



I juggled a few ideas in my head before ultimately deciding on this concept. Initially, I had the idea of showing a person accumulating more items over time in order to show the collection part of my project, before deciding on showing someone growing up with a prized possession of theirs would be more impactful. This image is composed partially of stock images, as well as some doodles that I made. I wanted to show how someone can still keep in touch with their inner child, and love something they treasure from their childhood, as well as how their interactions with said treasure can change over the years. The child is clinging onto it, showing the initial reliance on the object for comfort. The adolescent is still alongside it, though less reliant on it, since they're no longer holding on to it as much. And finally, the adult isn't reliant on it at all, and I made it look more like a guardian angel of sorts. A teddy bear was chosen since it's often a toy associated with childhood, and the composition of the image was aiming for a sort of March of Progress feel, with a person growing up rather than evolution.