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Beyond Toxicity, Outside the Box

THE INSPIRATION FOR "BEYOND TOXICITY" COMES FROM MY STRUGGLES WITH SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND THE EVENTUAL PERSONAL GROWTH THAT HELPED ME OVERCOME MY ADDICTIONS.

AS A KID I DID ALOT OF DOODLING BUT NEVER TOOK CREATING ART SERIOUSLY. IT WASNT UNTIL I FOUND MYSELF INCORPORATED THAT I REALIZED WHAT A SAVING GRACE ART COULD TRULY BE.

ART BECAME MY HAPPY PLACE, THE HEALTHY ESCAPE I FOUND TO REPLACE THE DESTRUCTIVE ONE THAT HAD HELD ME HOSTAGE FOR SO LONG.

THIS PAINTING IS ABOUT ART (THE PAINTBRUSH) AND ITS INFLUENCE ON THE TRANSFORMATIVE PROCESS OF MOVING BEYOND A DESTRUCTIVE LIFESTYLE, FINDING THE COURAGE TO BE HONEST WITH MYSELF AND DEMAND BETTER.