Exercise:
It’s your turn!

Explore how unexpected changes in scale can challenge what we expect to see.

Choose two recognizable things whose normal sizes are very different. They can come from your own photos, artwork, found images, or something you create.

Dramatically enlarge one and/or reduce the other. Bring them together in a single composition so their new relationship feels surprising, dramatic, humorous, strange—or even believable.

Don’t settle for simply putting a big thing next to a little thing. Experiment with placement, cropping and point of view to make the scale relationship convincing.

The goal: Create an unexpected relationship that depends on contrast of scale.

Traditional, digital, or mixed media. Suggested time: 45–90 minutes.

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