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Flore Picard is the Speculative Literature Foundation's 2025 Illustration of the Year winner

March 2025—The Speculative Literature Foundation is pleased to announce that “Star Thief” by Flore Picard is the SLF’s 2025 Illustration of the Year.

Picard commented on her work: “‘Star Thief’ is a story about creating freedom. In a futuristic world of glass and metal, she made herself wings out of her prison, a harness out of her shackles, and flew up to seek out the stars. Inspired by the myth of Icarus, but her story will have a different ending: here, it is night and there is no sun. Flying into the sky, the Star Thief is daring but wise beyond her youth; rather than getting burned, she will embrace and befriend the stars.”

Flore Picard is a French artist with a passion for patterns and systems, for the beauty at the edge of chaos and the complexity of being human. Fascinated with words and languages for as long as they can remember, they have found ways to express their inner world through both linguistics and the grammar of visual art.

Picard will receive a cash prize of \$750.00. The winning artwork will be featured throughout 2025 on the SLF’s website, newsletter, social media accounts and other materials. “Star Thief” is the SLF’s eighth annual Illustration of the Year. Learn more about the annual Illustration of the Year contest at speculativeliterature.org/ioty.

The Speculative Literature Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting literary quality in speculative fiction. We encourage promising new writers, assist established writers, facilitate the work of quality magazines and small presses in the genre, and work to promote a greater public appreciation of speculative fiction. Learn more at speculativeliterature.org.

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