

O.M.G! (2017)

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This 10 x 8 acrylic painting depicts a small tortoise coming up upon a very large ripe strawberry. I often wonder if animals in their own language have phrases of exclamation when surprised. If so, then this tortoise is saying O.M.G! This means "Oh, my God!" in cell phone texting. The origin of the short term is unknown but I believe young girls were the first to use it. Anyway, it's the same reaction I would have if I found a strawberry as large as I am!

The personification of animals is nothing new. Comics and cartoons have been depicting it for decades if not centuries. It was Walt Disney who first put the whimsical idea into motion pictures with his character Mickey Mouse. From that moment on people seem to look for humanistic expressions in animals but like a smile on a dog, it's an impossible thing to prove.

