



Elemental Art Residency

Nature as Process

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Drawing/Painting

About the workshop

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Decoding my process

Honestly, I don't know how to explain my process - much of it has come organically to me over the years. Since I don't have any art education also - explaining it in simple non-art terms is what I can do. The idea of my workshop was to take an art piece and then de-construct it or let me put it this way - reverse engineer it - and show folks how I arrive at one of my daily life doodles. This is the doodle I prepared for the session -->



Process

1. Take a scene from daily life around you. In this instance, since we are in manali - we would have seen yuppie tourists asking locals for directions and taking social media content - leaving the natives amused and maybe bored but tolerant.
2. So I created a image using chatgpt to serve that purpose

3. Next step was to insert a question - What If.

What If we replace a character with somebody who doesn't directly belong in this context - but belongs to a larger picture - and has potential to add more value and meaning to this artpiece.

4. Enter - local devta. Guardian diety of the hills. How about replacing the village ladywith the devta in the sketch and exaggerate the tourists and their features. Add some background and local props and features like the mud houses and furry doggos.
5. Now we have a doodle that has more layers and hopefully makes the reader curious about the devta and his relevance here.
6. Also the absurdism catches the eye here. Tourists asking a visibly bored guardian deity of the land for directions - not something you expect to see everyday.



The rest of the workshop/session was about taking everyone through my instagram page and its various artworks - and opening up the discussion on how I approached some of the more eye catching artworks on the page.



IMAGINE
THE SET OF CIRCUMSTANCES THAT BRINGS PEOPLE TOGETHER AND OTHER SUCH MYSTERIES OF LIFE

Outcome

Overall, it was a light hearted session where the team hopefully got to know a bit about how my mind works, and how one can derive meaning and develop an alternative way of thinking and imagining - from mundane life situations.

There is always some interesting fun content to be derived from what we might see as typical mundane daily scenes - a little twist in the narrative, maybe a new character, and lo we have a new storyline!

