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That's it about the last Spring.
When I met this young lass in the valley,
On the pale white canvas, experimenting hues,
concocting some surreal.
The sky there was lush green.
It was heavenly- awkward also unseen.
The trees had soul, and the river, crystals!
I was laboriously trying to strike some relevant conversation attracted to her instantly, by that
thin uncanny filament, Directly throwing "I was expecting an ideal castle
to compliment the background"
She impassively responded "I don't know how
it is supposed to look like!"
I gave her the address of the guesthouse I was in,
and asked her to come over, in nude desperation.
She never came back.
I asked about her to few local hawkers
about which, they were ignorant. Yes, only that
she often visits the valley with her canvas, colours, brushes. My holidays were over.
I was about to vacate the room when,
the receptionist handed me a gift pack. I opened it.
It was the same unfinished psychedelic real!
The note attached to it read:
"tell me if you find one!"

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