

Artist Statement

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My practice is driven by storytelling because of its powerful ability to share, relate, and learn from our lived experiences. In most of my work you will find a character whose story will unfold through either a series or a single painting. Using painting to render fantastical elements, I reimagine themes or experiences from my life with imaginative imagery to create a narrative. This playful visual language of the strange and familiar coexisting gives viewers the opportunity to be an active participant in my reimagined stories.

In this painting, I draw on recognizable motifs from Alice in Wonderland to illustrate my experience as someone who identifies and is labeled as an Asian American. Transforming my personal stories into storybook pictures reminiscent of childhood media makes the mature themes digestible for a general audience. Whether it is a child or adult who encounters my work, the power to reimagine is possible for anyone.