

## An Open Letter to New Artists

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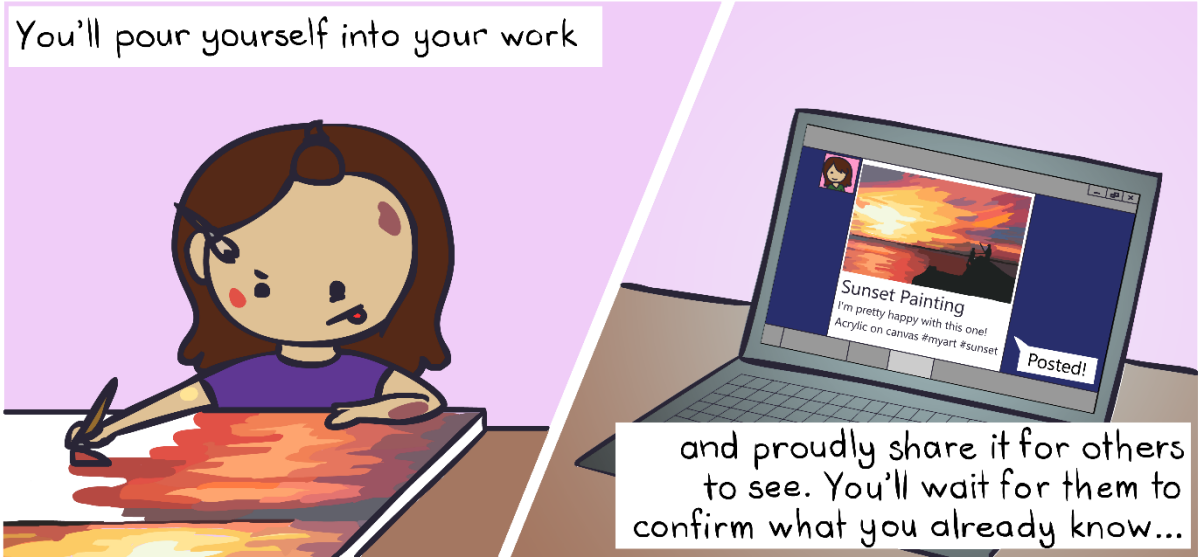


To all new artists, of any age, just starting out



I want to share something I faced early on, and still think about.

You'll pour yourself into your work

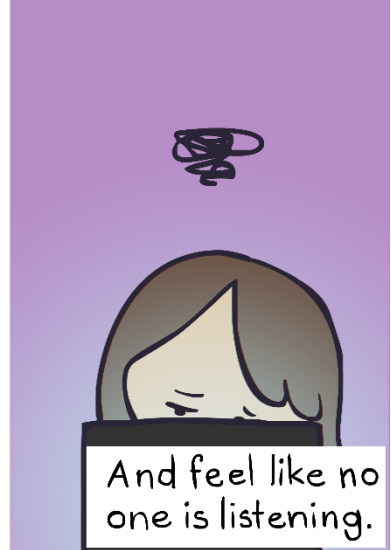


and proudly share it for others to see. You'll wait for them to confirm what you already know...

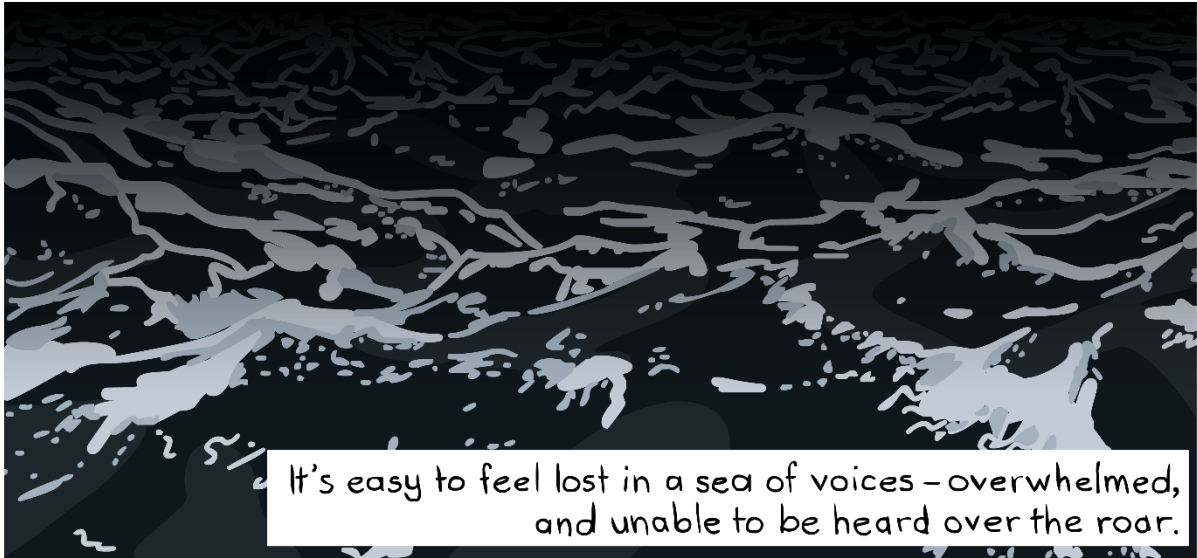
...that this is your best work so far



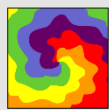
And wait... and start feeling less sure



And feel like no one is listening.



It's also easy to be disheartened by the success of others

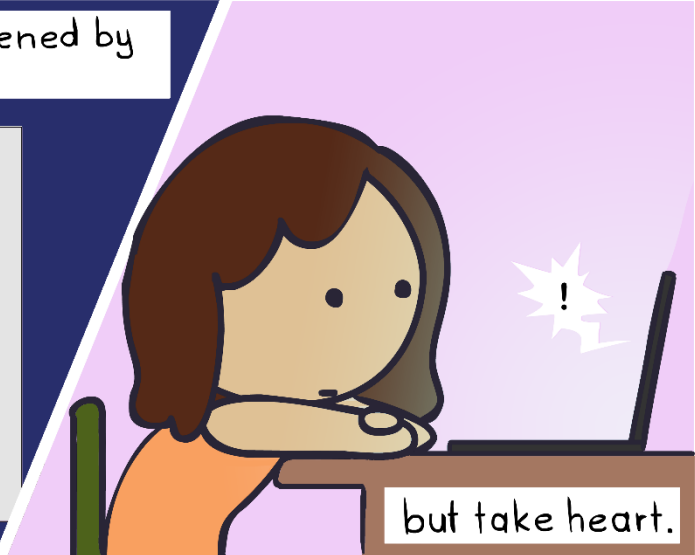


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I'm [younger than you] and I've only been painting for [a quarter of the time you have]!

I do most of this for fun, but I almost make enough from commissions to become a freelance artist.



Remember to value the support of family and friends.

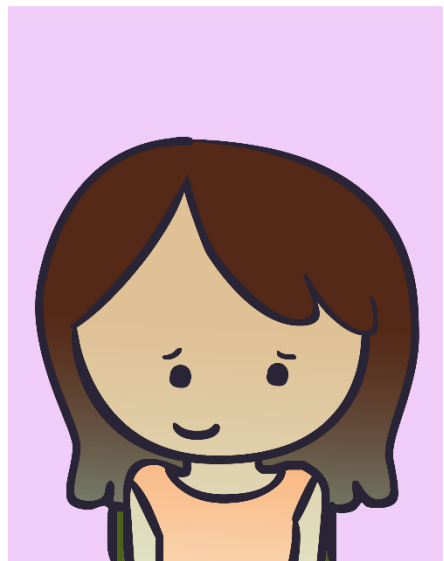
## SUNRISE PAINTING

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This is beautiful! Best yet :)



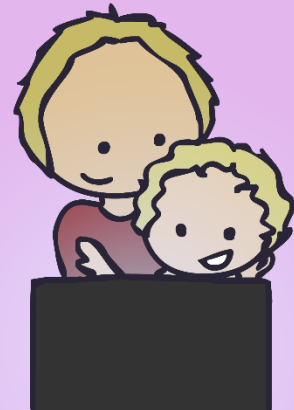
Remember the sea



is made up of voices



just like yours.



Your support can mean a lot to other artists too.



**YOU** said *22 minutes ago*

Looks great, you're really improving every day



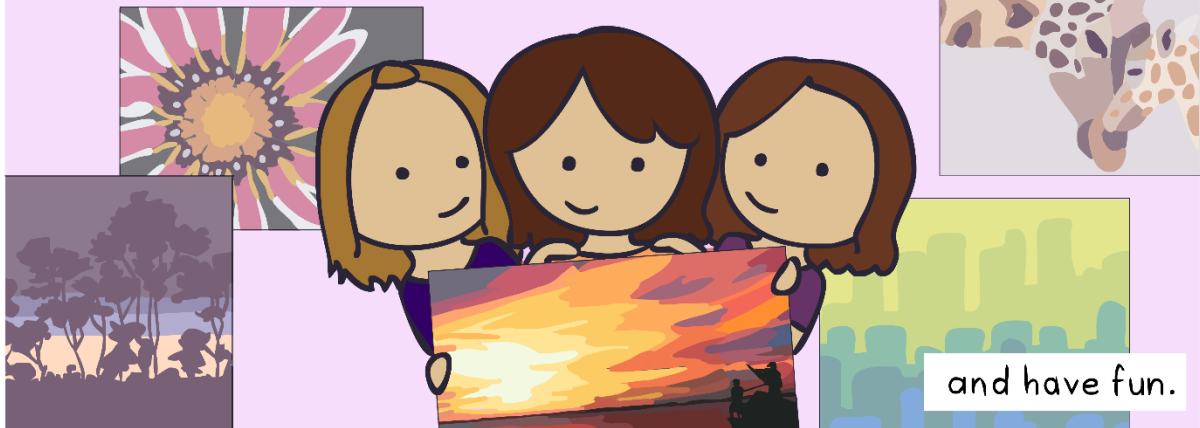
**NEWBIE-ARTIST99** said *3 minutes*

Thanks so much!!!



Choose to find inspiration instead of competition.

So keep making your art - for your friends, for that one loyal online follower, and most importantly for yourself...



and have fun.