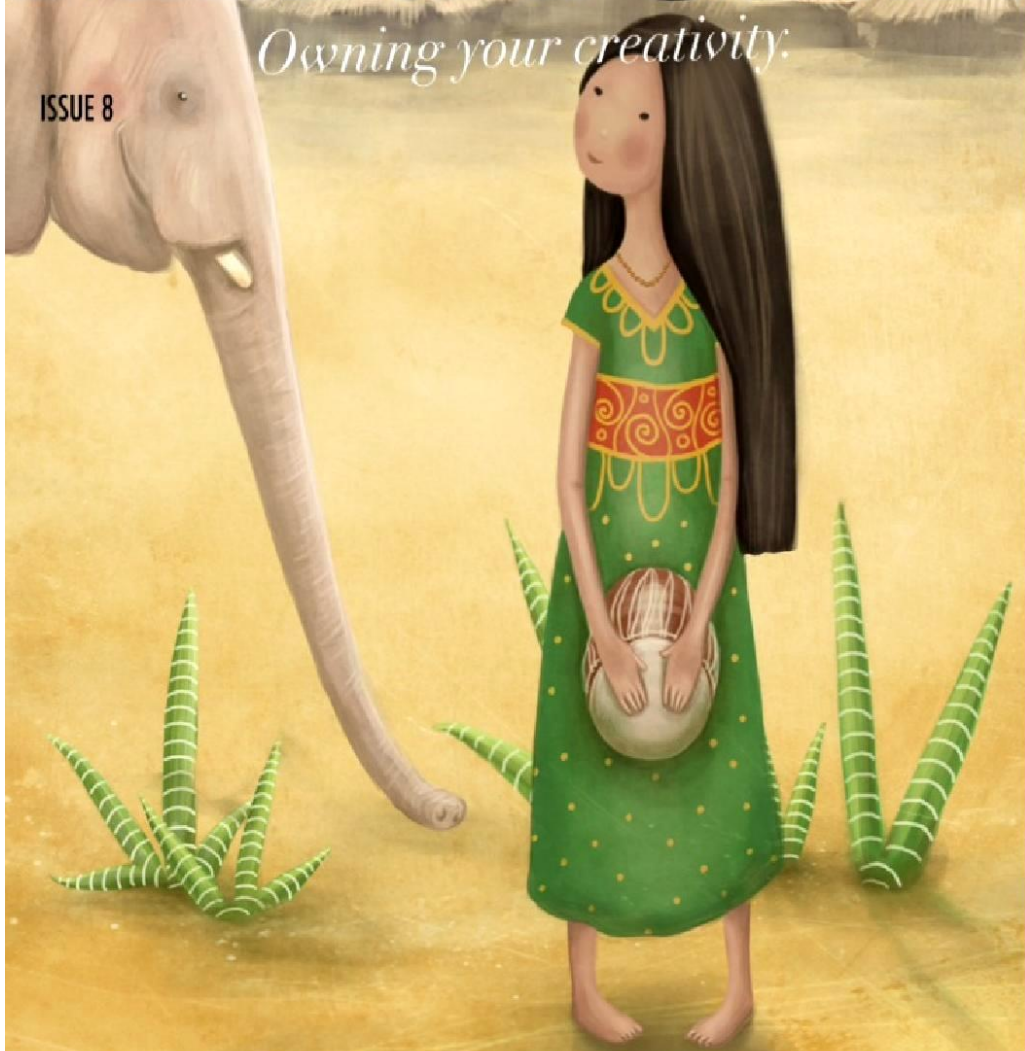


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at's Eye

- PETER (HO CHEUNG) LEE

And these sockets.
These sockets now locked the priceless
pair as it came.

More jade than sapphire in their
marble skin of swirling pasty
against the ocean hue.
The glow viciously absorbs the night.
Needle-shaped gem grows within
the twin moonstones. Baffling.

Almost start from within
when feeding light into their anterior chambers.
A reflective coating's woven behind
the crystalloid retina. The eyeshine
manufactured in-born.
(Some tapetum or lucidum and the sort.)

And the thin eyelids unfolded for the cheers
that never came — something was wrong.
Gasps, voices, frowns. The peasant father still.
Wrong pupils this one.
(And so a wrong one.)

Fixation her perpetual minute. Blue and more blue.