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Tommy knows he wants to be an artist when he grows up. He draws pictures every chance he gets, and his family and friends encourage him, hanging his pictures up everywhere. Tommy takes the advice of his twin cousins, who are already grown-up artists: he practices all the time, and never copies. But while it's fine being an artist on his own, school is another world entirely. The kindergarten teacher gives them paint that cracks and flakes, and the first-grade teacher only allows them one piece of paper! Tommy can't wait for his first real art lesson. But when the art teacher comes, Tommy is in for a shock. She wants him to copy!

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