

ABHI:

Baby Dragon Flying Tiger

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Suggestions for Animatic



*High in the northern mountains, by evergreens that
tower higher than most clouds dare to dwell*



*A serene lake, filled with a waterfall
that never ceases to flow.*



SEBA, a three-month-old sabre-tooth tiger cub, with fur as soft as snow, laps ice-cold water.



A BLUE FROG, *with a wide-mouthed grin hops out of the lake.*



The Blue Frog lands on a pebble





‘Oh-oh, carnivore.’



*The Blue Frog springs away,
stamping tiny frog-prints in the snow.*



Seba pounces after the nimble blue frog



*The Blue Frog lands in a wide, deep paw-print,
one of many already indented in the snow.*



*Seba loses interest in the frog,
and examines the mystery paw-print.*



Seba compares her own paw with the paw-print



*With the damp tuft of her nose,
Seba samples the paw-print's scent...*



Seba SNEEZES!



*Seba freezes, and scans the evergreen forest.
Her sneeze's echo disappears across the lake.*



*All quiet, nobody heard.
Only the ever-flowing waterfall stirs.*



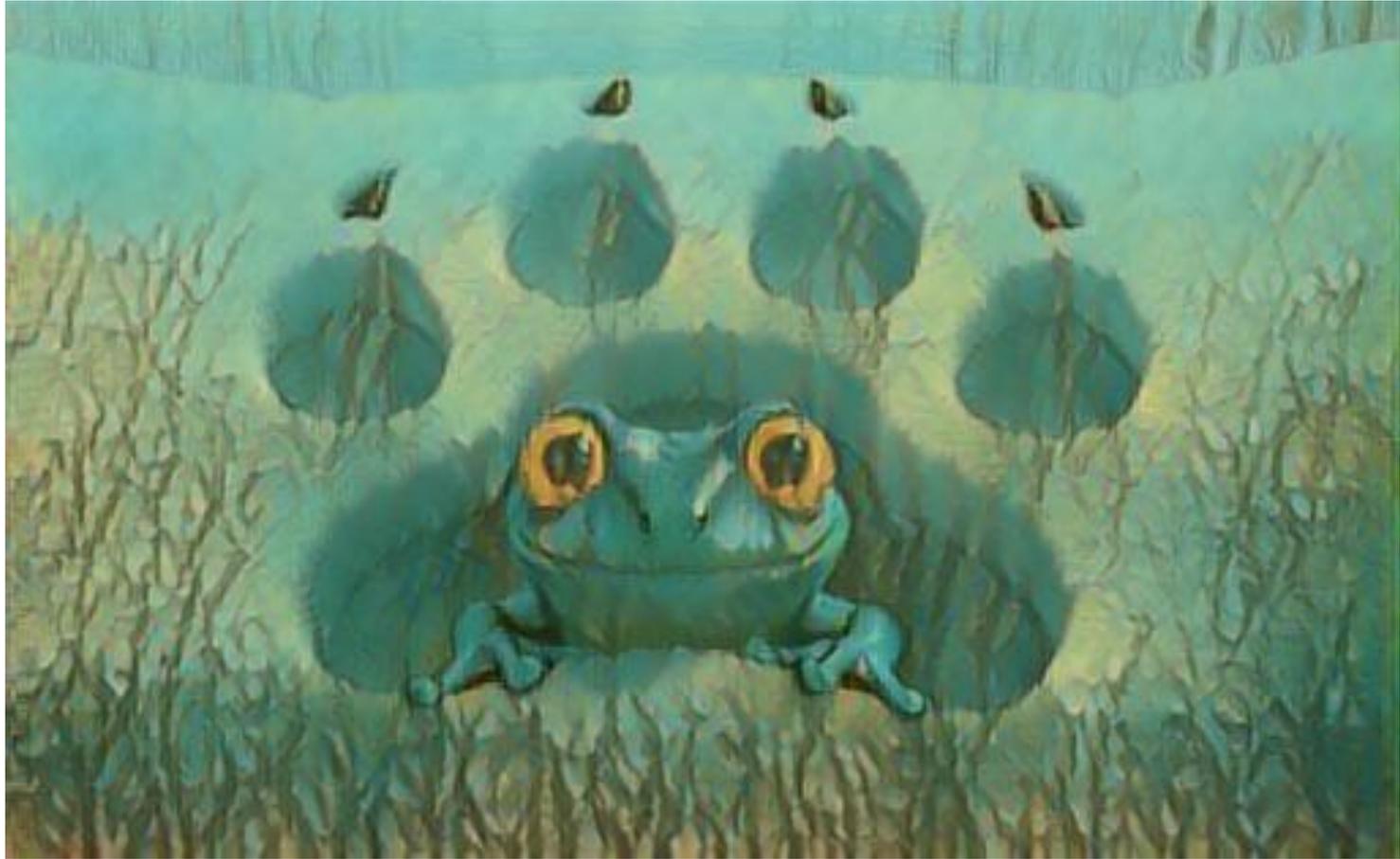
Seba thinks...



Seba scampers after the enigmatic pawprints, into the cold wind



The grinning blue frog that-got-away



peeks out from the mystery paw-print.



The Blue frog transforms...



...into Kṛṣṇa...



*the mythical blue-skinned god,
sporting the same wide grin*



*Kṛṣṇa checks Seba's progress
up the snowy plain.*



*Higher up the mountain
Seba tracks the mystery paw-prints...*



*...towards a panorama of snow-capped
mountain peaks.*



*Pleased with Seba's progress
Kṛṣṇa twinkles brightly..*

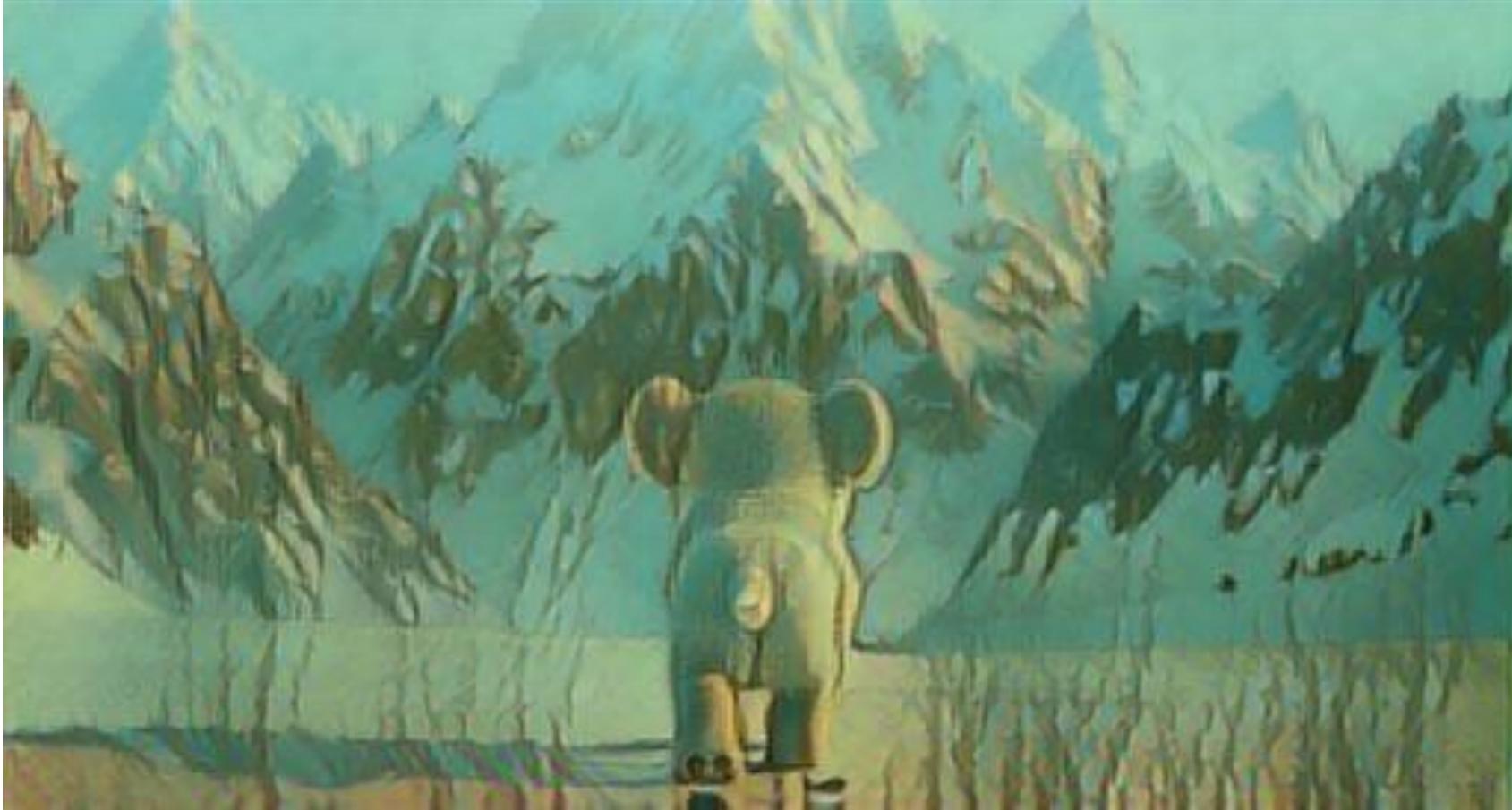


Krsna disappears.





At the top of the plain...



Seba tracks the pawprints...



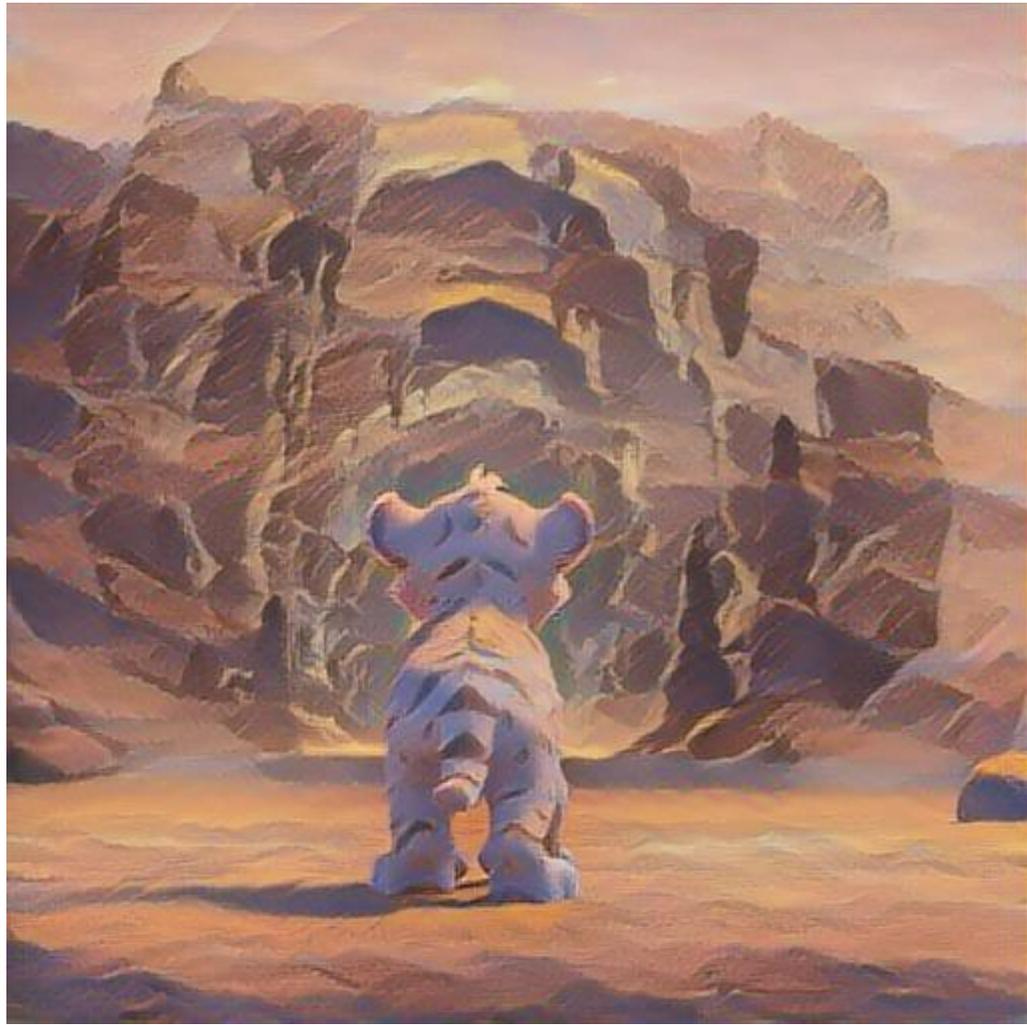
...across a plateau...



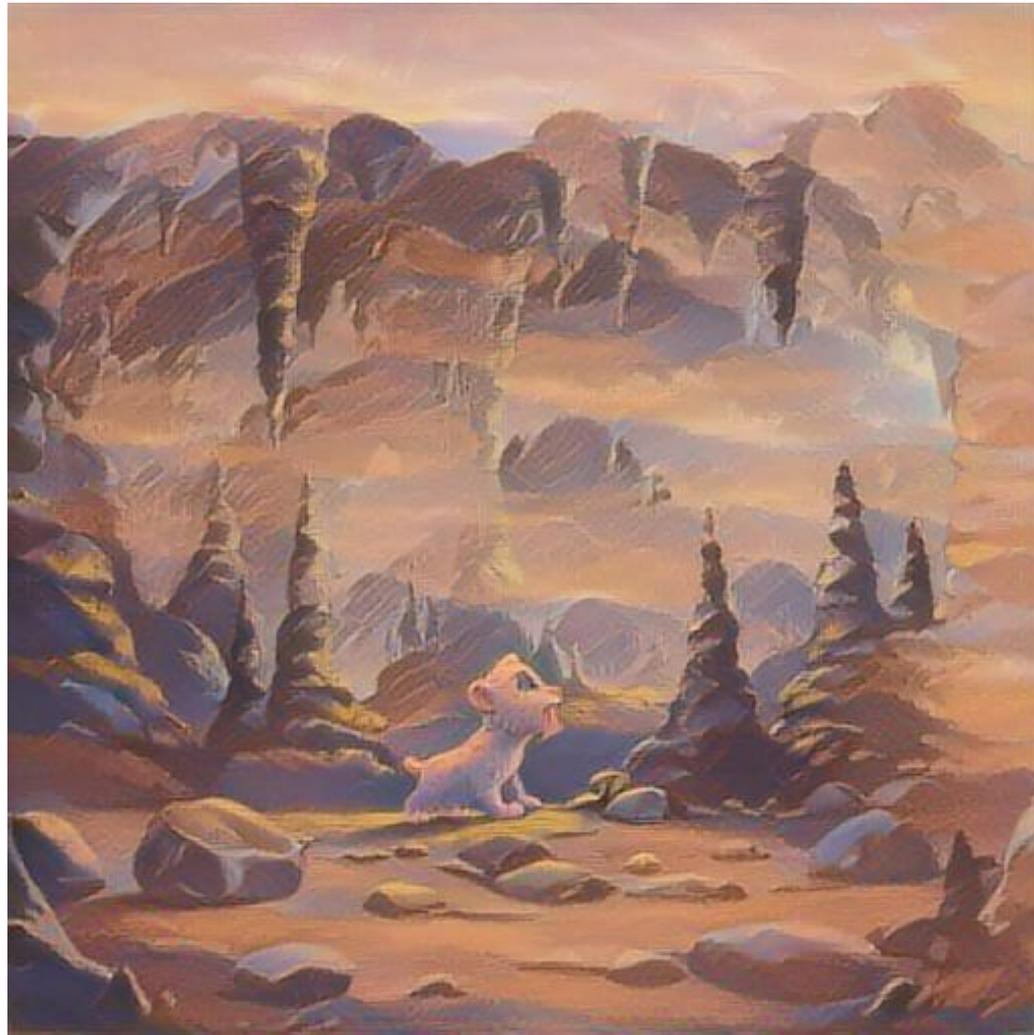
*To a rock formation,
and a barely discernible cave.*



Seba hesitates... checks where she is...



Seba steps cautiously through a tall, wide and dry cave.



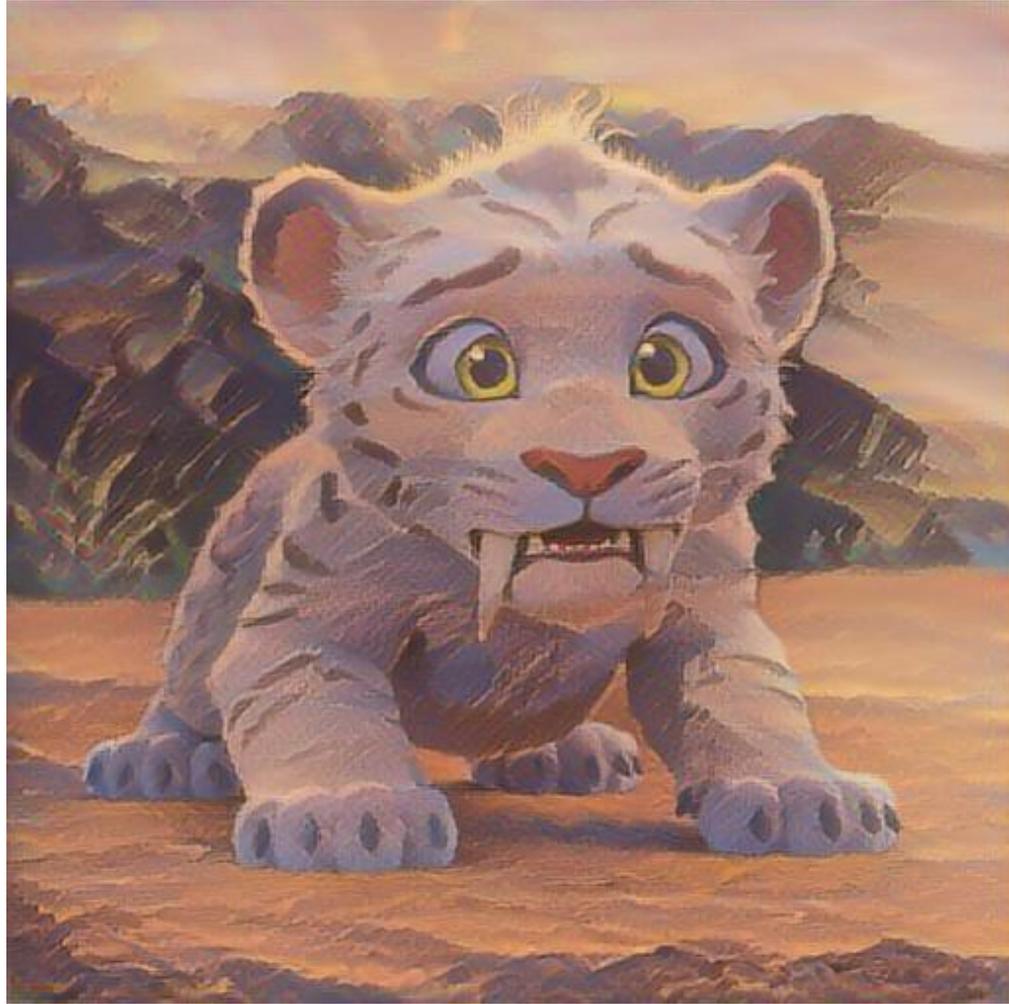
*Seba creeps over the dusty floor
of a monumental, sprawling, musky cave.*



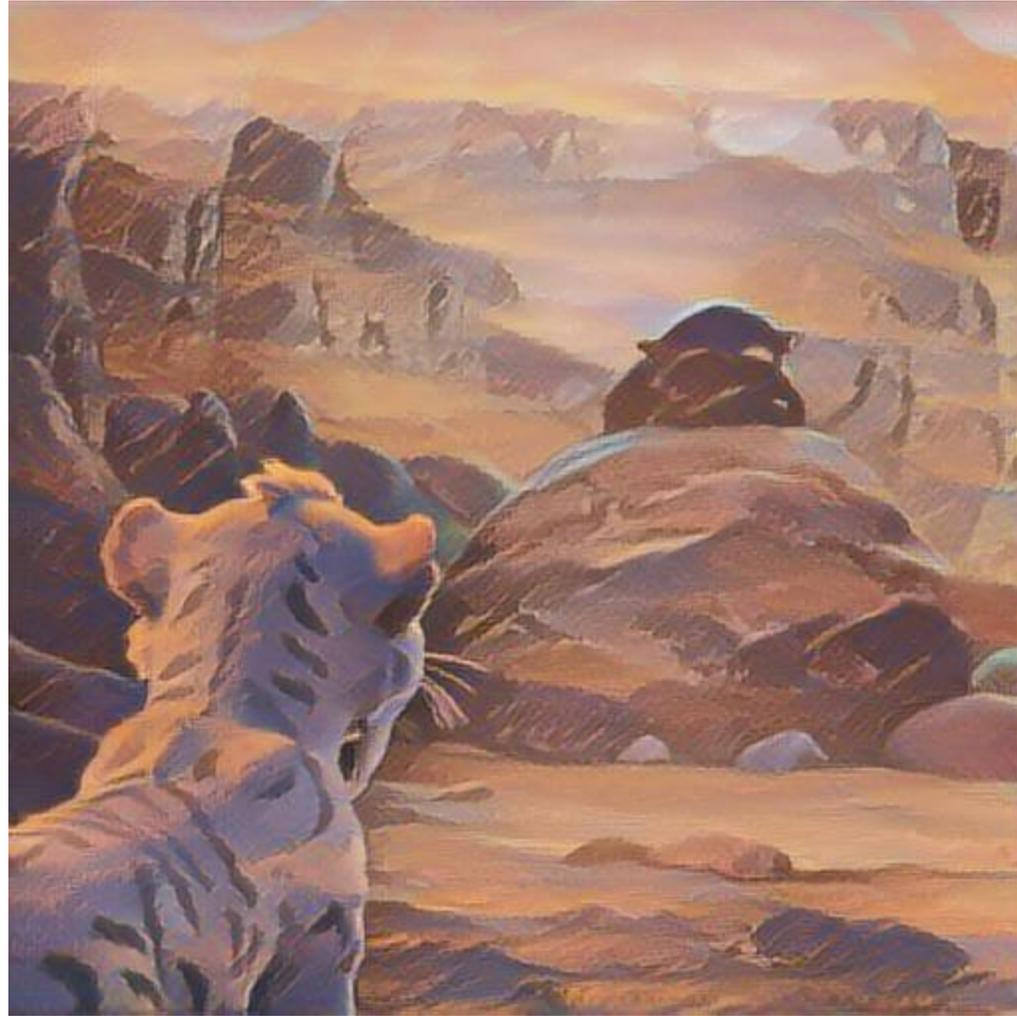
Seba steps open-mouthed and in amazement around boulders, stalagmites, under stalactites.



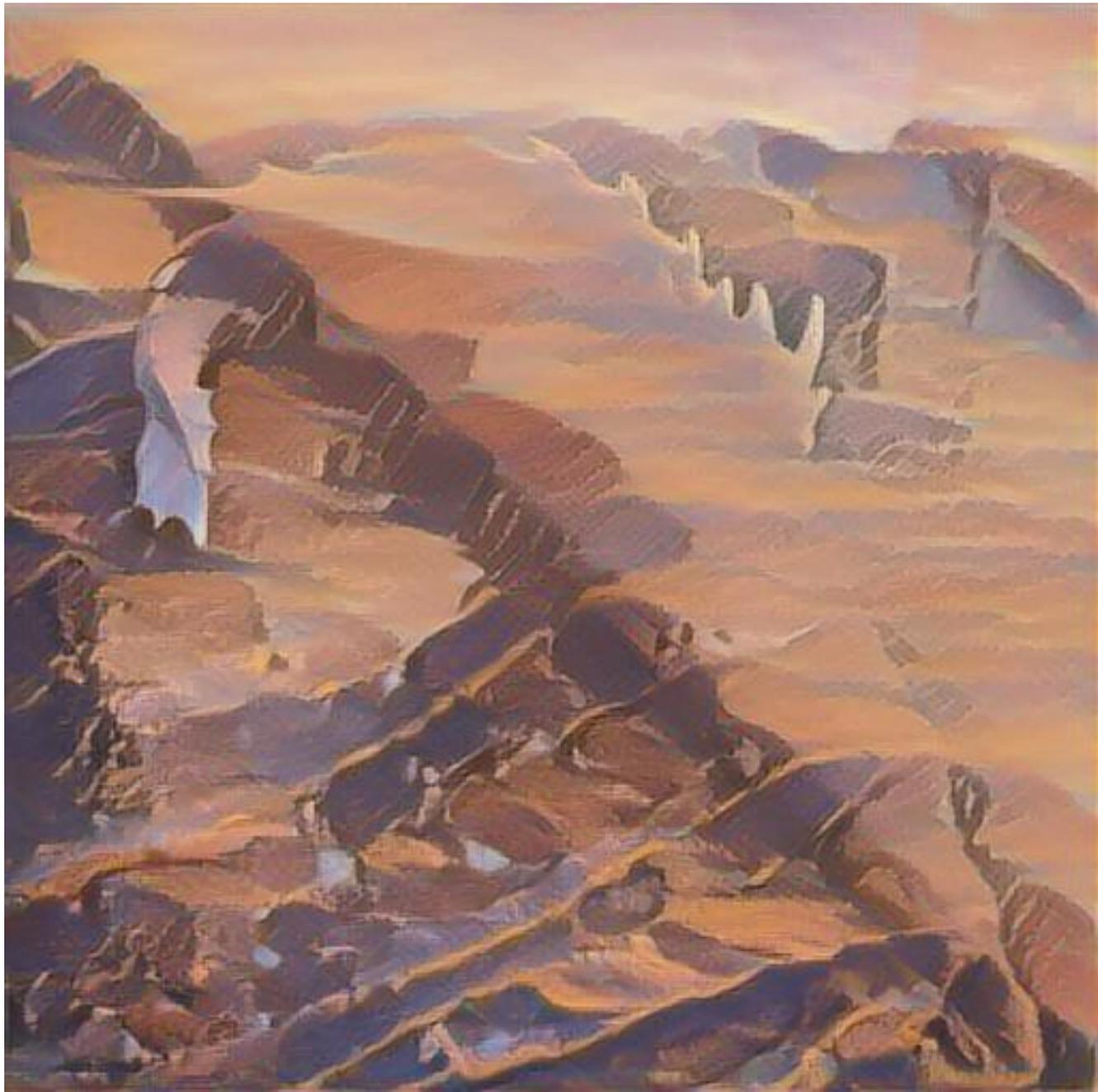
Seba's ears twitch.



Seba freezes. Petrified.

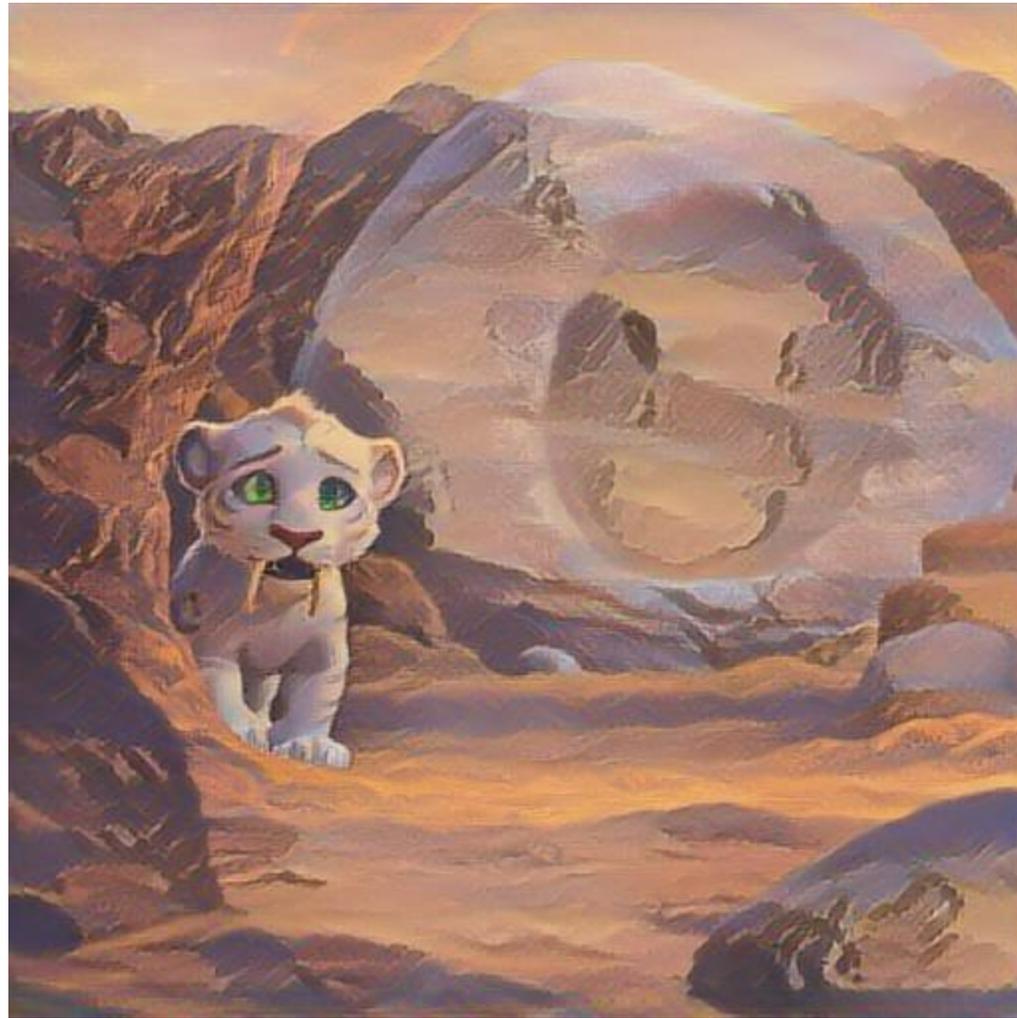


A gentle **SNORE** echoes
from a shadow, on a large boulder.





Seba thinks about retreating.



Gathering her courage, Seba creeps forward towards the shadow on the boulder..



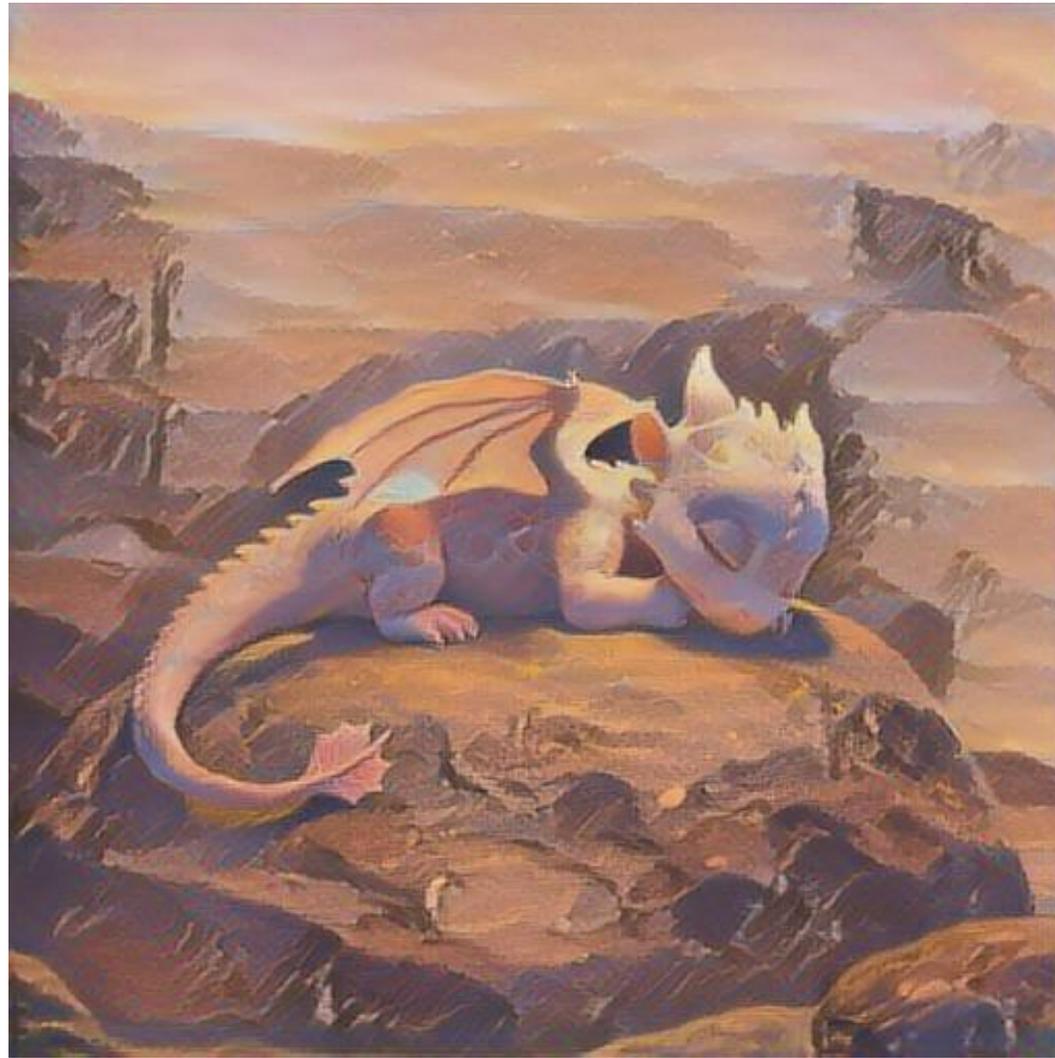
Over the boulder's edge dangles a pointy scaly tail,
and a taloned foot identical to the paw-prints.



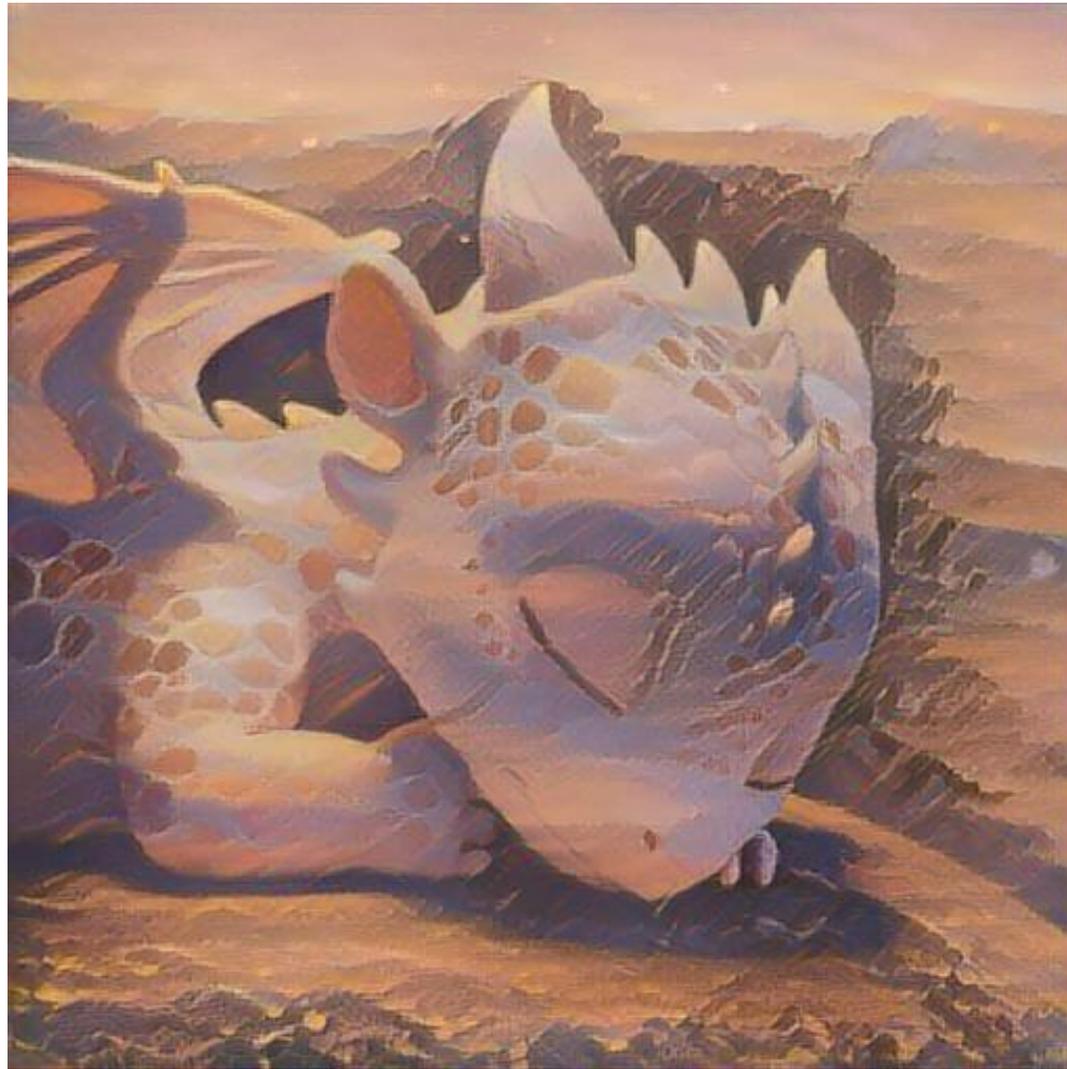
Seba leans up against the boulder
to get a better look.



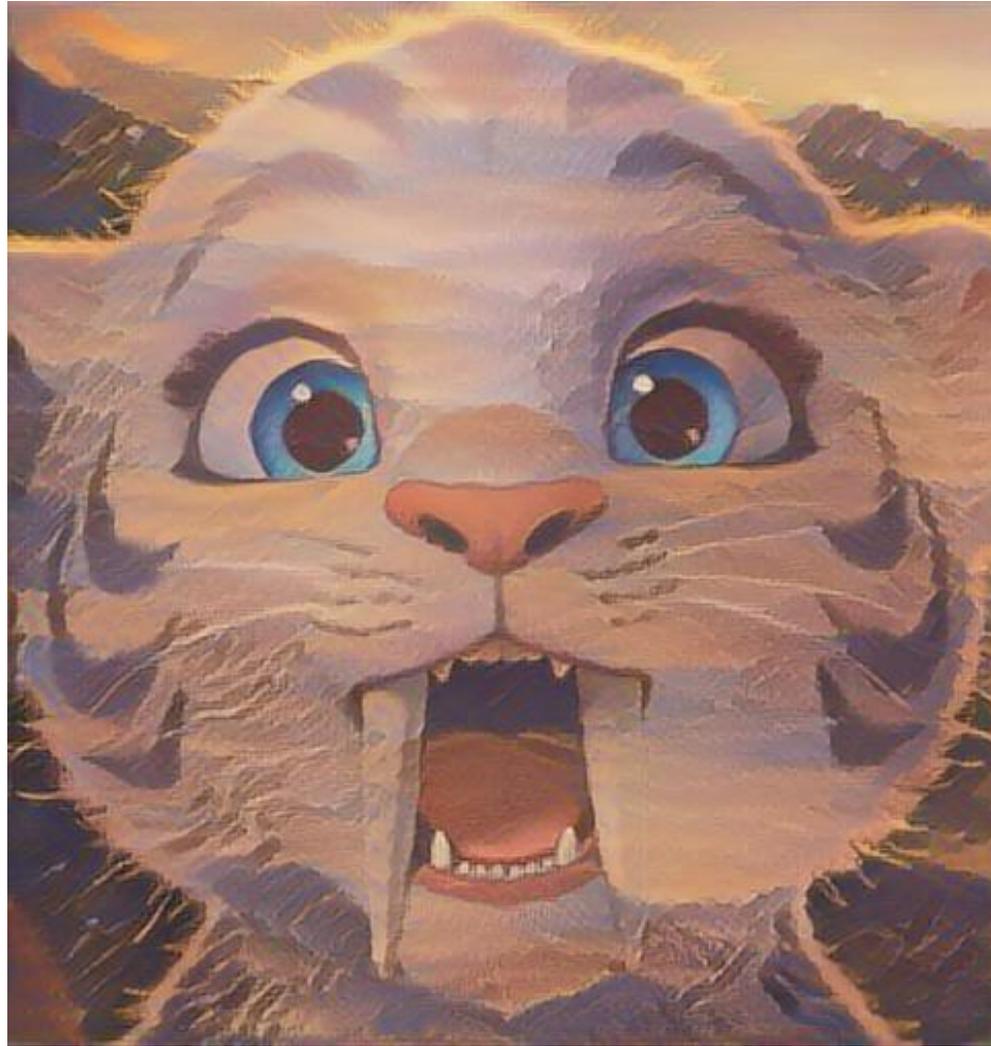
Seba's face lights up in wonder.



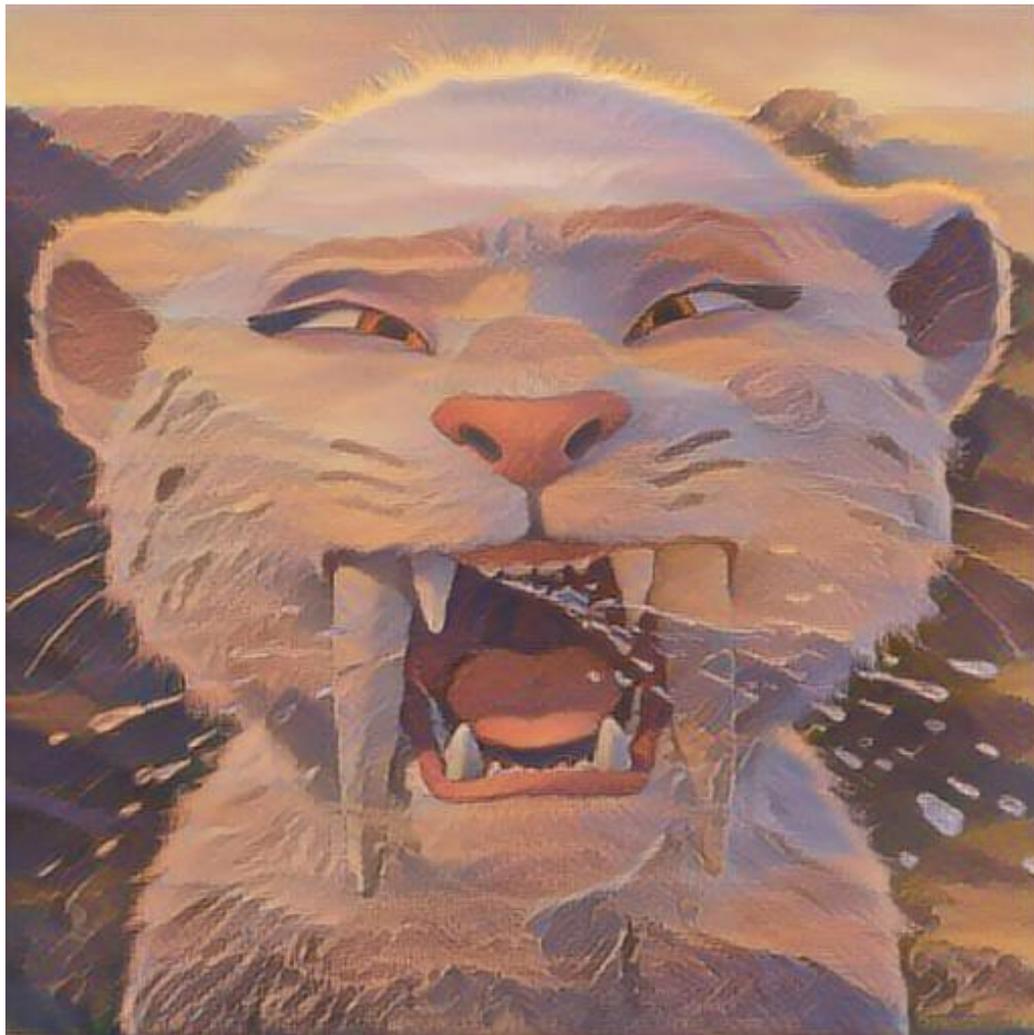
Under wings spread over himself like a blanket, ABHI, a baby Dragon, (1-week-old)...



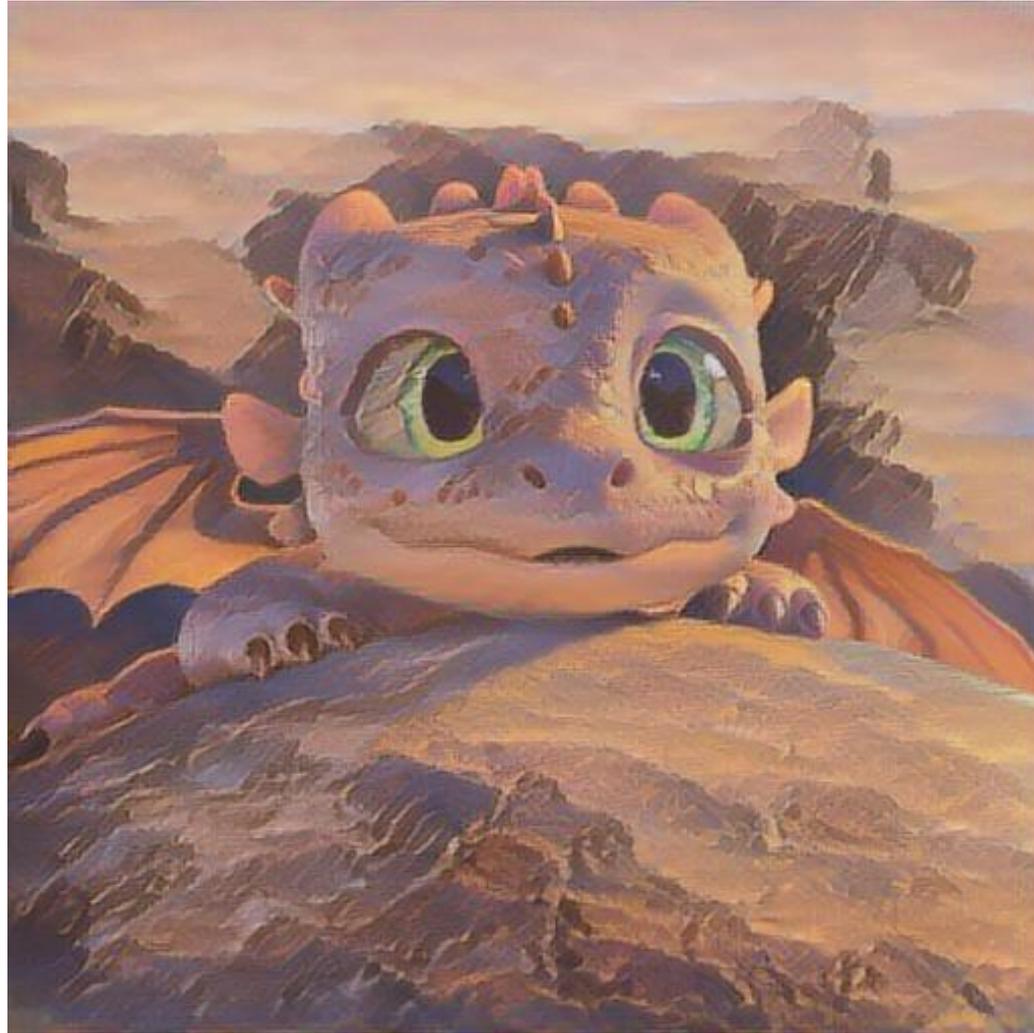
Abhi sucks his thumb
and sleeps fitfully.



Seba gazes, gapes, and mouths: "Wow...!"



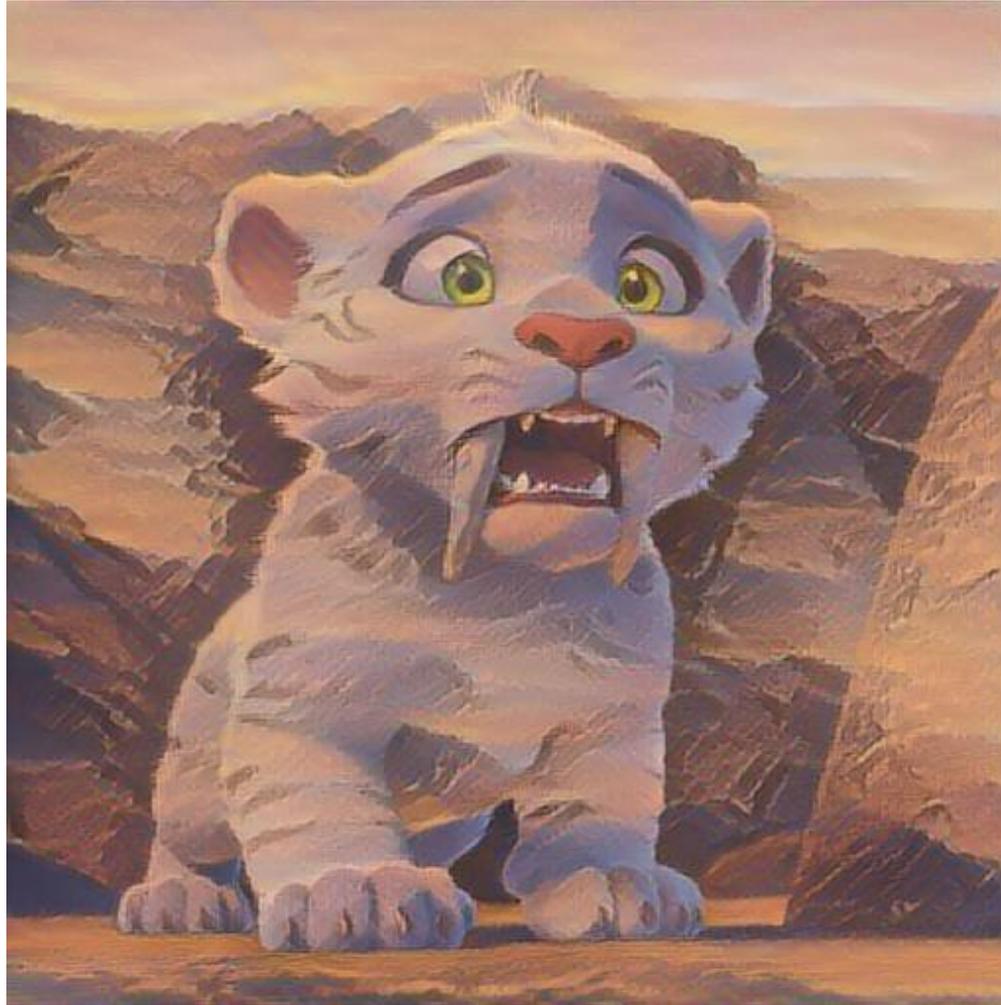
Seba SNEEZES.



Abhi's sleepy eyes snap open.



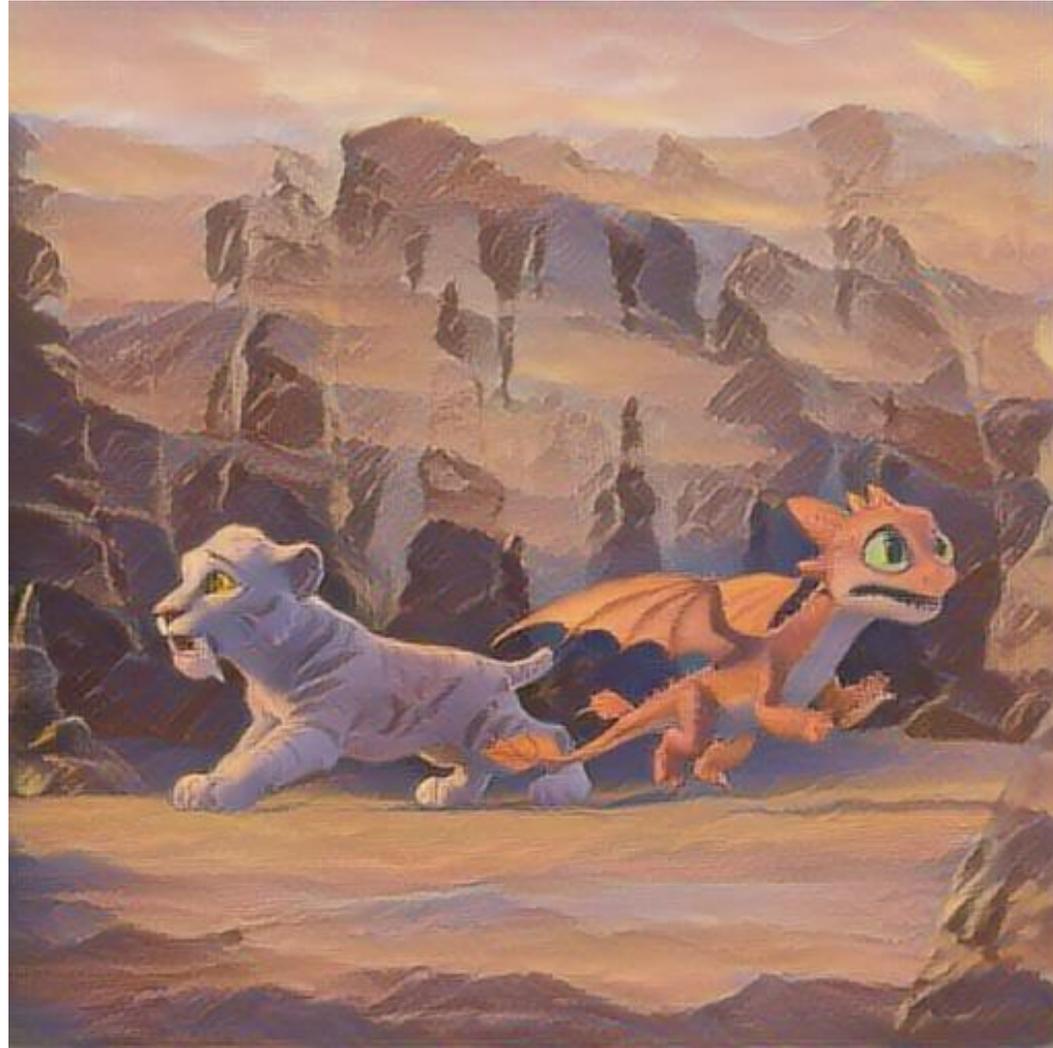
Abhi sees Seba. SQUEALS
and bolts upright.



Seba YELPS.



Seba and Abhi both bolt, and take flight.



They SQUEAL and YELP
and stumble over each other



They race towards
the mouth of the cave...



Seba leaps out first



...Seba scampers off...



...into the snowy plateau.



Abhi is next, out of the cave...



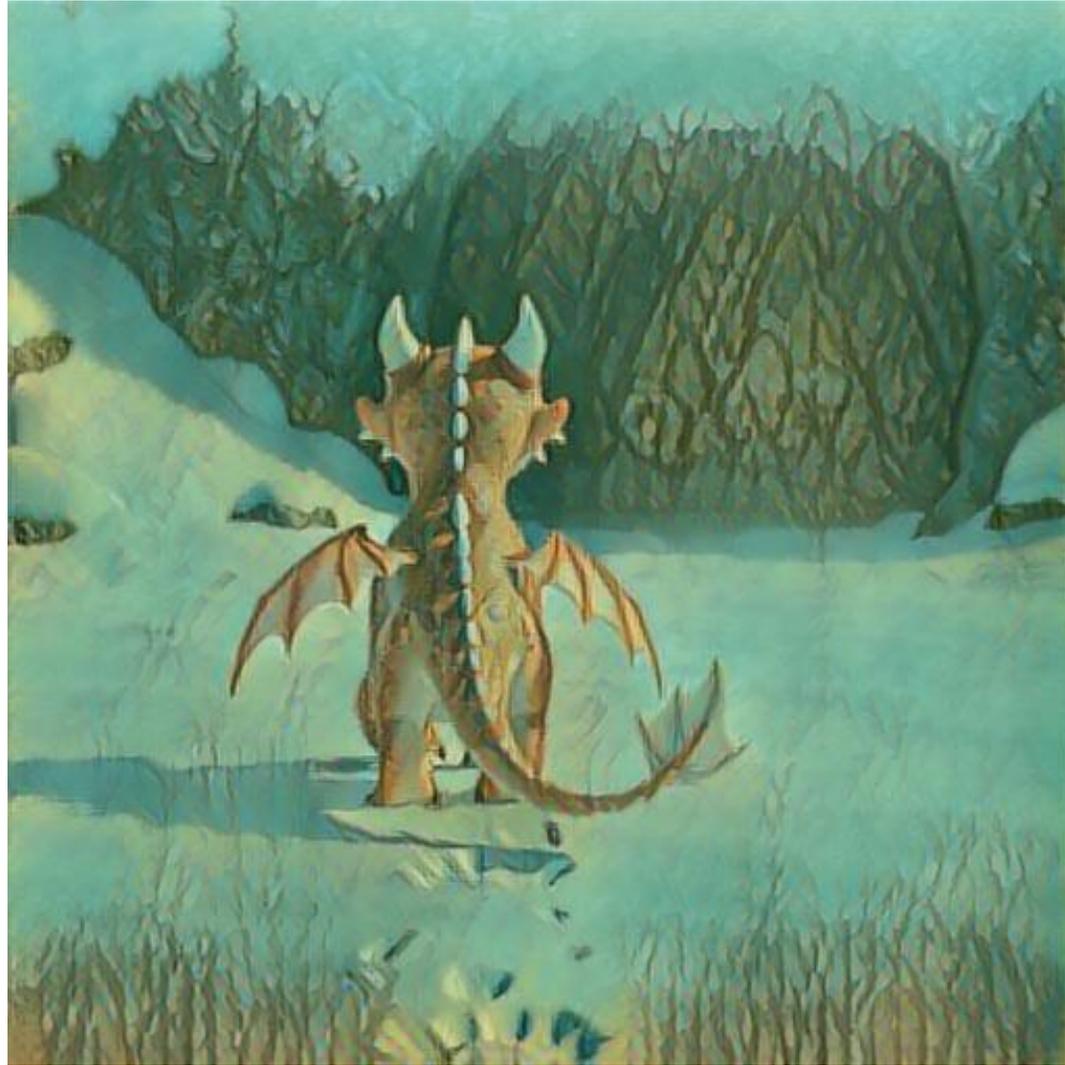
...Abhi slips, slides...



Abhi falls face first into the snow..



Abhi recovers, gets back to his feet...



Abhi plods back to the cave...



...sits in the mouth of the cave...



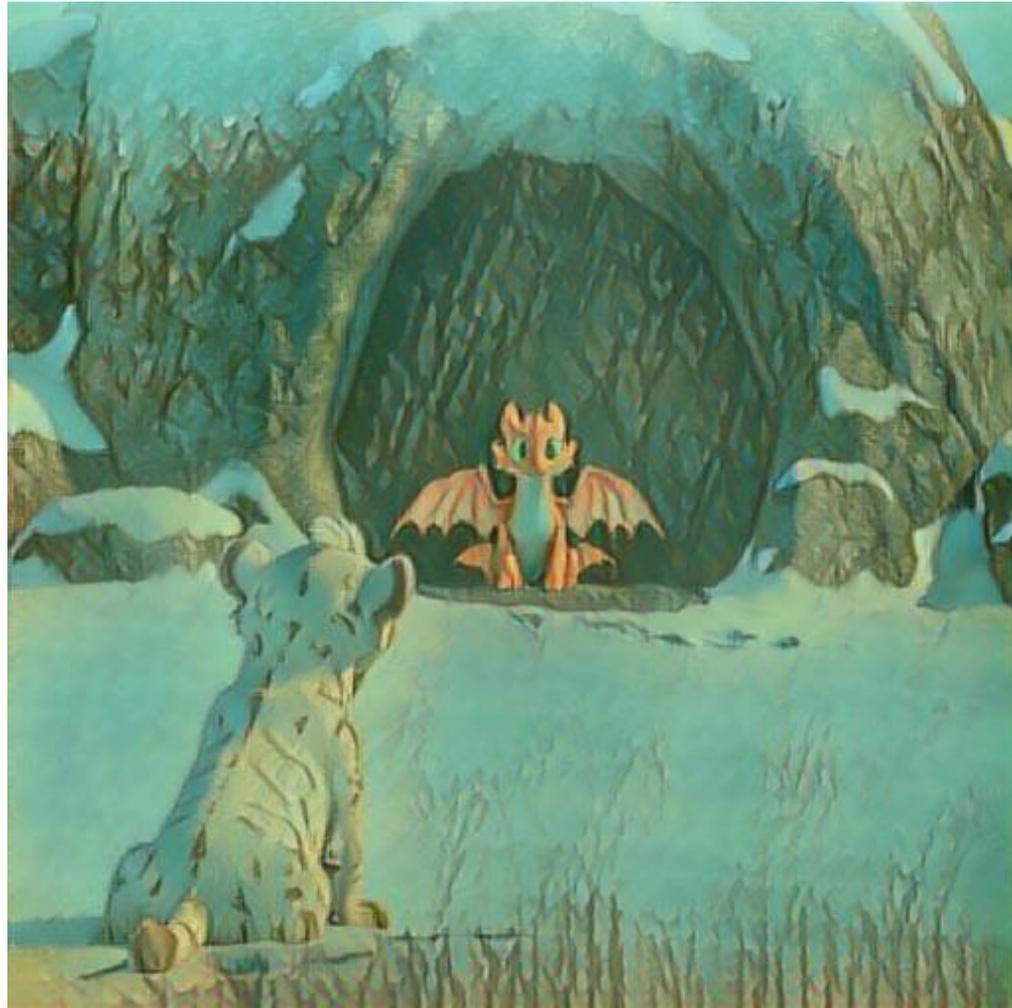
...amd squints warily at Seba.



*Seba circles back
over the snowy plateau.*



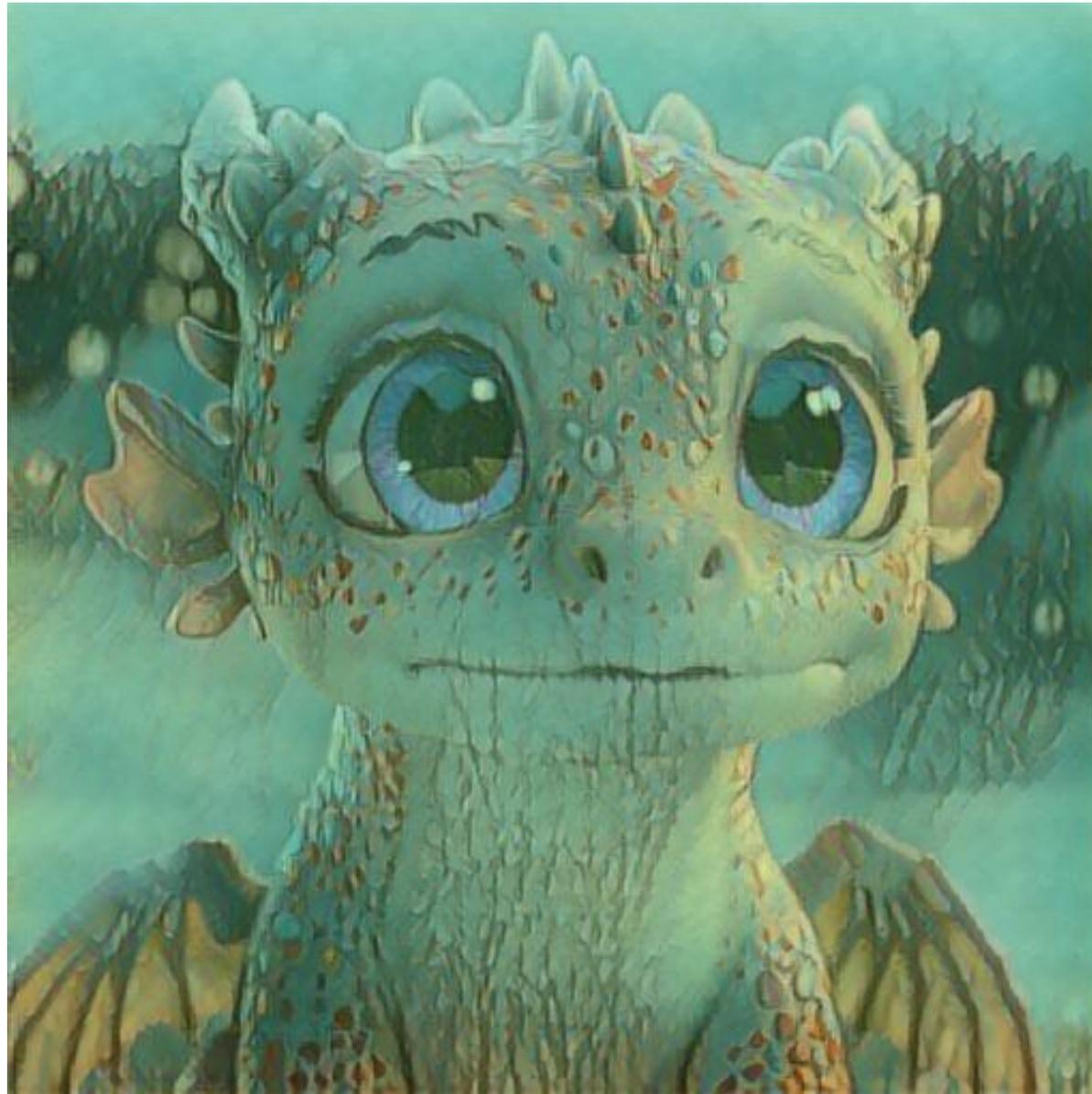
Seba sits in the snow,
at a safe distance...



Seba checks Abhi
sat in the mouth of the cave...



Seba says, 'I'm sorry, I musta surprised ya!'



Abhi sits quietly, his eyes never leaving Seba's.