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Blank Canvas

A blank canvas, a metaphor for modern day society, the gray plain fabric conforming to unsure norms of the world. To ensure that it is not different, that it does not stand out. Unable to show its true self.

Yet as paint runs across the canvas and that blank white fabric transforms from a thought to a vision, from that vision to an image, from that image to art, a perfectly imperfect city of strokes, an ocean of colorful waves. The canvas is now not simply a piece of fabric. It is now art.



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