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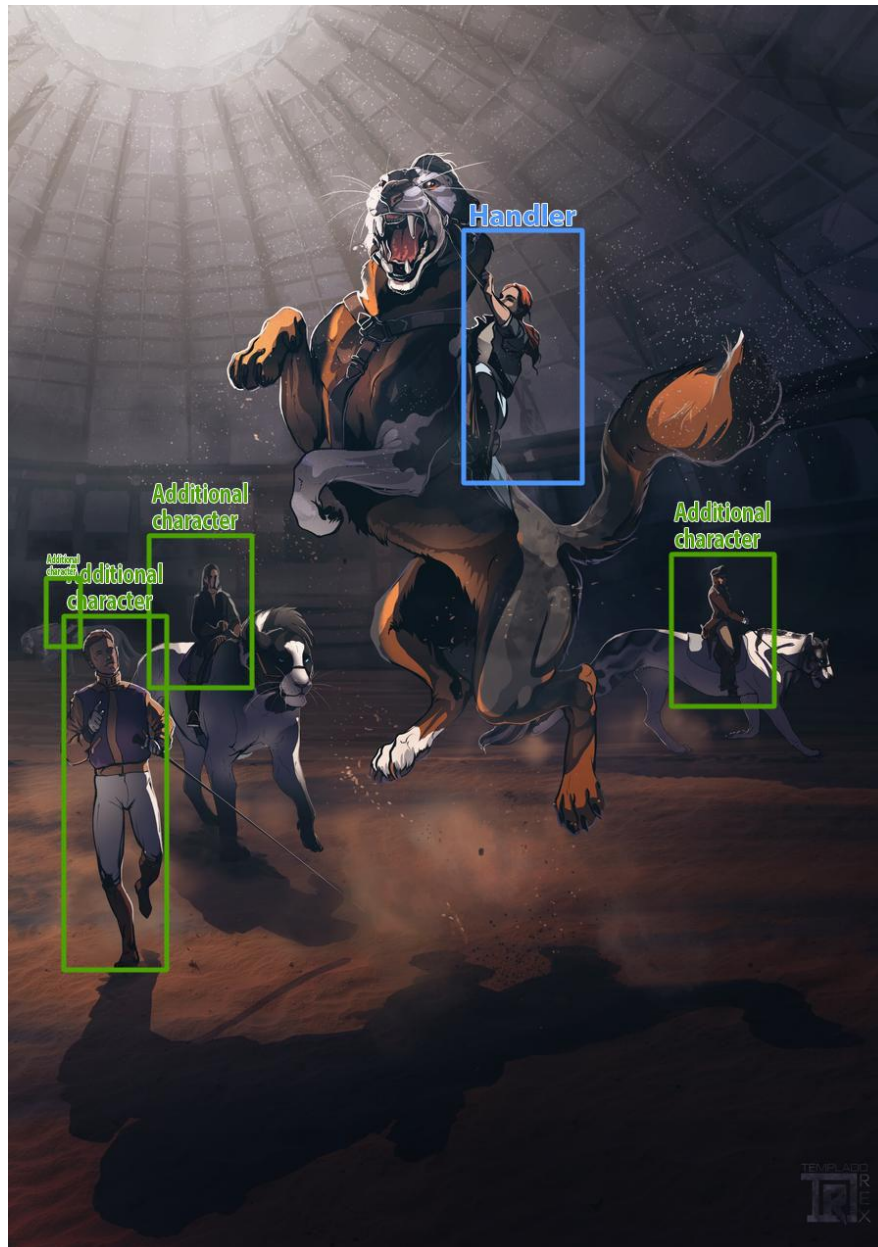
HOW TO COUNT EXTRA MILE POINTS

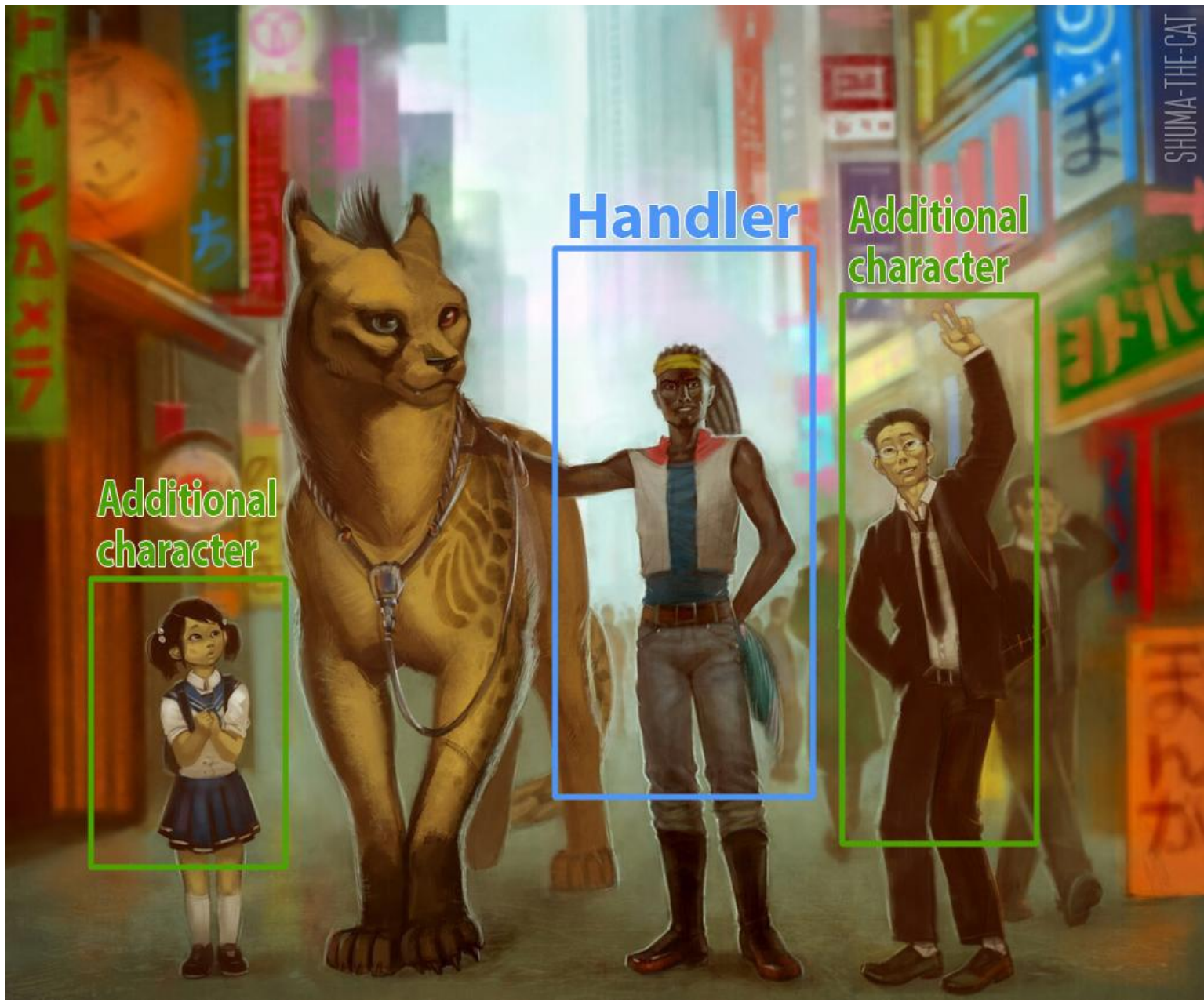
These points can be counted in only if your handler and shedu anatomy scores as standard or higher.

- **Additional human/humanoid character (*should be detailed on par with main characters or close to it*)**

This category includes any human beings (or *humanoids or any other anthropomorphic sentient creature that can not be mixed up with animals*) aside from the handler of your cat for which you count the AP right now, that are significant for the composition and plot and are depicted detailed enough. If they happen to be a rider or handler for another cat you still count them in.

Examples:

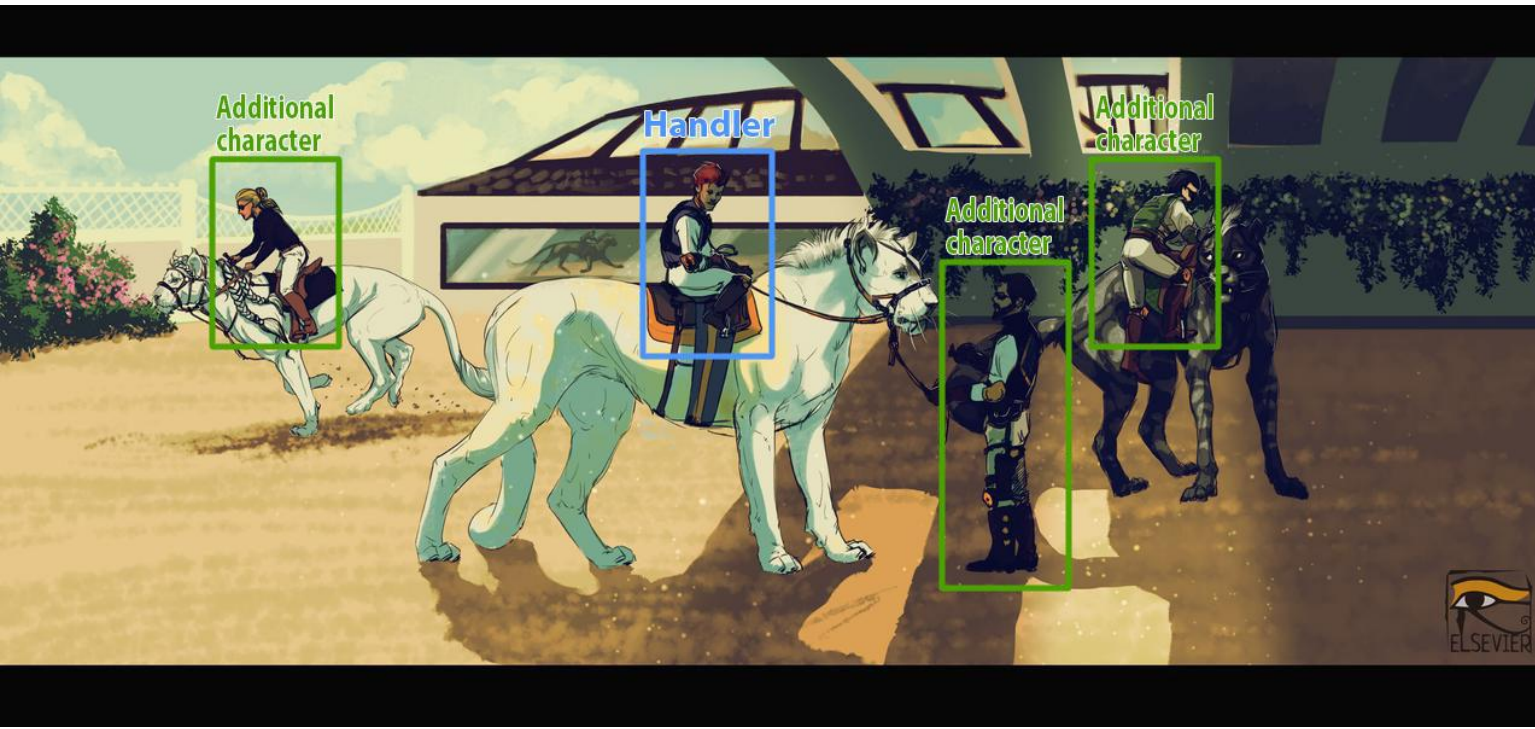




Additional character

Handler

Additional character

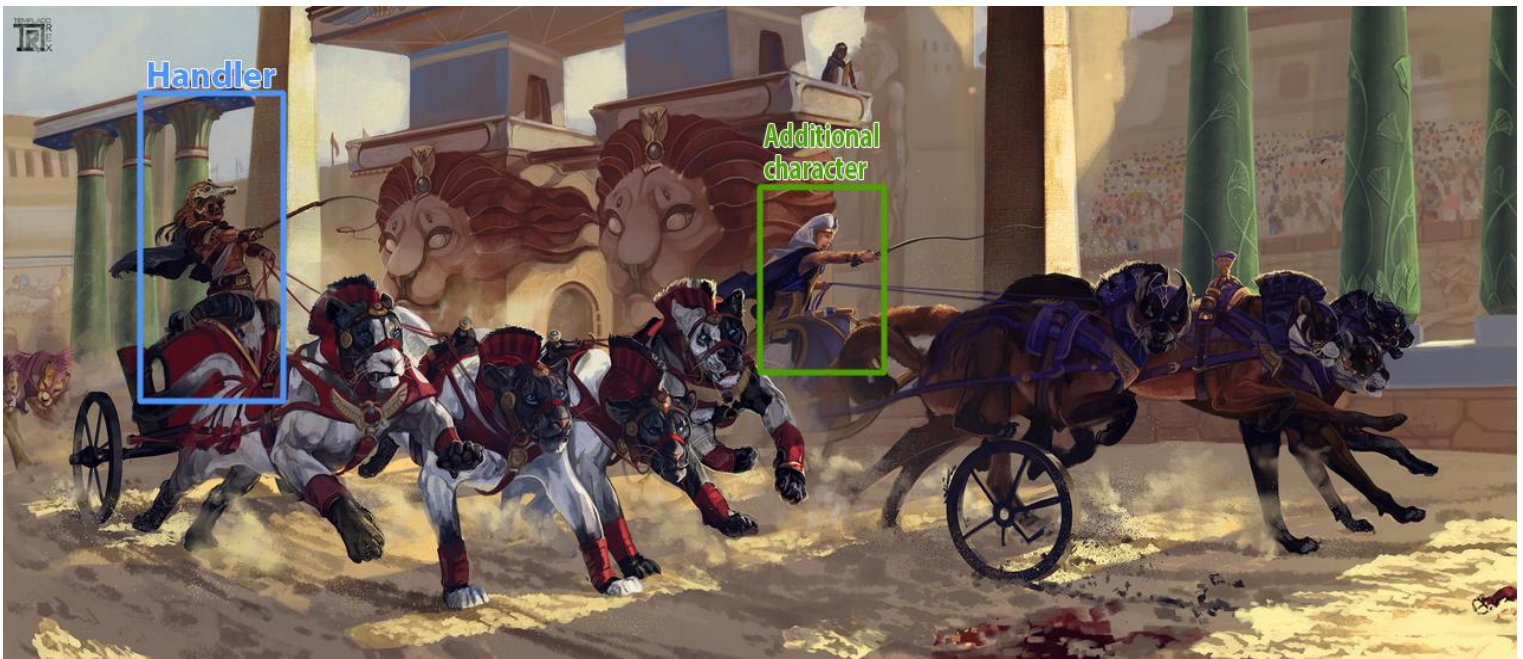


Additional character

Handler

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Additional character



NOTICE! These points do not stack up with this category:

- **Crowd/Spectators/"Ambient" creatures.**

What then does fall under this category - Crowd/Spectators/"Ambient" creatures?

This category is not restricted only by humans or humanoids. Any creatures that are present in the picture but do not really affect the plot fall under this category (and do not work with other shedus if we talk handler characters). They may give the art needed atmosphere, but would not really change the situation. Creature can be big or small. Good example would be a shedu cub and a butterfly. If a butterfly is being chased by the cub and you remove the insect from the composition, the plot will change.

Therefore the butterfly however small it was, had quite an impact on the drawing. But if the butterfly would be depicted only flying around a cub that is minding their own business, the butterfly would be considered to be an ambient creature.

Examples:



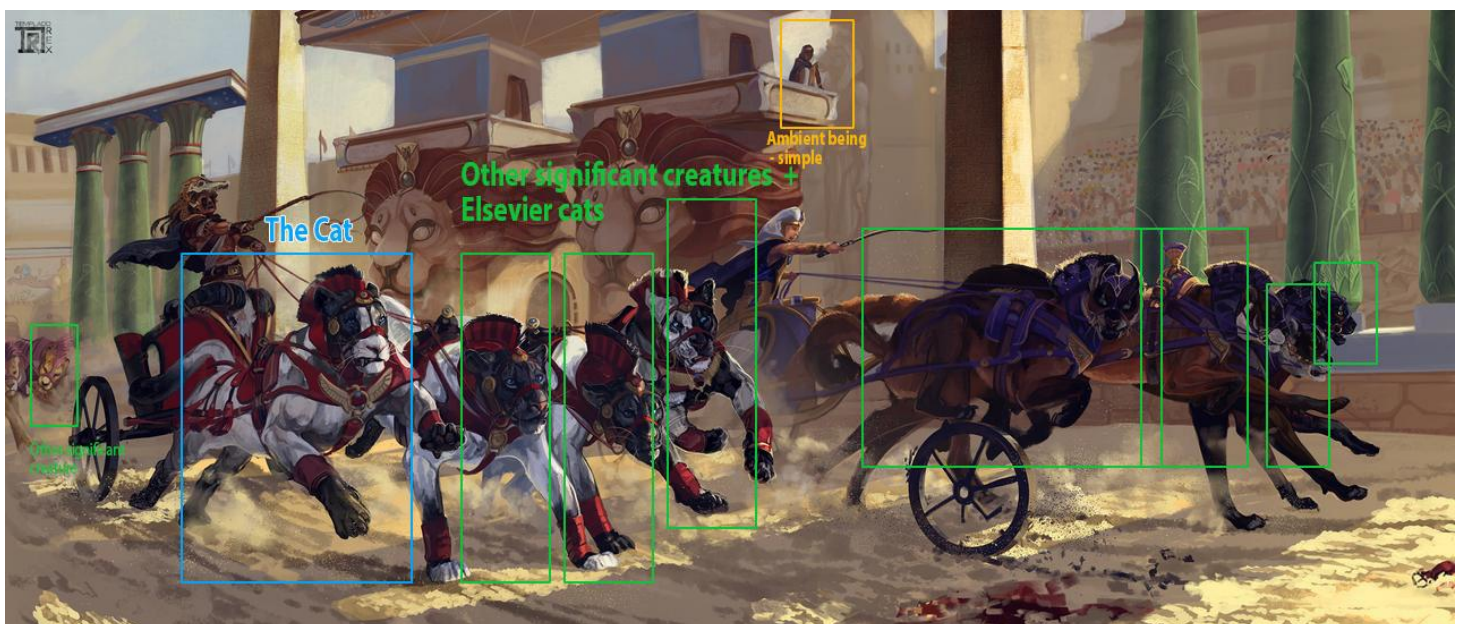
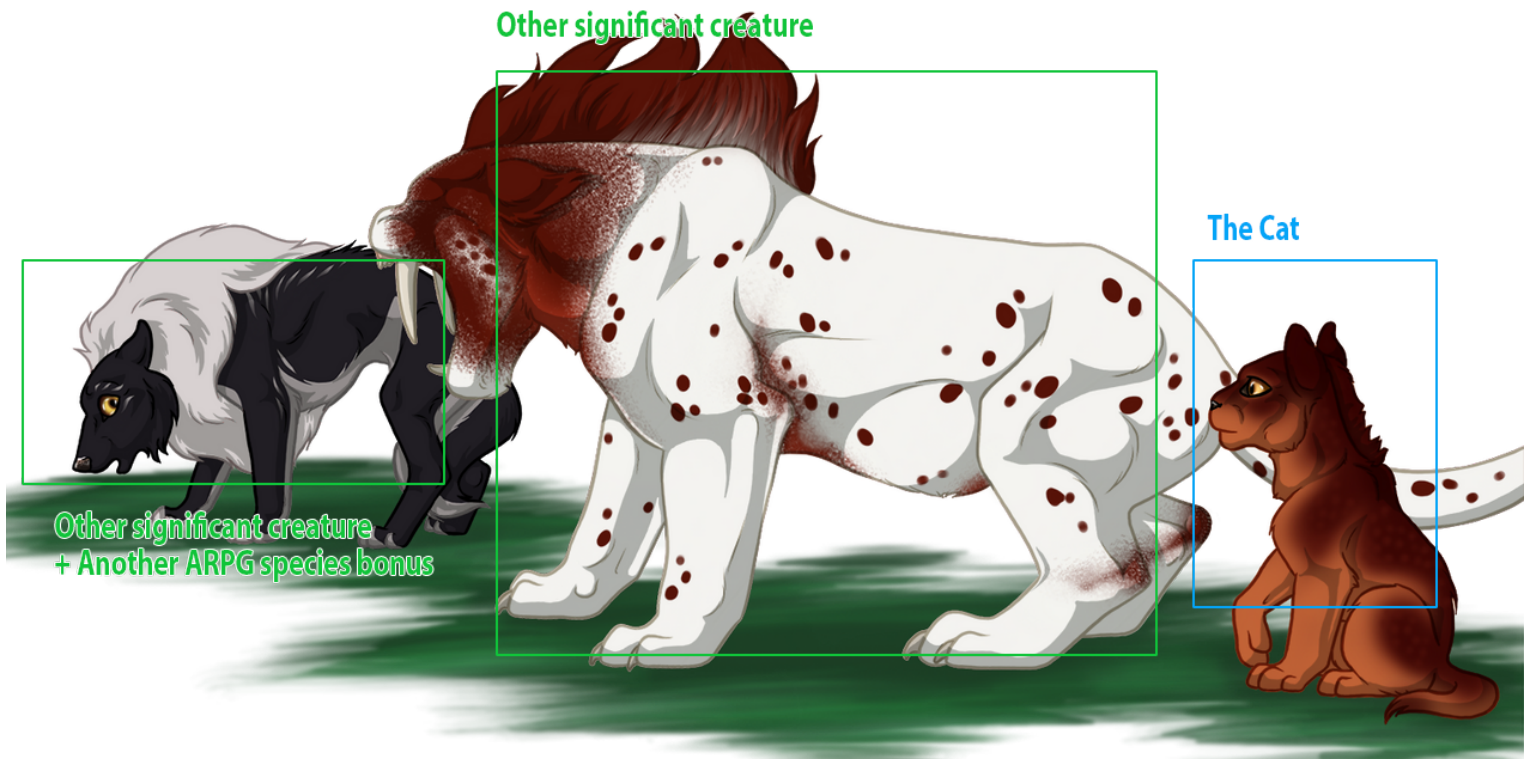


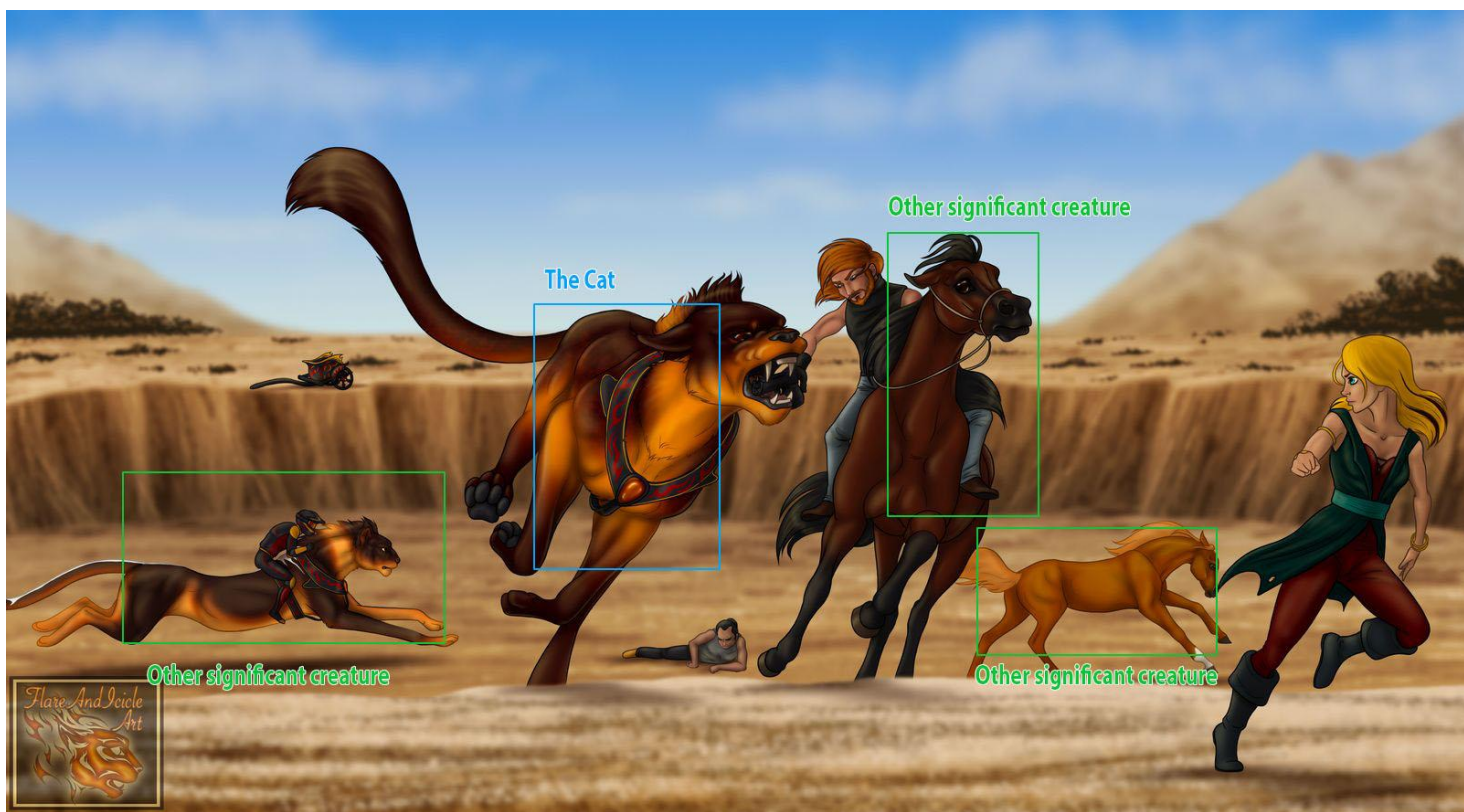
- **Other significant creatures** (*cats/mounts/creatures relevant to plot/subject*)
(*should be detailed on par with main characters or close to it*)

This category also does not stack up with ambient creatures or additional humanoid characters. This is a stand alone category for any other animals that are present in the image and have influence on the plot of the image or its composition and action within it.

BUT! it can stack up with “**Other creatures belonging to another ARPG bonus**” and “**Other cat is one of Elsevier cats /the Group cats**”

EXAMPLES:





- Other creature belongs to another ARPG/Significant species

What is considered a 'creature from another ARPG/Significant species'?

Any creature, that is drawn detailed enough (on par with main characters) and suits next definition is eligible to be counted for this bonus:

(Featuring at least 50% of body, corresponding RPG group is linked, deviation submitted to that group/ franchise named and listed in hashtags)

SHEDUS DO NOT COUNT FOR THIS BONUS.

Any creature, that meets the requirements will do:

- Creature's RPG Group is a year or more old (established, active)
- More, than 100 members should be in that RPG group
- Must not be a simplified species (*ie no blobs with eyes, or glowy ball with wings)
- Franchise species that may not be part of a group but still has established existence (chocobos, monster hunter species, star wars creatures etc)
- Must be animal based...so not humanoids
- Should possess a reference image on DA to show it being an actual character/OC

IMPORTANT! Keep in mind though that this bonus comes per species not per creature. And has a limit of 2 species max.

That means that, for example, one tokota (*or individual of any other legible ARPG*) depicted will bring you 3 bonus points for this category. Three tokotas will still bring you only 3 points for this bonus, as all three creatures belong to the same species.

However if you will depict one tokota and one draco stryx (or any two creatures from two different ARPGs) they will bring you 6 points for this bonus (because they belong to two different ARPG species).

As you remember, this bonus does stack up with the “**Other significant creatures**” one. So, let's review some examples:

1 tokota bonus:

- 1 point for Other significant creatures (1 creature)
- 3 points for Other ARPG species (1 species)

Total: 4 points.

2 tokotas bonus:

- 2 point for Other significant creatures (2 creatures)
- 3 points for Other ARPG species (1 species)

Total: 5 points.

2 tokotas + 1 draco stryx bonus:

- 3 point for Other significant creatures (3 creatures)
- 6 points for Other ARPG species (2 different species)

Total: 9 points.

• Other cat is one of Elsevier cats /Group cats

This bonus stacks up with “**Other significant creatures**” and works very easy.

You have 3 group cats depicted? You get bonus for 3 significant creatures and for three group cats:

$(1 \times 3) + (2 \times 3) = 9$ points

Group cats are any cat owned by @Templado.

Cats that are presented as NPC rival cats in Group events are also considered to be group cats and drawing them will get you the group cat bonus.

Do my own cats and handlers, depicted in the image fall under the “significant creature” and “another humanoid character” categories?

A: Yes, they do. If you have 3 cats of your own in the image, each of your cats (for which you are counting AP in the moment) will get bonuses for two other cats and/or handlers.

Does architecture/man made objects bonus stack up with the core BG bonus?

A: Yes, it does. But keep in mind that you need to have your bg at basic level or higher to be able to claim the bonus for man made objects/architecture.

Do guns or complex man made items count for the “architecture/man made objects”?

A: Yes, but only if objects meet certain requirements:

- It is no part of a tack or attire
- It is complex in its shape/details. And there is clear effort in attempting to depict the item properly.

For example, a little cellphone in handler`s hand won't be eligible for this bonus, but a gun, or any sort of weapons, cart, wagons that cat is hitched to - all these things can be counted in for this bonus.

For the crowd/ambient creatures bonus do we count each figure?

A: The bonus is given once per “category”. You can have detailed ambient creatures, for example a lizard or a spider or flock of sheep nearby. And It will count **once** for “ambient creatures” - complex. But in the same image you can have crowds of people. And then you can get a bonus for this category too. With crowds you count the mass of people or creatures just once, taking into account the most detailed fragment.

However, be aware that making one single person detailed in a whole wall of the crowd won't make your crowd “complex” . “detailed fragments” should be determined by logic - like the first rows of spectators, a bunch of people that are closest to us etc.

I'm not that good with realism. Is there any way for an amateur artist with preferred style being rather stylized to hit the “advanced” category without leaning towards realism too much?

A: Short answer - yes. There is the way. First of all we would strongly suggest not to mix anatomical accuracy and realism, as these are two separate things and we do not ask you to adhere to the latter style. What we do expect is recognizable depiction of shedu cat species no matter the style you are keen to use.

That in turn suggests a few things: presence of proper proportions and body ratios, attention to anatomical features of paws, face (nostrils, corners of eyes etc).

However, the most important part is that the art is evaluated against your own gallery. That means that even though the main requirements stay the same we do take into account your skill level and style preference. The examples in the guide are just what they are - examples made by a single artist for consistent display of differences that would bring an artwork in one or other category.

But, also important thing. Do not use “your style” or ‘stylization” as a shield on us. Stylization does not justify a lack of consistency in the anatomy and intentional skewing of shapes and forms.

EXAMPLES FROM OTHER ARTISTS:

Art of [@FlareAndIcicle](#)

SIMPLE:



STANDARD:



ADVANCED:



SKETCH OF @Ninjastarhate

Showing difference between three grades in their own style:



Will multiply images of the same cat in one sheet give me the “significant creatures bonus”?

A: No. Such images as growth stages, “running parades” featuring one and the same cat won’t give you additional bonus.

Can we count AP for 150 words without reaching a minimum of 450 words first?

A: You need to reach a minimum of 450 words first. You need to achieve this in each separate literature entry to be able to gain AP for the cat in question.

If I write a piece about two cats, do each of them should get 450 words feature to be eligible for gaining AP? Does my text need to be 450 words or 900 words then?

A: You will have to have 900 words - 450 dedicated to one cat (heavily focused on them) and another 450 for another cat.

Q : Can I get AP for artworks created with these media?

- 3D
- Crafting
- Sculpture
- Photomanipulations

A: Shedu Cats AP System is not wired specifically to evaluate these types of art (**3D, crafting, sculpture**). It means that you should use fitting categories that are already listed for 2D art. 3D art be it traditional sculpture, puppets or digital 3D artworks won't bring any special AP bonuses or additional rewards.

However art of each kind can receive the feature stamp for high quality work (no matter the medium).

Photomanipulations do not count for AP with this system. Only way that allows for gaining any AP with photomanipulation is accomplishing specific prompts/achievements that specifically state that they allow for overpaints and/or photomanipulations.

Q: Art of my cat was deleted by the artist, can I still count it?

A: No. Unfortunately with Eclipse no longer showing thumbnails of deleted art, we can no longer judge the art or even verify it was there to start with. So we cannot count it.

HOWEVER! If the cat got verified to a certain milestone (for example 100AP milestone), those will not be cancelled due to a lack of some AP. But! A warning with this; any abuse of this user-friendly AP milestones decision will lead to instant permanent ban. As any intentional abuse of the game system. This counts for all art created since Eclipse became mandatory for all dA users on May 20th, 2020. Any art created (and deleted) before then, will be subject to a case by case study of the situation. We will try our best to be fair in this judging.

HOWEVER! Understand that each case is complex and requires multiple admin to come to a fair conclusion, wait times and results will vary between cases.

With that in mind, we strongly urge everyone to save any art they do not want to go missing elsewhere (as thumbnails or otherwise) so it doesn't go missing.

Q: What a breakdown in the calculator actually shows?

Breakdown:		Total AP: 19	< - The total AP your art gets you
Standard Fullbody (1AP)	< - Name of the AP reward type and it's worth	1	
Basic BG (1AP).....	1	< - How many times said AP bonus is selected	
Other Creatures (0.5AP).....	4	< - How many times said AP bonus is selected	