



Forum: Gallery Art

Topic: Taboo Subject - Bad Art

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Wow...there's a lot to digest herein...

But summing up, since I tend to be rather wordy otherwise, I'll simply say this:

There are those among the people to whom I refer as "Morphers" (artists) here at that truly have earned their "Hero" prefix. These are those that deliver honest critiques, helpful hints and tips, and genuinely try to assist submitters to grow as actual artists. These people have been thanked and appreciated by myself and each other nearly as often as they have offered their insight and comments.

I personally have grown by leaps and bounds in many areas of my own work due mainly to these awesome people who aren't afraid to offer blunt comments on where I am doing well, and where I need mass improvements.

So for me, rather than try to sort through the submissions and divide them into "good" and "bad" art... rather, I have chosen to look at all the submissions that I can, and pay attention to what's good and bad in each piece. So that I can learn more about how to improve myself.

When I am awestruck by a piece submitted here, I try to comment to the artist in specifics about what they did that impressed me. When I see something that bugs me, I'll ask the artist for their motivation behind it, so I can learn why it bugs me. And if I see a work that makes me think about burning my own eyes out so I don't have to ever see something like it again...I just stop looking.

As Android said, this is my problem...not the artists. Not everyone is going to appreciate every genre or form of art equally. And many people are at VERY different levels of skill. Those that aren't in it for talent development or self improvement may simply be trying to relax after a difficult day at a rough job, or to take their mind off other problems in life with some quick projects. Maybe they don't produce award winning material, but perhaps that's not why they do it anyway. So I'm not going to wish anyone banned or restricted based on motivational factors that I can not know.

I think Biohaz_Daddy said it pretty well, too. Heromorph hasn't seemed to me at all to be a place where anyone should be ridiculed or removed based on quality of work. But instead a great community where many great artists are willing to give honest, sometimes terse opinions along with helpful hints to regular joes like me in order to HELP me become a better artist. I have greatly appreciated ALL of them.

I would only say that if anyone who posts is unwilling to hear constructive criticism or receive advice, then he or she can ask in the title or initial posting prose that no comments be given.

And conversely, those wishing to gain skill and knowledge could ask for any and all comments to be given.

There several who do this with every posting.

And I would think all of us are mature enough to realize that derisive remarks, threatening PMs, and

hypercritical comments designed solely to make someone feel bad are completely unnecessary.

So much for a quick summary, huh?