

most artists are crazy | how the hell can you come up with something like that? | like most people i'm both simple and complex | my mum forced me to stay on top of my cleaning when I was a kid | in summer we can really go crazy cleaning when they leave | i start at the top floor | it takes all summer | for privacy i write my diary in runes | was it michelangelo who said he chiselled at the rock and the statue was already there | i'm artistic | a little bit | sometimes you're surprised people conjure up something that dark or humorous in their art | everything i learn i learn on my own which is a talent | i couldn't believe it came out that good | it took weeks to clean that whole thing during the heatwave | it was 107 | you can pretty much clean anything with a little bit of bleach | it's good to know i'm offering protection and security to preserving education | i help people here countdown to the end of the semester | i want to be a working musician some day | i don't learn things to be a professional | just to know the beginnings | i didn't tell anybody but i almost did pass out on the floor | i ran my head under cold water | it dropped my temperature down | when i'm doing my rounds i like looking at people's paintings | some art is a little over the top | i got the feeling that i'm supposed to know what's going on in the gallery but i really don't | i don't value money | to know that i was getting paid for cooking was almost hurtful | i just kept doing that as i was working | at the end i had to do some of it by hand on my hands and knees just to get it all off | they couldn't believe i got it that clean | i like teasing everybody | i like to have everybody happy | i've heard when you're depressed you're more creative | i hear that cleaning helps with depression | my name in wampanoag is manat8quam which means strong thinker | they say wayne you get it so clean i don't even wanna walk on the floor | i says you gotta do what you gotta do | it's hard to protect yourself from the chemicals at work | being near water makes me feel like a fresh spring rain | when i look in a class i'm like wow | art shows a part of someone's personality you don't see through talking to them | i'm not too sure about this piece over here | i used to have a handle on two-way radios | scrubbin' bubble | i was always cleanin' stuff | we work pretty hard | it's such a big school | i don't even get to finish some days | i might give them a hard time | most people's artwork is misunderstood by most people but themselves | i says oh this thing's gonna come brand new | my hobby is education | without education there is no hobby | we clean the bathrooms everyday | don't understand how they get dirty so fast but they do | i've seen wayne in here on saturdays cleaning up the restrooms | i actually let my apartment go a little bit because i was spending too much time cleanin' the school | i dragged sawdust through the building on friday | i am excited to be in a place of education | everything i like and hold dear to me is creative | i don't have to understand art to like it | my sister came over from georgia | she says your apartment's a mess | i was goin' crazy in here | comin' in here a lot | i have paint night at my house | i'm a little lost as to why she took the picture from the computer and put it onto the canvas so she could paint the canvas exactly as the picture | we need certain conflicts in life to express ourselves | i just wake up happy | i've listened to the police scanner ever since i was a kid | we monitor what they're doing | listening to it brings me the most joy | just kidding | i'm working on decorating my house for christmas | hate is a really bad word | i still collect cds because i love the artwork | for ten years i would take forty dollars out of my check for me and give the rest to my baby sister | this is how i grew up | 65 years old | really not much is gonna change | i took care of the new bedford art museum in 1996 when it first opened up | these kids do a great job here and i feel like i have an important job cleaning up for them | my personality is i love people | anybody | i'm an introvert but i like people | i'm a living paradox |

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