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These Sock Paintings Are More Unsettling Than You Can Imagine (NSFW)

What do you get when you mix Francisco de Goya's taste for horror, Nickelodeon's passion for the playfully grotesque, and the contents of an abandoned laundry machine? The sock paintings of an artist named Aaron Johnson.



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