

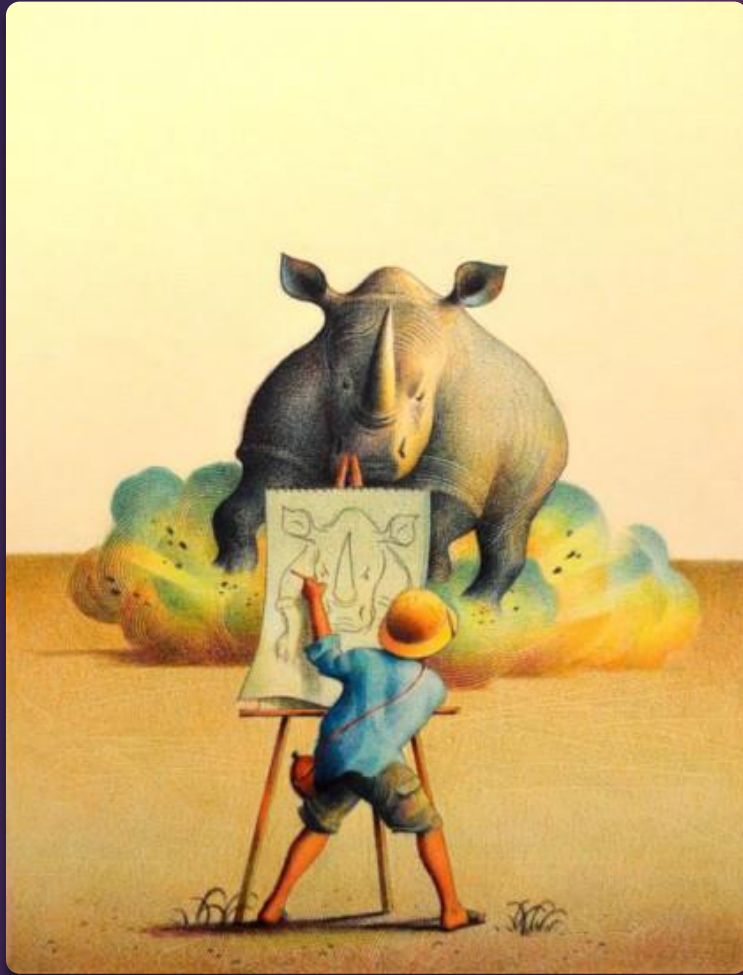


What's in a Picture?

FOREGROUND, MID-GROUND AND BACKGROUND



Irrespective of your painting or drawing style, whether it's realistic or cartoon like, foreground, midground and background play an important role in creating an your image.



Manipulating space can help an artist draw the viewer's eye to key elements of the illustration, which help advance the story or create the illusion of depth.



The contrast of foreground, background and everything in between can be rather subtle, but it's a vital part of making an illustration "work."



FOREGROUND

The part of a scene that is nearest to the viewer.

It doesn't have to be front and center in a composition. For instance, in the picture, the foreground is quite high up in the piece: the characters in a hot air balloon.



BACKGROUND

The scene behind the main object of the composition, which gives context and a framework for the piece. In the above piece, it is the ground below and the sky. This background provides context for the piece.



SCALE, Artists create scale for drawings to correctly show the size relationship between objects.