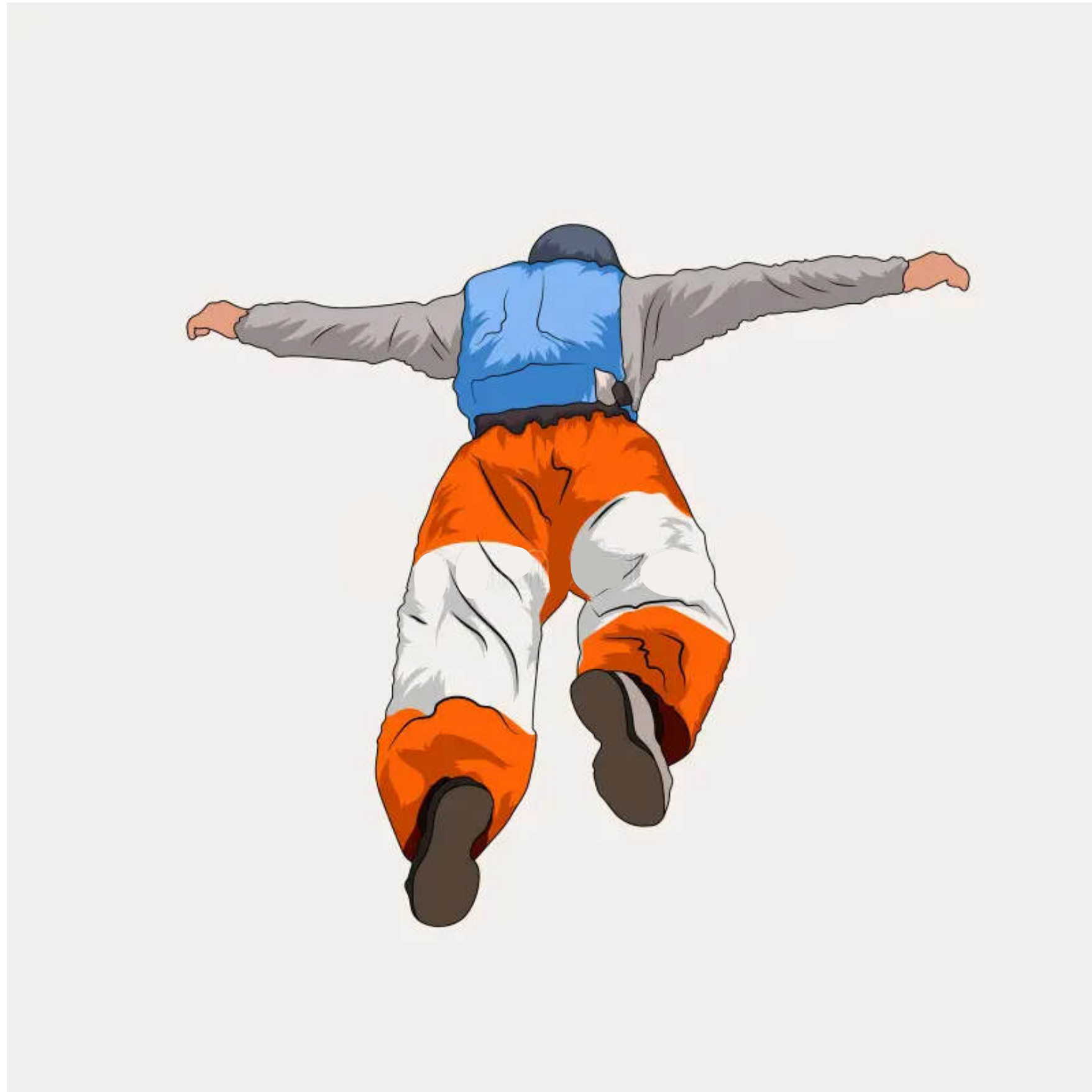


# Go For Broke!

*Risk-taking and peak experiences*



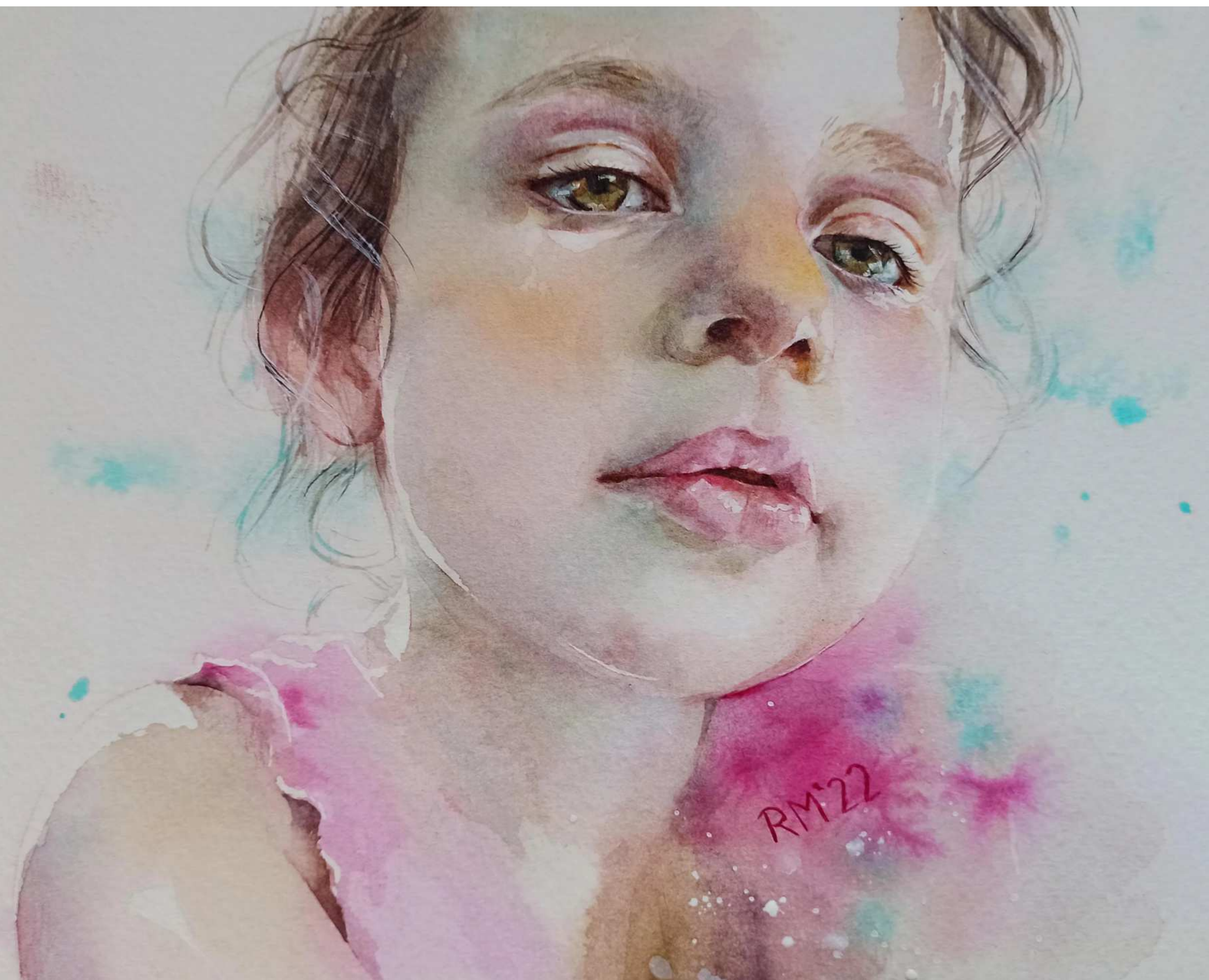
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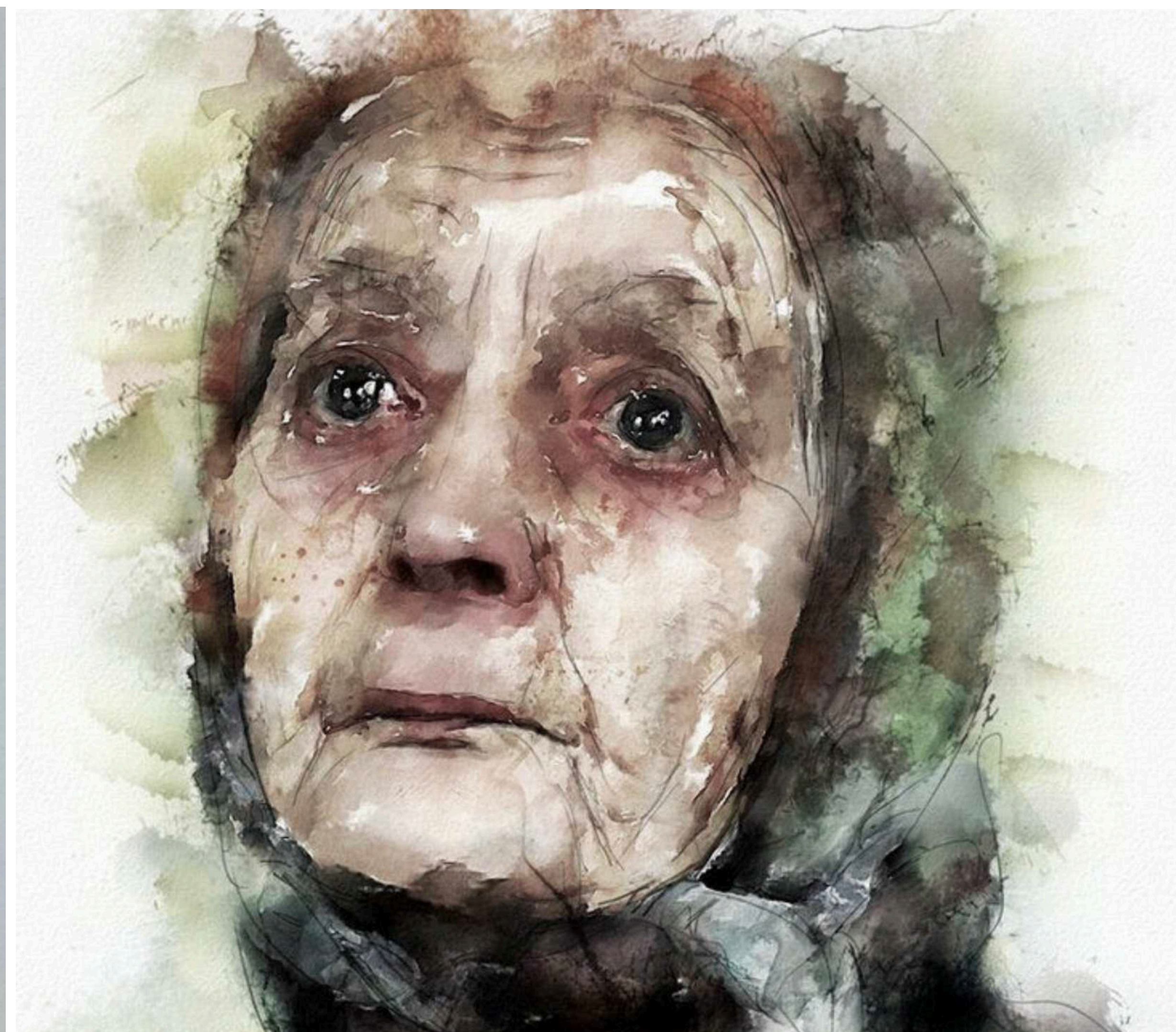
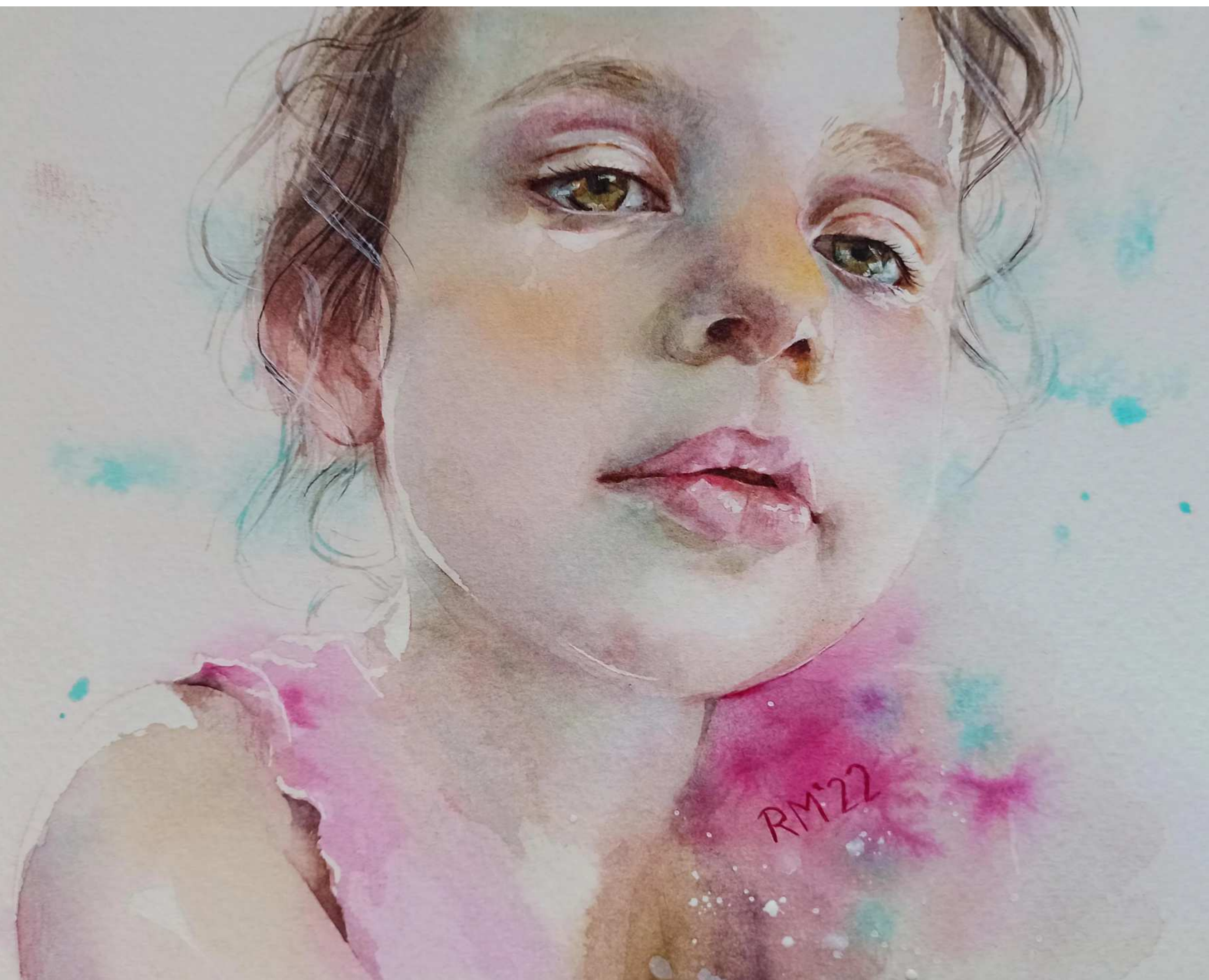


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‘Deviant personality.’

‘Incapable of self-regulating.’

‘Pathological addiction to thrill-seeking.’





Maslow's hierarchy of needs



'I think a lot of people  
really wanted to be part  
of something bigger  
than themselves...  
maybe there was  
something missing in  
their lives.'





## **Police chief pleads with author who hid treasure to 'call off the hunt' after 2 die searching for riches**

The author says he hid a chest of gold and jewels in the Rocky Mountains.

By ABC News

June 22, 2017, 9:40 PM



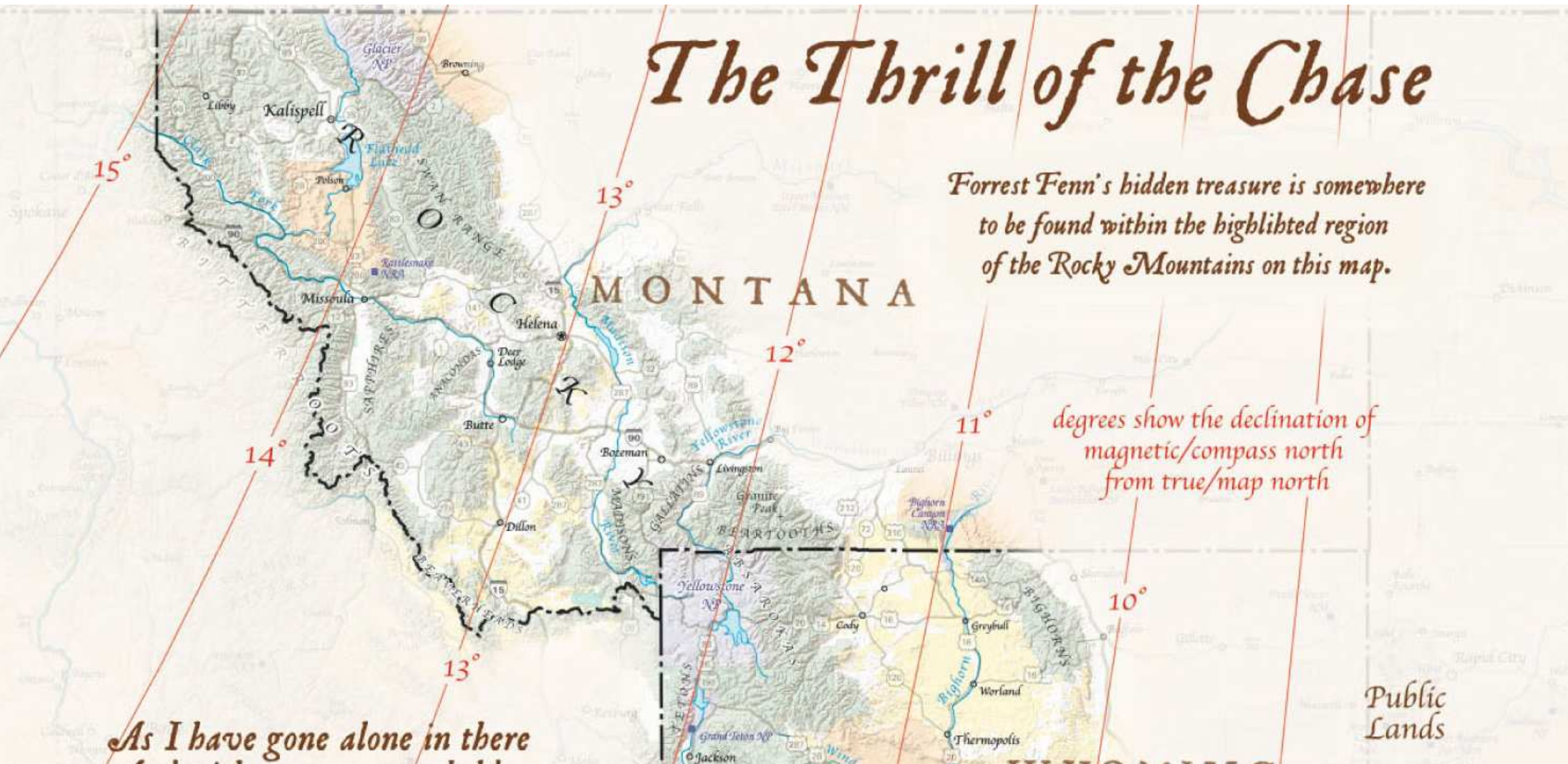
**Should Forrest Fenn have ended the treasure hunt once people started dying on the quest?**

So why is it

And leave my t

The answer

# Does Forrest Fenn bear any responsibility?





Hero



Someone admired for  
their idealism, ingenuity,  
courage, morality or  
self-sacrifice

*or*

anti-hero?



A protagonist  
conspicuously lacking  
in heroic qualities



**'Treasure hunting  
became a moral duty  
[because] finding the  
treasure could  
potentially save lives.'**



# Your creative response

*Choose from.....*

- Written reflection
- Drawing
- Story
- Mini-zine
- Dialogue
- Persuasive argument
- Comic
- Letter
- Poem
- ... or whatever other format you like!

"You get back to the basics of life, it's about your own survival... It's not about putting yourself near death, I do everything possible to write death out of the equation – it's not the kind of liberty you get from cheating death – that's missing the point completely. It's about stripping all the crap off life and getting to the source – just being alive, only that, all of that, for a few moments. It just so happens that the purest moments in life are when you are very close to death, it's unfortunate that this is the case really, because... sure, dying is an unfortunate by-product for some people who do this sport, but when you're there, and you're in that moment with things so pure and simple and everything is about your survival and your experience it's almost...a spiritual moment.... where everything is pure. For that moment, for those few seconds, it makes everything else worthwhile."

– B.A.S.E. jumper

"We have the issue upside down: what society currently calls risk-taking is actually the norm, it should not be described in ways that suggest it is unusual or labelled in a way that suggests it is something we must strive [to avoid]. It is, in other words, a normal condition for the human form of life. Losing touch with this norm is in part responsible for many of societies ills (e.g. mental health issues)... The recent interest in risk-taking has missed a really important point and instead we should be thinking about the opposite and discussing the real issue which is safety-seeking. We tend not to see it in that way, as society has ingrained the idea that the norm is to be sedentary and safe. However, if you examine the human animal across time, we have only got to where we are now because we have explored and wondered and taken action. So in actuality what we currently label as 'risk taking' is in fact the normal way of being, a way of being we once just described as 'life'."

– Eric Brymer