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Scarborough is currently in The Office (images via camera-phone)



Pleasantly surprised would best describe my mood change upon entering The Curator's Office the other day. When I planned out my gallery walk of the afternoon, the idea was that I would see the offerings of Eduardo Santiere at Andrea Pollan's space; see what his color fields were all about, and keep it moving. I had mentally prepared for a viewing of intimate, soft, and extremely minimal works on paper, and thought it would be a perfect buffer of relaxation before checking out some sculptural works later that evening. Little did I know the show *Calm Complexities* had been taken down and replaced by Chris Scarborough's *Portraits from Aftermath* ...guess I missed the memo on that one. And I'm glad I did!

Chris Scarborough's scope of images put my mind in quite the unexpected place. And being that I'm a formally trained artist who later learned my way around graphic design, Photoshop, and a number of other computer-based tools; this place was definitely one of enjoyment. <rant>Personally, I'm always a bit skeptical of an artist's true skill-set when they display digital works or even "overly conceptual" pieces -- yeah I said it ...probably because I feel it's almost an "easy" way into the crazy creative world that many dedicate their entire lives to. And being one who's still under 30 and has intensely been studying/practicing art for just over 20 of those years, I have no problem reserving that right for myself. And regardless of success, I'm one who has no problem challenging an "artist" (especially those using digital tools) with the simple question of "How long did you say you've been doing this art/creativity 'thang' again?!" ...I guess I just have a certain level of respect for those who have been fighting and/or struggling to hone their vision for a number of years ...exhale.</rant> Any who, that rant was simply to emphasize that I was happy to see an artist who works within the digital realm, displaying quality graphite drawings as





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