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Acrylic on Canvas

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Description:

This painting shows someone after they have taken off their mask, in this case a “smiling” paper bag. As a graduate assistant here at WMU, I have taught undergraduate courses and I know how important it is to understand what my students might be feeling. Many of them are going through terrible situations I never would have guessed had they not confided in me. With this in mind, I try to treat all my students with kindness and respect and give them grace when they need it.