

Artist Statement — 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Exhibition of Artists in Michigan Prisons

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I CHOOSE TO MAKE ART BECAUSE UP UNTILL AUGUST OF 2025 I HONESTLY THOUGHT I HAD NO ARTISTIC TALENT, SO WITH THE HELP OF A COMBINATION OF HOW TO BOOKS AND PRACTICE OVER A PERIOD OF TWO MONTHS I WAS ABLE TO CREATE THE ART I HAVE SUBMITTED. I WANT TO SHOW THAT ANYBODY EVEN IF YOU THINK "YOU HAVE NO TALENT FOR ART LIKE I DID, THAT ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE IF JUST PUT YOUR MIND TO IT.

I CHOOSE TO DRAW MORE CARTOONISH STYLE ART BECAUSE I'VE ALWAYS BEEN YOUNG AT HEART AND CARTOONS JUST SPOKE TO ME, CARTOONS LET YOU VIEW LIFE TO THE EXTREME.

THE SIMPLEST CARTOON CAN HAVE THE BIGGEST OF MESSAGES, I LEARNED OF LOVE, LOYALTY, DETERMINATION AND FRIENDSHIP, BUT ALSO LOSS, FEAR, REDEMPTION AND SORROW FROM CARTOONS, THAT'S WHY I BELIEVE CARTOON ART FORMS ARE A GREAT MEDIUM FOR SPEAKING TO A WIDE DEMOGRAPHIC OF PEOPLE.