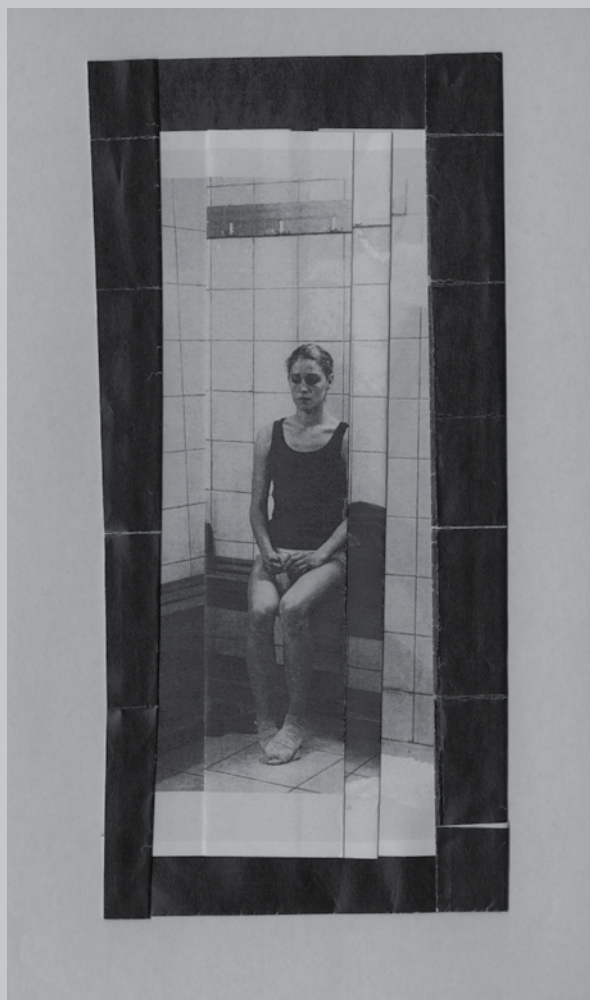
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