

DAY 27 | Motif: Three Wise Monkeys

TITLE | “The Three Elements & The Fourth Element”

MEDIA | Canson Cold Press, Watercolor, Micro Pen

SIZE | 8 x 10

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Apparently the stories of the four monkeys was popular in Japan in the 17th century. This story in modern times is famously known as the Three Wise Monkeys. For some reason the fourth monkey tends to be left out. All have an underlying meaning of “do no harm” – the first monkey is Mizaru who sees no evil, the second is Kikazaru who hears no evil, the third is Iwazaru who speaks no evil. The fourth monkey is Shizaru who does no evil. In this artwork, this proverb of the four monkeys has been converted to the four gifted elements of a Deaf human being. All four gifted elements also have an underlying meaning of doing no harm. The painting/brush is the action of doing no evil, the hand is signing no evil, the eye is seeing no evil, the brain is thinking no evil. Unfortunately, these beautiful elements gifted with goodness in a Deaf human being can also be used for evil.