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When I was about 8 years old I made Grammy a picture for her birthday - I have good reason to remember this picture because of its later history - it was a simple drawing of 2 men & 2 dogs drawn in straight lines on a piece of black paper that came in printing paper packages. It was made with orange & yellow pastels Grammy had given to me - The 2 men were walking towards each other leading their dogs on leashes - there was a moon <sup>in the sky</sup> in the background. Grammy enthused greatly over this artistic effort - and shortly after took me to the Independent Artists Show in N.Y. - She met a lot of people she knew there and they led me around to the "nude descending the Staircase" to get my reactions - I'm afraid I wasn't very satisfactory - these excursions among the world of grown ups when I was treated as an equal rather floored me making me more shy than usual -

Imagine my surprise when Grammy asked her group of friends to come with her to another picture - and it turned out to be my picture of 2 men & 2 dogs properly framed, numbered and hung!

I was speechless - Grammy asked her friends their reactions and after much discussion as to whether the influence

Picasso, or early Egyptian they  
asked her her opinion. "Oh I like it  
very much - you see she (indicating me)  
made it for my birthday" she said. She  
chuckled all the way home relishing her  
joke - but assured me that my drawing  
was worthy to be hung - I was never  
quite sure that I wasn't being made  
fun of tho -