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In the quietude of June, when it seemed as if everyone had decamped to Europe, this young Nigerian artist made her New York solo debut. Kure's métier is drawing, and she draws with ease and authority using the brownish pigment of the kola nut. Here she showed a group of works titled "Vogue Series." But there is nothing remotely indebted to fashion in her solitary and anthropomorphs, posed like sentinels from an era of the repressed decorum, sometimes accompanied by allegorical beasts. Disporting themselves in explorations of violence, torture, feminine authority, and colonialism Kure's figures are at once strange and familiar.