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When the snow in the Alps melts down into the valley below, the time has come: Mother wakes from her hibernation, her head filled with the dreams of the past months. She is awaited by Grandfather, and cared for by her children, the twins. Soon, the first visitors will arrive, because Mother's dreams promise advice and give comfort. This is how it is, year after year. But this summer, the twins' tenth, everything is about to change — and what Mother predicts will come true in an unexpected way.

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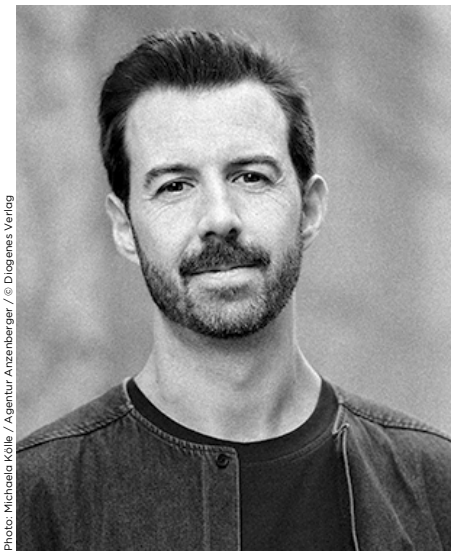


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