

Stories With Art: **Create your own fairytale**



Ganesh Pyne grew up on the folktales, mythology and fairy tales of West Bengal he heard from his grandmother. These later became part of his paintings, and he developed his own style of fantasy and dark imagery around these themes. Get inspired by his world to create your own fairy tale!

Part One: Who are these characters?

Imagine that the woman and the man riding a horse are characters in a fairy tale you are to write. But first, begin with a character sketch!



Nayika, 1989, Ganesh Pyne, MAC.01357



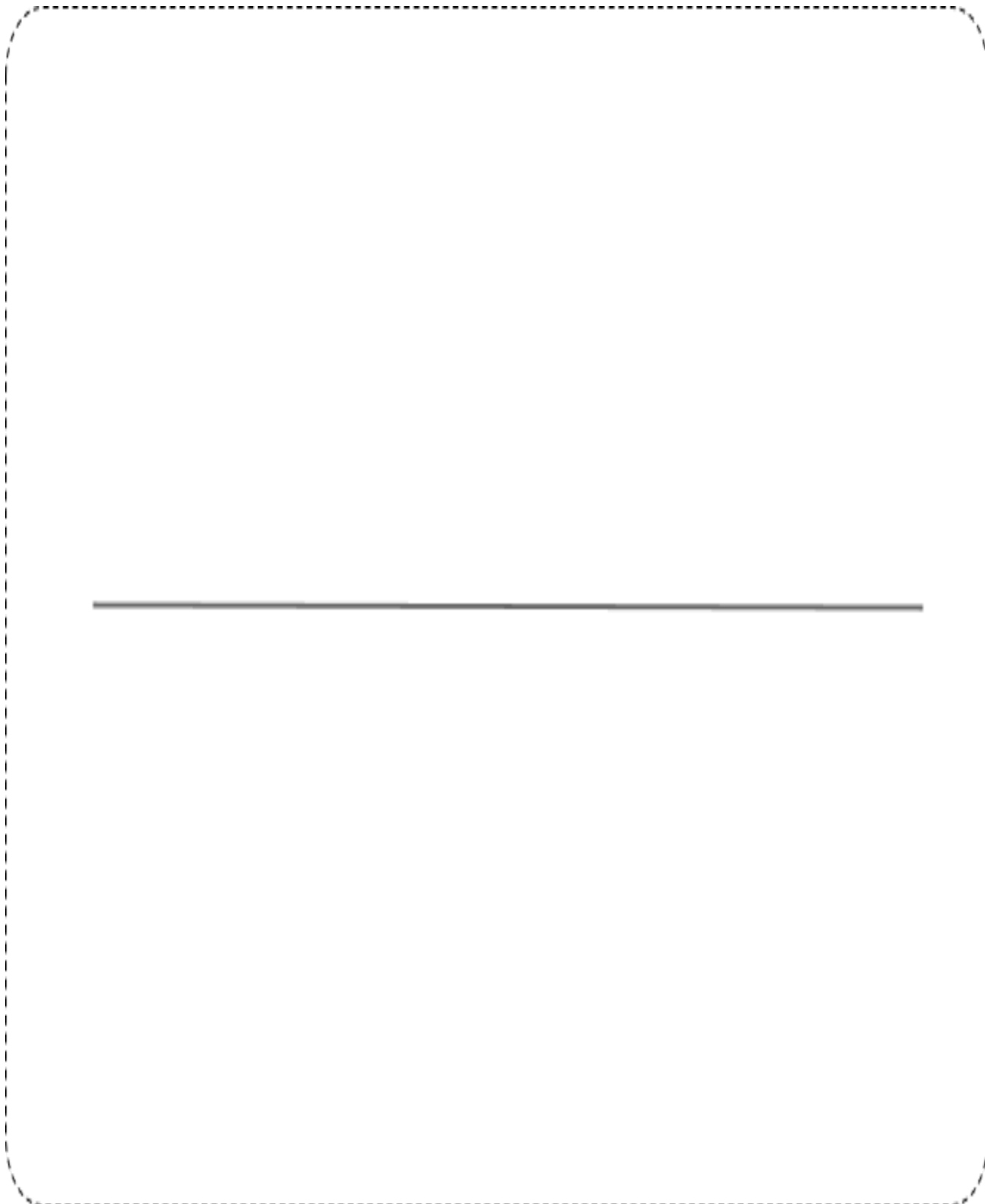
Man on Horse, Undated, Ganesh Pyne, MAC.01291

What is a character sketch?

A character sketch provides information about a character in a story. When you write a character sketch, you want the reader to have a strong mental image of the person, including how the person talks and walks, thinks and acts. So look at both the artworks carefully. Observe what they are doing, their postures, facial expressions, clothes and everything else in as much detail as you can. Then make notes for your character sketch! Here are some prompts to get you started:

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- What would you name your characters?
 - Do they have any magic powers?
 - Where might they live? In a city you know or some magical land?
 - What do you think they care about? What do they believe in?
 - What do you think their hobbies or interests might be?
 - What kind of person might they be?
Lonely? Busy? Shy? Curious? Social? Religious? Talkative?
 - What are their biggest fears?
 - What do they love and why?
 - Did they have any pets growing up?
 - Do they have many friends, or are they mostly by themselves?
 - What would their home look like?
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Once you've made your notes based on what you can see, write down your character sketches below.



Pro tip: Make out a list of adjectives you would use to describe your characters before you do the sketch. You may not use all of them in your sketch, but the better you see them in your head, the better your reader will be able to see them as well.

Part Two: Coming Alive!

Now that you've sketched out your characters, it's time to write your own imaginative fairy tale about them. Think about what they are doing in the artwork, think about how and where they meet. Does this story take place in the past or the future? Outline your story here, and send it to us when you're done – text or audio, we can't wait to discover your story!



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