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## Image: digital-only picture

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**Example:**  

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**Example** *(multiple authors)*  

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**Example:**  

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**Example:**  

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**Example:**  
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