

Rizza's Beautiful World

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Dedication

This is for all special children and their parents.

Yes, we are special in many ways and often misunderstood and underappreciated. We don't blame you for that.

Within us lie capabilities that others cannot see, feel, or appreciate. We like to line up things and enjoy seeing the same colours. Sometimes we jump up and down to show we want to go outside or to express our happiness. Our high-pitched squeals mean "good morning," though you might say, "Don't do that." We tap chairs like drums to explore different sounds and rhythms. We scribble shapes and lines instead of writing letters. We call it fun; you call it talent. We need your guidance to develop these abilities and help us discover them. We know it's a challenge, but these talents are within us. We just need help to bring them out.

Please do not give up on us, as we don't know the meaning of giving up.

-Rizza

Preface

This is the work of my niece, Rizza. She is a special child who cannot express her feelings vocally but conveys her emotions through colours and shapes.

Rizza combines shapes to create images. As you can see, she uses hexagons and half-circles to form faces and freehand lines for bodies and limbs. Using a laptop with the basic "Paint" application, she skillfully controls lines and shapes with the touchpad.

What impresses me most is her choice of colours, creating effective digital art that is easy on the eyes. The lines seem to guide you toward a direction she wants you to explore more closely.

Please turn the pages one by one and appreciate the talent of a girl who is often misunderstood and underappreciated by her peers and much of the public.

-Angkel Ric

Self Portrait

My name is Rizza.

..my uncle said I will be a good teacher like my Lola
Ester..but I like to draw...

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My Family

This is Tatang (my father, deceased), Justin (little brother, also a special child), Nanang, Aya (my big sister, deceased), Rizza (myself),
Lola Ester (grandmother, deceased), Lola Alli
(great-grandmother, deceased).

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My Friends

I have a handful of friends growing up. They no longer come to my house.

#17



My Big Sister, My Little Brother and Me

Ayang, Izang and Justin

Ate Ayang is thinking..., I am thinking about shoes,
Justin..don't know..

#19



Bulaga

I do not know..

..but surprises make me happy..

#57



Maiden of Long Ago

Remembering a scene from the historical drama series "Amaya".

#4



Village Scene

..the way it used to be..

..it's near a mountain, around a curve..

#1 *this was made into a banner by a local businesswoman (Tita Malot)*



Wala Pera (No Money)

The faces of ordinary folks with no money says it all.

#3



Fairy Tales

I drew Cinderella and her Prince Charming.

#7



Christmas

It's for giving and forgiving.
We gave more than you ever imagined...

#14



The Graduate

The effort, the early rise, the sacrifice.
March ends all.

#20



Widows and Orphans

... have one thing in common...a lion heart.

#26



Wish List

..wish I had her hair..

#21



Vase

Flower vase

It can only become a flower vase when there's a flower in it.. and so with life...

#15



Castles

Why do fairy tales mostly happen in castles?

#34



One Fine Morning

When the sun and the stars show up in heaven at the same time..

#9



Cinderella

..sometimes we see the difference straight away .. just by looking at the pockets...

#32



Mermaid

The sea, the bed... and the heart.

#2



Midnight Flowers

...are red, blue and yellow.. leaves are green..lollipops are sweet..

#22



Sunflowers

Everything needs the sun. Even the flowers owe their beautiful colours from the sun.

#11



Beauty Pageant

Where's number seven? She's taking the photo...

#28



Music Time

Sometimes silence is the best music...

#5



Wigwam

I am curious how a family lived in one.

#10



Fruits

Sweet and natural...good for you and for me.

#8



Heroes

..all dead...but special people..

#88



Sleeping Beauties

Others complain they can't sleep ..but it is better not to be able to fall asleep than not to be able to wake up..

#16



Cinderella and Prayers

..why my prayer always seems to be the last in the queue..

#27



Hand Fan

..and ice cream. Summer blessings.

#29



My (Neverending) Story

I have a story to tell..
I'll tell you tomorrow!

#30



The Other Snow White

I love that she fought with the huntsman instead of falling asleep.

#58



Thorn Among the Roses

My brother, the special one
like me.

#41



Madam Leni

My mother likes her..that's why I also like her..

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Pucca in Love

Everytime Pucca kisses Garu, her powers increase!

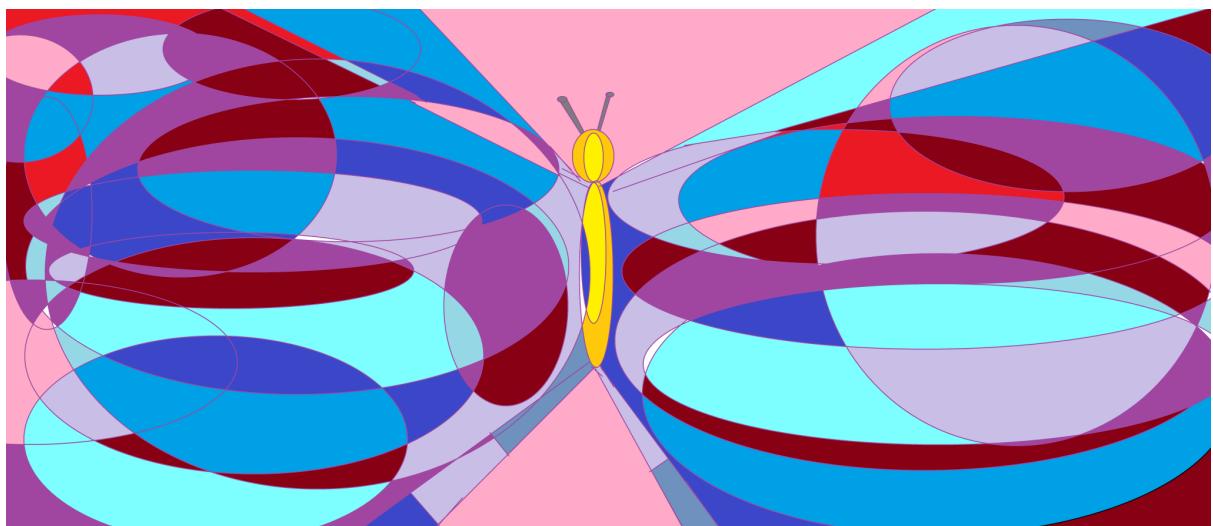
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Butterfly

Full of circles..even when they fly..(they) also (fly) in circles..

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Santo Pedro Calungsod

A young martyr at 17.

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Guitar

Express my love for music..
..even (with) no voice..

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Cats

They are nice...but i hate them when they are so nice with mice..

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Together

Even at the end..they are together and we miss them
badly..

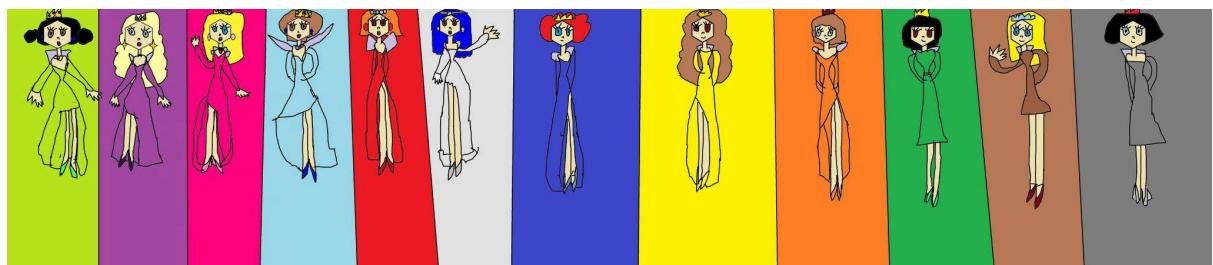
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The Catwalk

Why is it called the catwalk? When cats do not fall over?

#40



A Princess and a Prince

My favourite characters from Candy Kingdom.

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Vampire Girl

Even vampires are pretty. Beware.

#44



Dancing

My friends and I used to dance..
..they no longer come to my house..

#52



You and Me

My other story...I will tell you tomorrow..

#51



Cross Roads

Sometimes there are too many..I only have two legs..

#54



Girl Power

My favourites until now.

#45



Guardian Angel

Please Jesus send my guardian angel to look over me,
my brother and my mother...especially at night and
stormy weather..

#49



Sombrero

I am ready for the summer, ready for the heat of the sun..

#50



Shapes and Colours

Shapes are nice; colours make them better. And I like making them.

#12



Faith

Is there somebody looking down upon us? I know
there is Jesus!

#6



Fairies

I wish they were real. I want to play with them.

#35



Learning

..is fun with a friend...I like creating things better.

#36



Unique

No two flowers are the same, no two leaves look alike.
Both are pretty and special.

#80



Sister Faustina

An inspiration to be holy.

#85



Rockstar

..wannabe..
..artstar is it..

#82



Frozen

..only if it's easy to let go..
..only if it's like a fairytale..

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Cross Roads 2

..complicated but look closer..

...simply pretty..

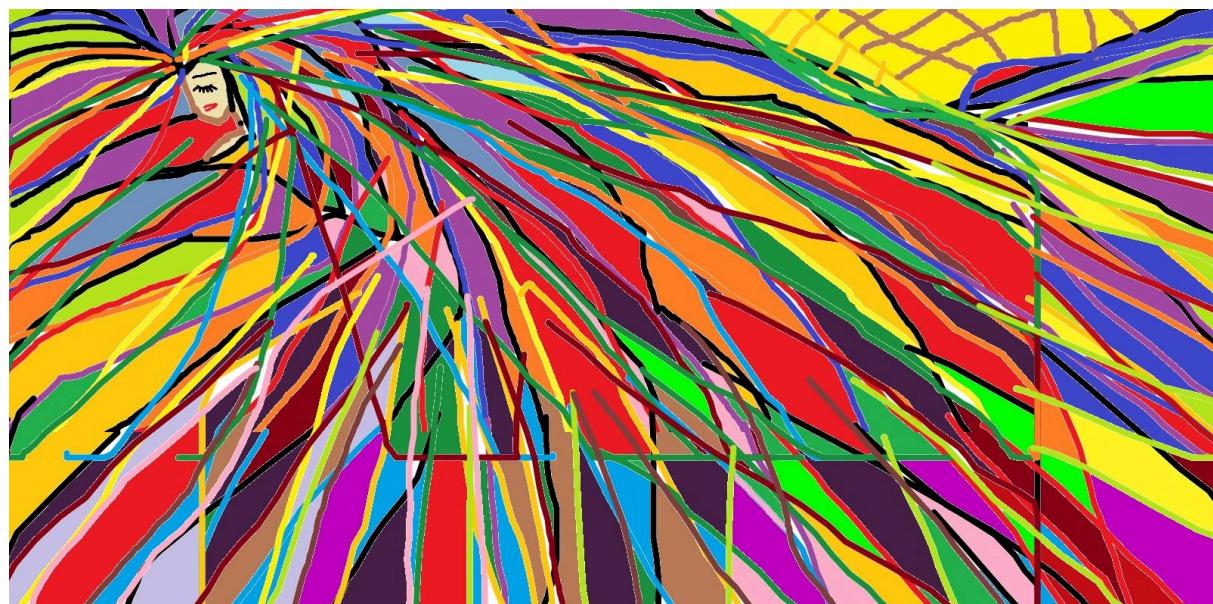
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Head

.. heavy with hair..
..heavier with thoughts..

#73



Night and Day

Always they're there..
.. but never will meet..

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Fairy Tale

.. waterfalls are rainbows, trees are lollipops..
..fields are coloured red and green and blue and pink
and..cotton candies..

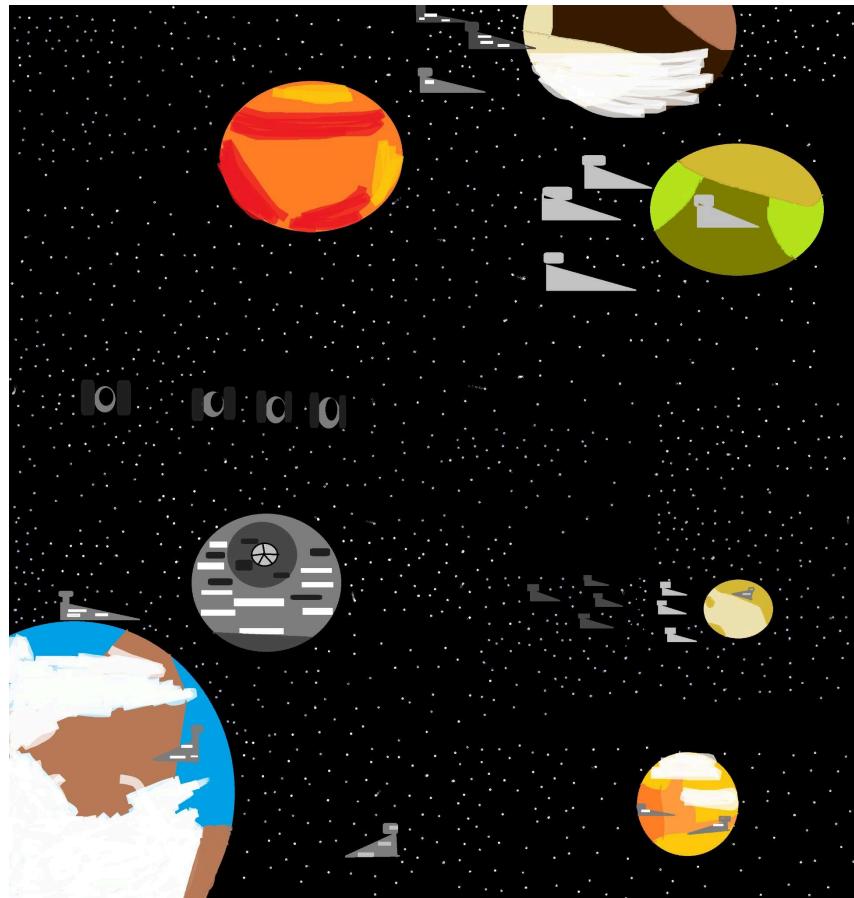
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The Cosmos

..I can not see anyone when everything is big..
..getting lost is easy ..

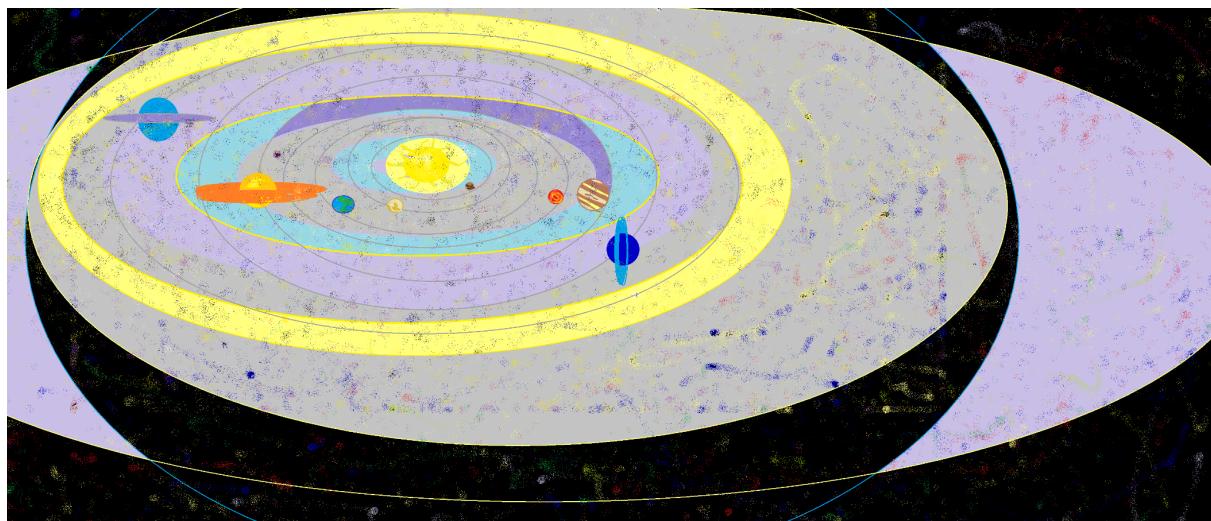
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So(up)lar System

..is like a bowl of cereal..
..mixed with milk

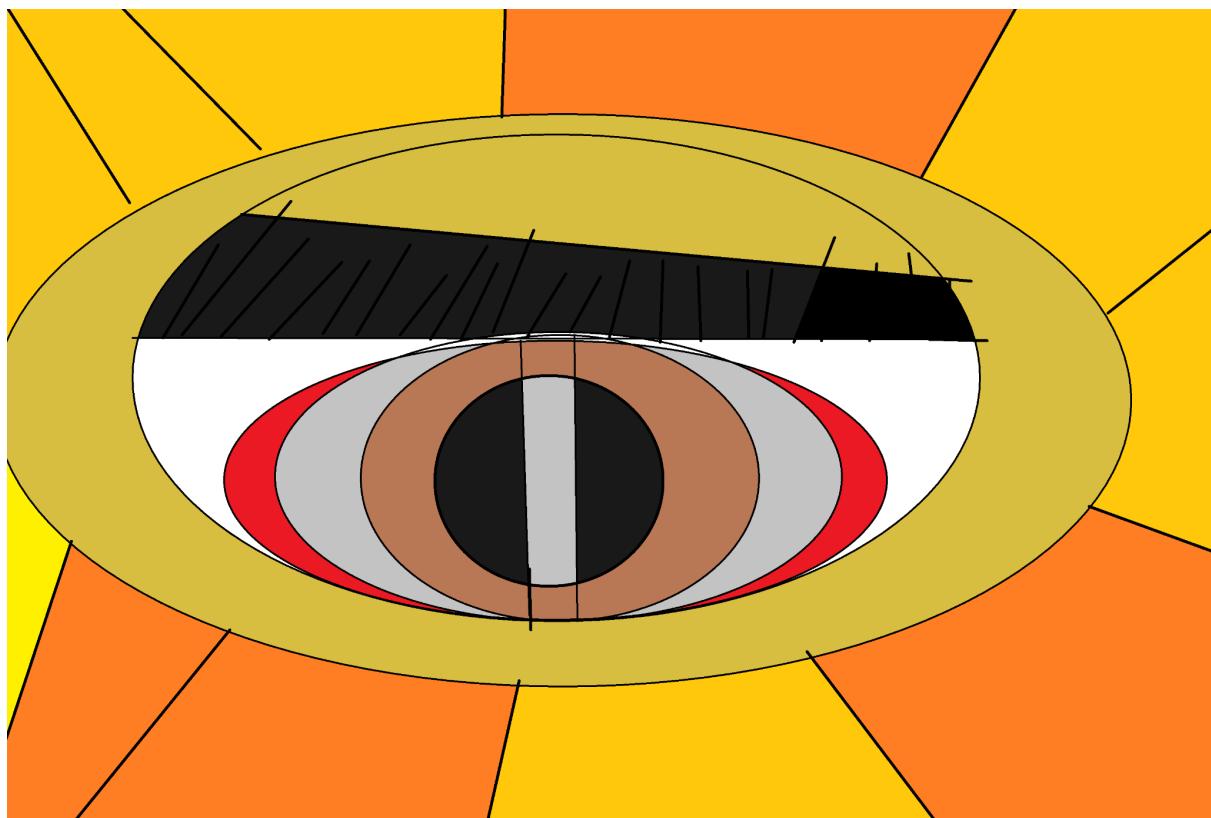
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The Eye

I wish it will not cease..
..looking after us..

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Sunrise

..the sun rising from the east..see this view at the back of my house..

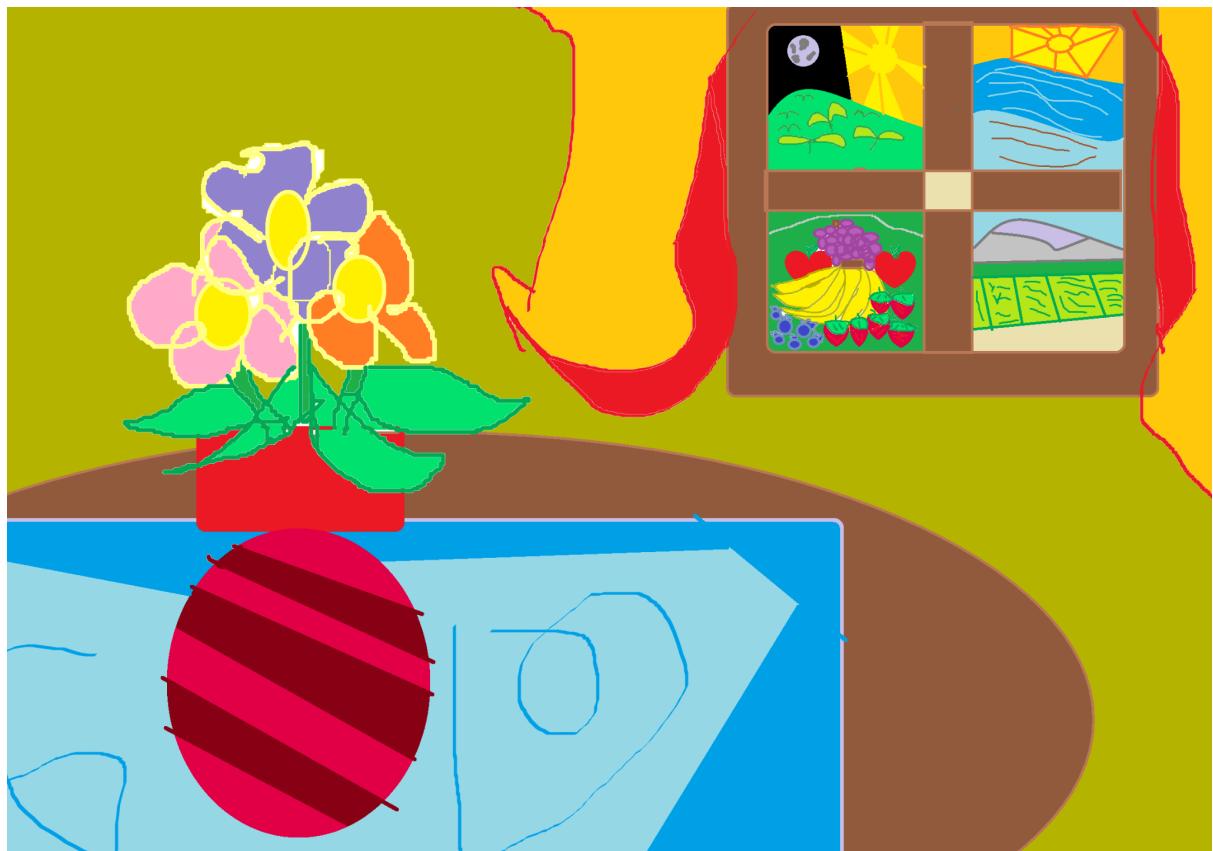
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Good Morning

..when I see the flowers, the sun, the vase..
..the windows, the fields, the mountains, ..

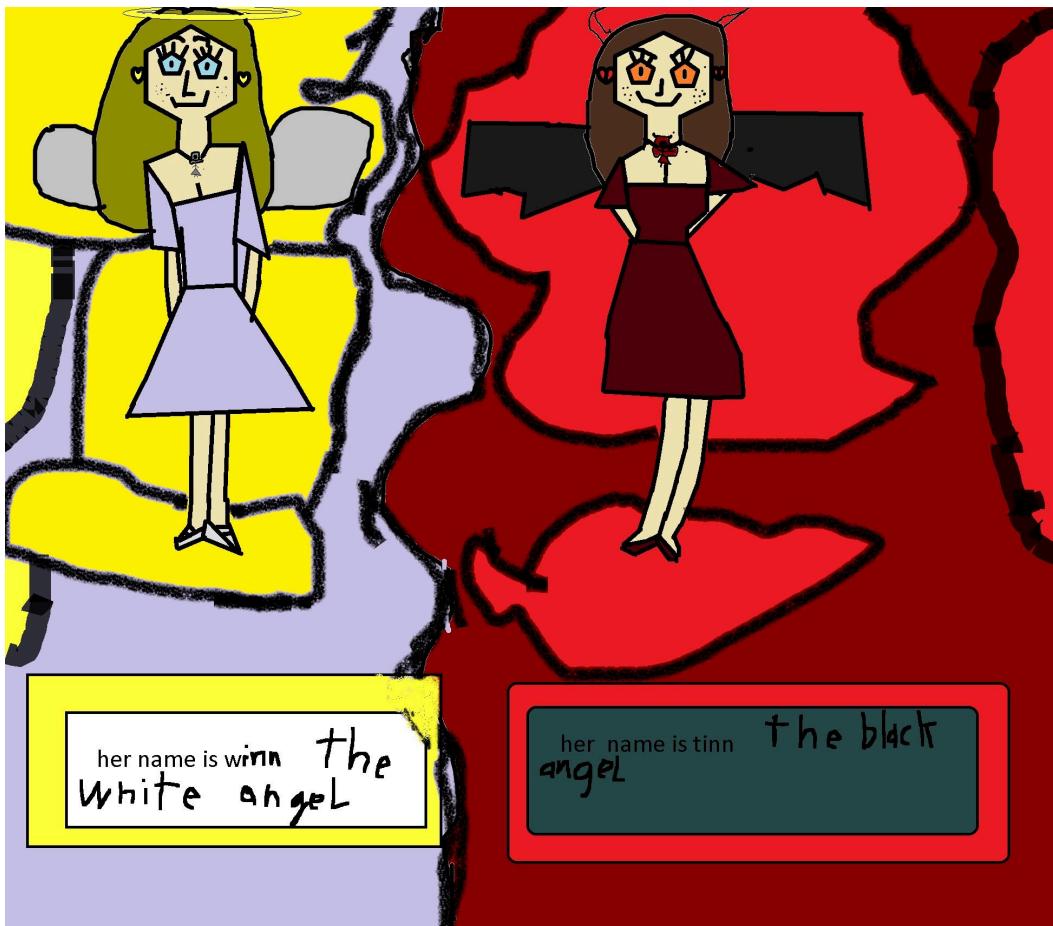
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Black and White Angels

Like night and day, (they) do not mix..
..choose..

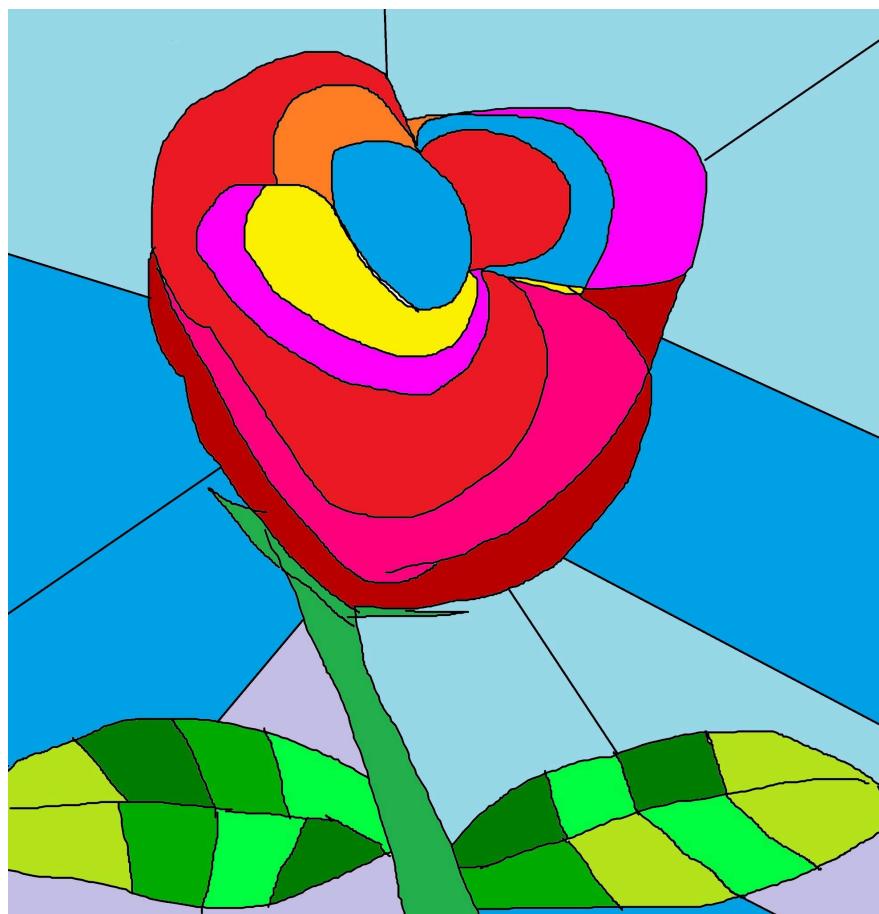
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The Rose

..beautiful but prickly..
..like the sun.. useful but deadly..

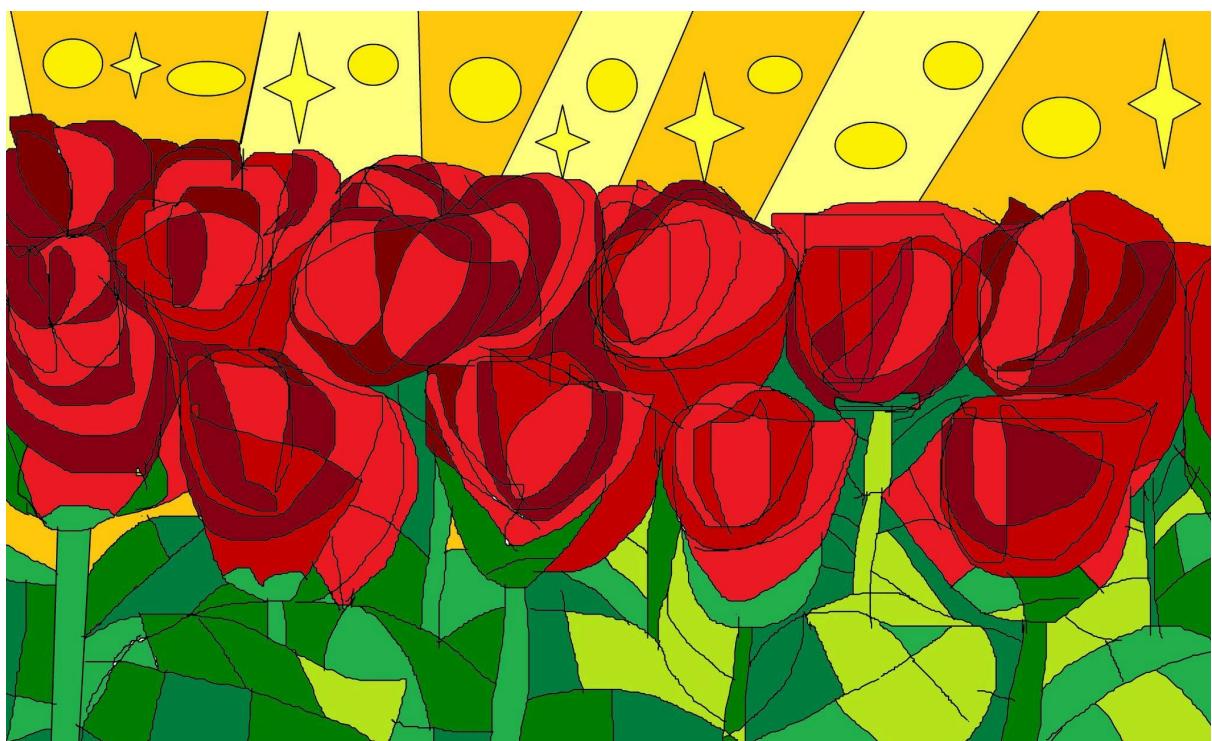
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Bunch of Roses

..pretty, are they?..handle with care..

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Flowers

Violets ..pretty but sorrowful..

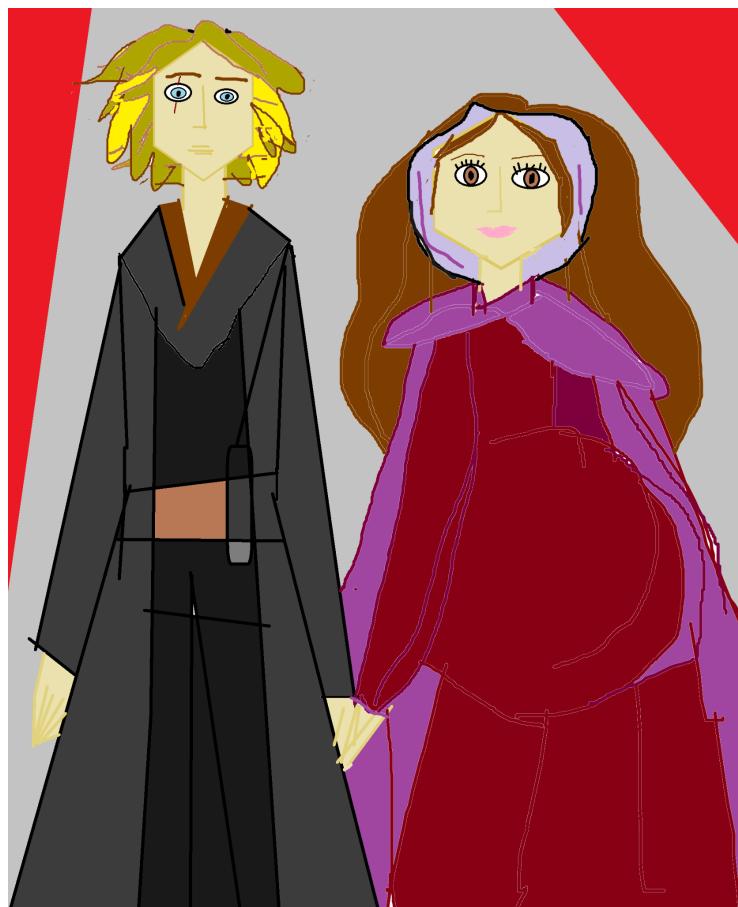
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Star Wars

Padmé Amidala and Anakin..one of my favourite movies..

#48



My (Never Ending) Story

..and they have children, 3 boys and a girl..
I will tell you tomorrow..

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Their Village (from Never Ending)

..this is where they live..tell you more next time again..

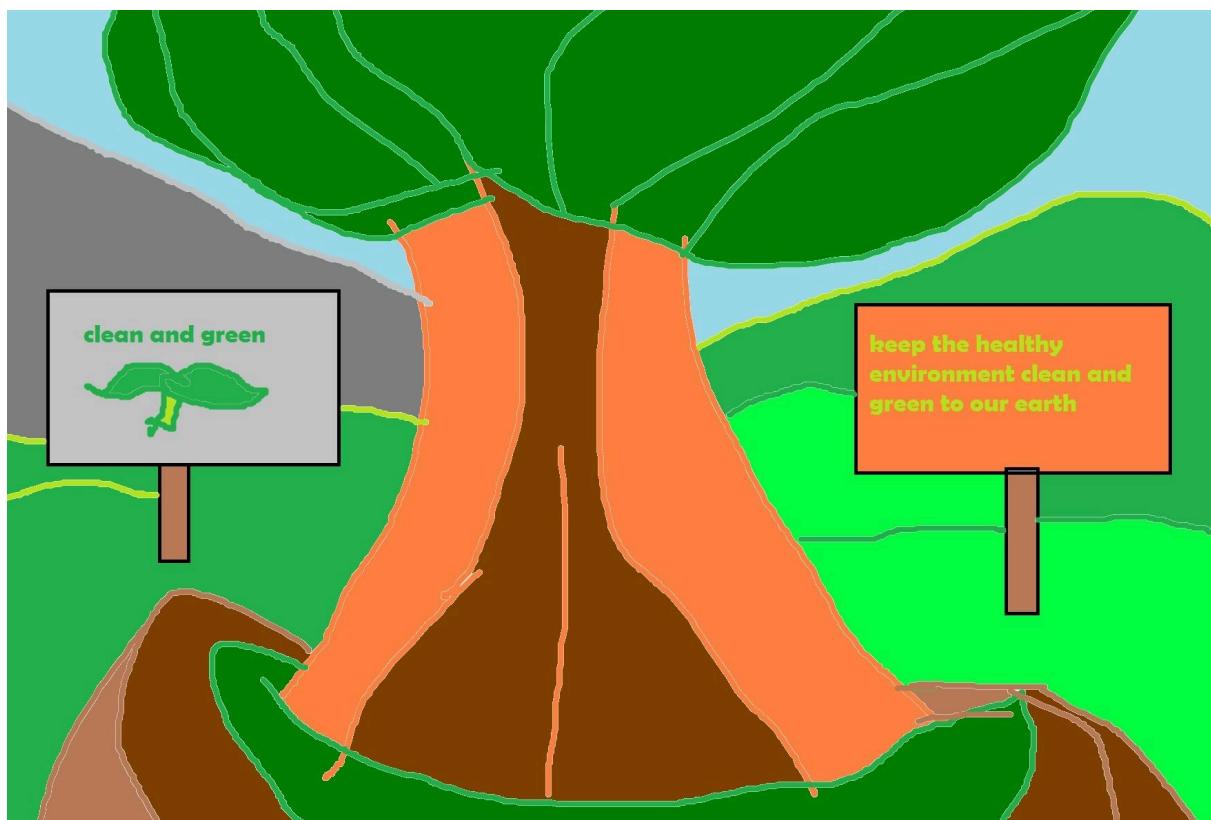
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Clean Planet

Healthier living
..healthier you and me

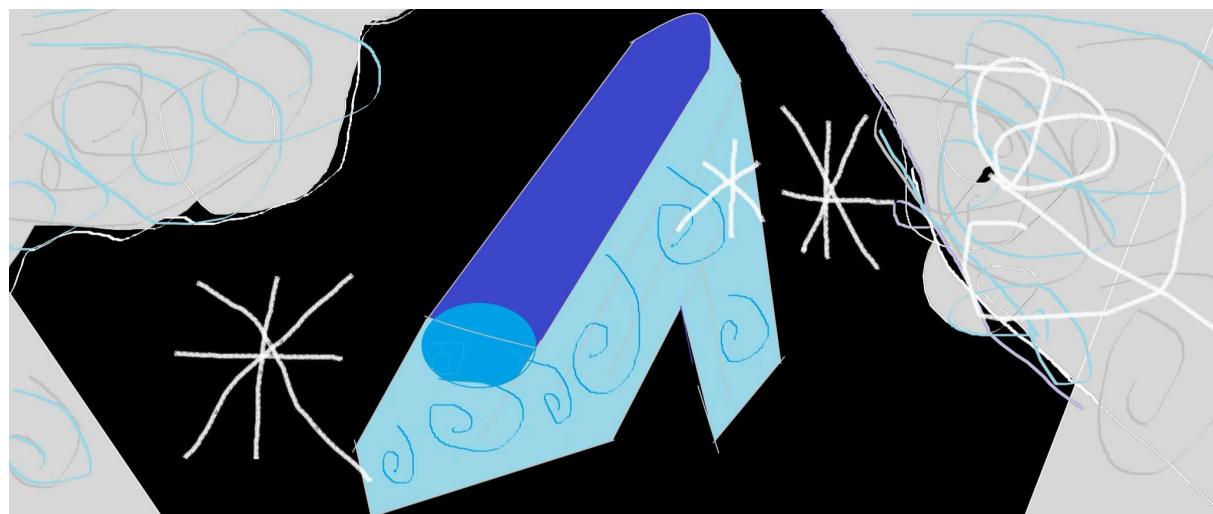
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The Glass Slipper

..one is missing..

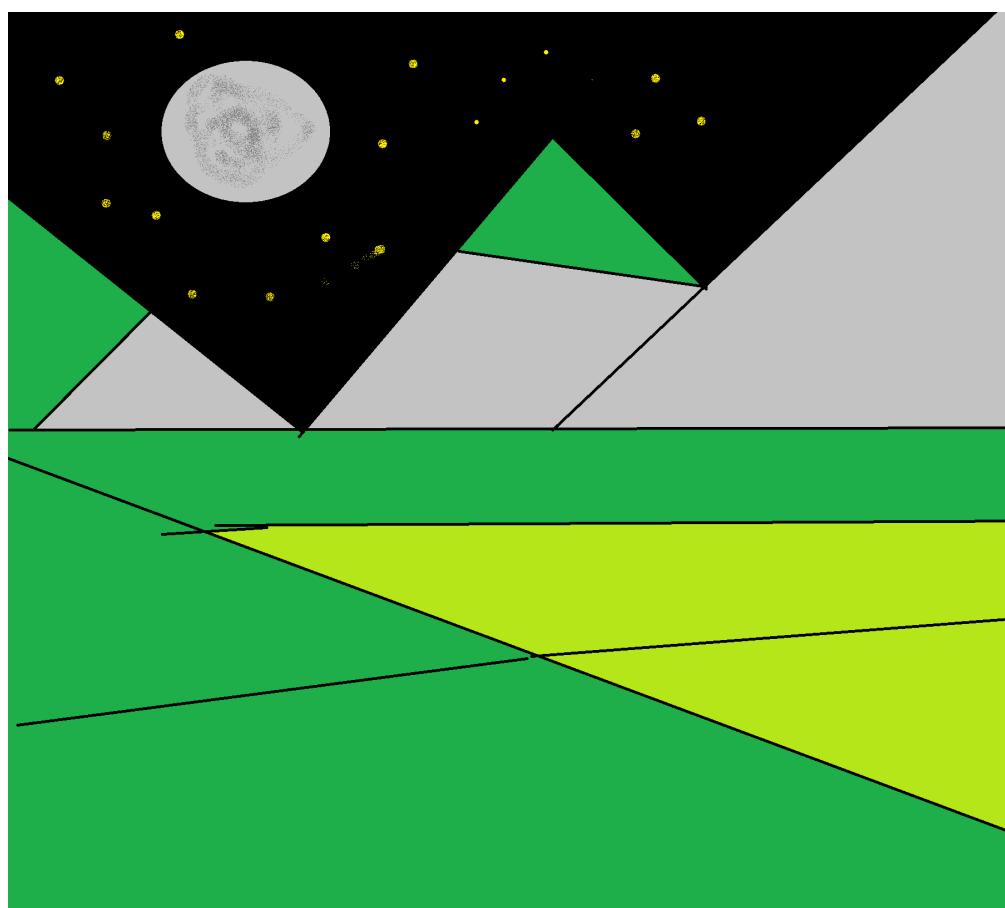
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The Moon and the Stars

..only at nights we see them..
..so enjoy when they appear..

#65



The Sangres of Encantadia

..another TV favourite of mine..
Avisala!

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Madam Leni

Power of the Lady in Pink.

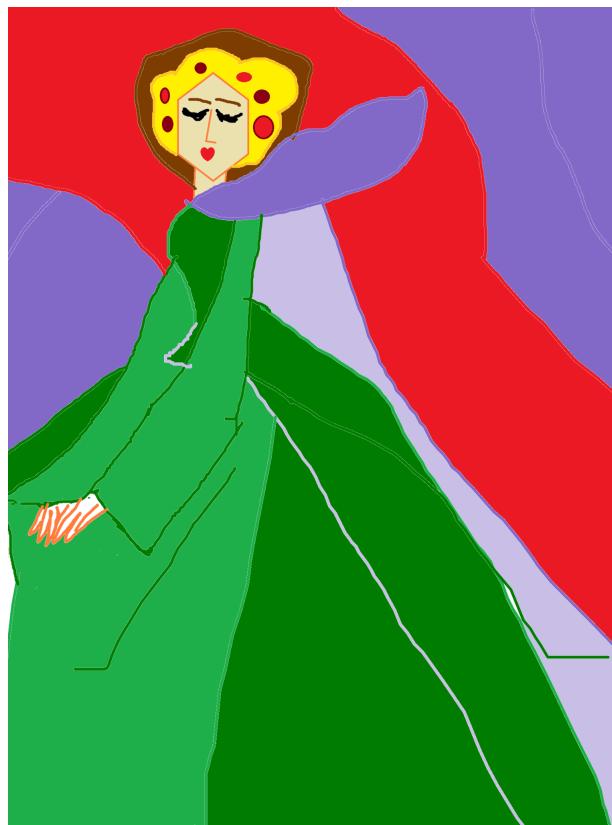
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Woman

..my mother, my sister and me
..your sister and your mother, too..

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..thank you..
..maraming salamat..
..agヤamanak..



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Rizza in front of her drawing that was made as a banner for a local business owner (Tita Malot).

