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I'm with Wolverine on this. Critique is something that is vital for any artist's development. That being said, that doesn't mean that the critic has to be hurtful nor belittling. The goal of critique is to share a perspective that the artist may not yet see in order to help them to be motivated to improve. Unfortunately however, there are some (both skilled and unskilled) who look for opportunities to make themselves feel better about themselves by simply trashing others. Such people make it difficult for artists to take criticism from them -- even if that person may actually have a good suggestion or two. Unfortunately, we can't control whether or not our critics will offer such maturely or whether they will choose to be jerks. However, we would be foolish to simply write-off all critique just because someone(s) offered it in a belittling or demeaning way. Personally, I feel that if you are going to offer criticism, consider first what your goal is in offering it. Is it simply to put someone down or to make fun of them? Is it to hurt their feelings? Or is it actually because you would like them to succeed and improve? And as the one on the receiving end, when someone offers you advice or criticism, ask yourself: Do you REALLY want to improve? Do you recognize that you can ALWAYS get better and that other perspectives are vital for your development as an artist? Even if someone is being a heartless jerk and saying only bad things, (this is the hard part, guys) try to see whether what they're saying can actually benefit you by applying it. If it doesn't, then at least you gained a measure of humility by doing so. But if it DOES help you to develop, then you've not only gained humility and thicker skin, but you'll also have added a new tool to your belt, so to speak. No matter what anyone says, don't let unreasonable jerks hinder your development. If they can't get you to give up by being belittling jerks, they'll try to make you ignore any and every suggestion that anyone offers you. Either way, they'd hinder you from developing. Don't let 'em succeed! Take the suggestions, apply them and grow. As for those who offer no suggestions, but simply say things like your art sucks, pay them no mind and move on to those who really are trying to help you succeed. Best wishes and success to you all.