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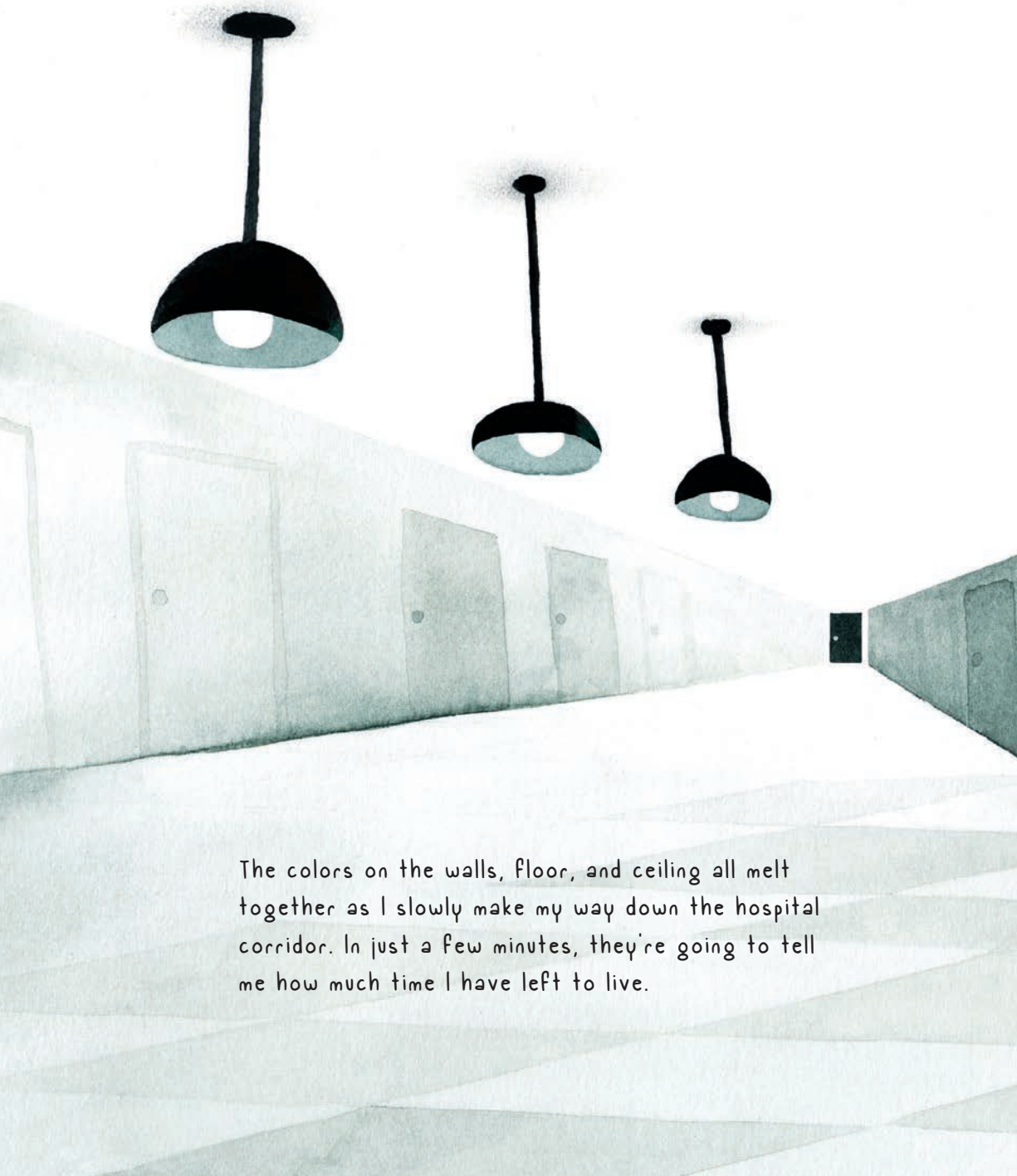
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The colors on the walls, floor, and ceiling all melt together as I slowly make my way down the hospital corridor. In just a few minutes, they're going to tell me how much time I have left to live.



Pale blue, pale green, pale pink, beige...

Whoever decided on the color scheme in this hospital
must have failed their final exam in interior design.

They've even redecorated in the five
years that I've been coming here, but I
can never find anything that's changed.
It just seems newer and cleaner.

With the same awful colors.



Annie, my favorite nurse, told me they chose these colors because they're supposed to calm you down.

Honestly, I can't imagine anyone coming here and getting hyper after the kind of treatments you get.

Do colors really change anything? I don't know...





Five years ago, I was diagnosed with leukemia.
I got really tired and was getting headaches.





They sent me for all kinds of tests.

I was only ten years old and I'd never heard of anyone who had this disease. I didn't know exactly what it was and I don't think we ever talked about cancer in my family before that.

