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The story of Mark Twain "Is he living or is he dead?" makes us think a lot. I've already read this story once, but second reading made me think more. I personally believe that there is a huge number of undeservedly undervalued talented people on earth. It's awful.

But, if you look at it from the other side, a person should be engaged in creativity for himself first of all. However, unfortunately, creativity unrecognized by no one doesn't bring money. Therefore, often talented people - artists, writers, photographers, musicians live below the poverty line or earn somehow else.

In Twain's story four artists were very poor and they had no choice but to work out their strategy to earn for a living. They realized that the works of deceased artists are valued higher and began to tell buyers that the pictures were painted by a dying person. Their earnings began to grow.

I liked this story. The works of Mark Twain sometimes make us think about the problems that lie on the surface, but which we do not notice, or do not want to notice. For me, as for a person close to art, it is very painful to think that there is a huge amount of undervalued talents in our country and thousands of people leave it to work somewhere else.

I can not blame the guys - artists for this little lie, because it is a white lie. They didn't betray their idea. They did not go to earn in another profession, but simply cheated a little bit. They were clever and smart and knew when should they stop. They remained true to themselves, their work. They remained devoted to ART!