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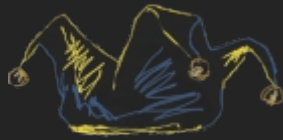
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A STORY ABOUT AN AUTISTIC
AND ARTISTIC CIRCUS VIRTUOSO

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*In memory of Sunny
M.D.*

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Working as a janitor in the circus, I got to know Art. He lived in a tiny house close to the arena at the crossroads of One Thousand and One Kingdoms. Both autistic and artistic, Art never spoke but played music, drew pictures, and he was the star of the three-ring show along with his only friend — an old plush teddy bear. Art believed the bear was magic. Every evening the duo gradually elevated themselves from the podium, dismissing gravity. Something strange happened during their last show in front of royalty from One Thousand and One Kingdoms. The two performers never came back for the applause after the show. The only traces left of Art and the bear were found in a battered old suitcase they had left on the stage. In it was one thing and one thing only — a folder containing no words, but Art's unique and captivating illustrations. The engraved text on the front said

DO WHAT YOU DREAM

I hope the last image will empower your imagination and allow it to continue your own story.

