

“The Artist” by Lea

In my opinion, this drawing looks like a caricature, a stereotypical vision of a black woman.

I think the artist wanted to do a quick sketch of a black woman, I don't think he had the will to really do it best as an artist, or to be fair to his model.

The first time I saw this portrait, I felt uncomfortable, I had the same feeling when I see a black face performer. And then you read the title : « a negress»? And the disrespect is even more obvious.

The British Empire was a slave and colonialist empire, with all the racism that comes with it. So, of course this is also felt in his art. And art has a very important place in it, they have to create this image of a black person, who become a «negro» or a «negress» to justify the unfair way black people are seen and treated.

And now we have to live with the consequences of this past.