

# April Chen

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## **about the artist**

I'm a graphic designer who have loved drawing and sketching since little. I spent my childhood not only running in the sun with my flipflops, but sketching on whatever I could get my hands on. As I grew older and my appreciation of colour and the characters I created became more sophisticated, I realised my drawings were not just a pet hobby but an addiction. Besides my job I rarely draw for commercial purpose, I created characters on cards or as gifts. The world of my characters has spread in my imagination; I have breathed life in them.

I am still fascinated by the world of childhood, in my drawings. By turning casual pencil sketches into digital art, and adding colour to liven them up, I gain a huge satisfaction. Perhaps part of me wants to hang on to a child's innocence as well. In a world that is changing constantly, where strife and the rat-race are never far behind, I take refuge in my characters to convince myself that, no matter where life takes a person, there is still a place of pureness and simplicity in his or her heart.

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