

## The Beauty Is In The Struggle (2018)

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A circle of life plays out in this 20 x 16 acrylic painting. We must keep in mind that it is not just what we may see that always matters. Often it is the struggle for survival that brings out the beauty in life. This rare hibiscus is displaying a bright bloom to lure the butterfly in to pollinate its flamboyant stamens in spite of the cruel and harsh surroundings in which it lives. The cave drawings depict the struggle of man as the creatures within the cave play out their own game of survival. The butterfly represents hope. The red handprint is telling you to stop and appreciate life. Let this work serve as a reminder to all that the beauty we see in others may have endured a harsh struggle in order to bloom. Appreciate the struggle. Now, let's play a little game of hide and seek, shall we? Hidden within this complex painting is an octopus. These creatures are legendary for their ability to mimic their surroundings. Can you find it? I promise you, it's there. You'll know when you find him because he'll be looking right back at you.

