Midjourney
Version 6.1
Released.
**Everything You
Need to know.**

Here we go again.

Another week.

Another big update.

MJ Version 6.1 has been released.

Here's everything you need to know...

V6.1 Updates:

01. **Improved Image Coherence**
02. **Improved Image Quality (it's good)**
03. **(Reduced pixel artifacts, enhanced textures)**
04. **More detailed small image features**
05. **New Upscaler**
06. **Improved text accuracy**
07. **NEW --q 2: More texture and depth**

Let's test them all

Improved Image Coherence:

What it means:
They improved some of the problem areas.
Like arms, legs, hands, bodies, plants, animals, etc

Why it's important:
They've had this issue for a few models.
And the community wants updates.

Let's test it out.

Improved Image Coherence:

Prompt: photo, hands everywhere –ar 4:5 –v {6, 6.1}

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V6:
- Some good hands, some bad hands
- Weird fingers and anatomy
- Many contortions

V6.1:
- Some good hands, some bad hands
- Way more consistent than V6
- Some contortions, but better than V6

Initial Thoughts:

+ Hands are still not perfect, but improving.

+ This was a ridiculous prompt to test it.

+ But the hand anatomy is becoming more consistent.

Improved Image Coherence:

Prompt: photo, everyday overweight man, crossing his arms, squatting, wearing a worn out old t-shirt, ripped jeans, scruffy beard, sunglasses --ar 4:5 --v {6, 6.1}

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V6:
Unnatural body position
Weird physics
Unbalanced features

V6.1:
Natural body position
Natural physics
Evenly weighted features

Initial Thoughts:

+ This is a big improvement.
+ More complex poses were hard with V6
+ Small details like feet spread apart, arms resting on knees
+ The weight of his body is evenly distributed.

Coherence Verdict:

+ Solid, sutble improvements.

+ Wasn't expecting to be blown away.

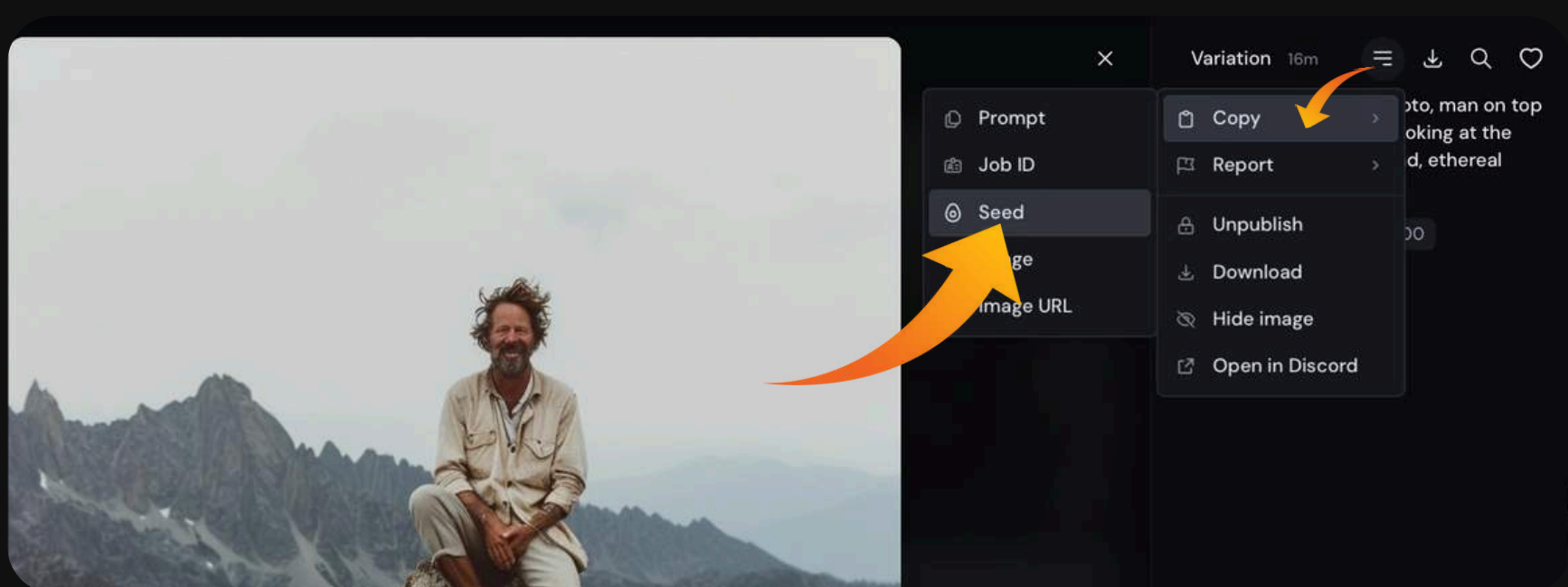+ This will continue to improve with V6.2 and V7.

Quick Tip:

To compare/contrast the differences in v6–v6.1...

Use the same seed to keep the images similar.

How to Use Seed (Alpa Site):

01. Select the drop-down menu
02. Select "Copy"
03. Select "seed"
04. MJ will display seed #
05. Copy the seed number
06. Add "--seed" to the end of your prompt.
07. Paste seed number
08. Submit

Improved Image Quality:

What it means:
Images should be generally more beautiful and more detailed.

Why it's important:
This is what they're supposed to do with each update.
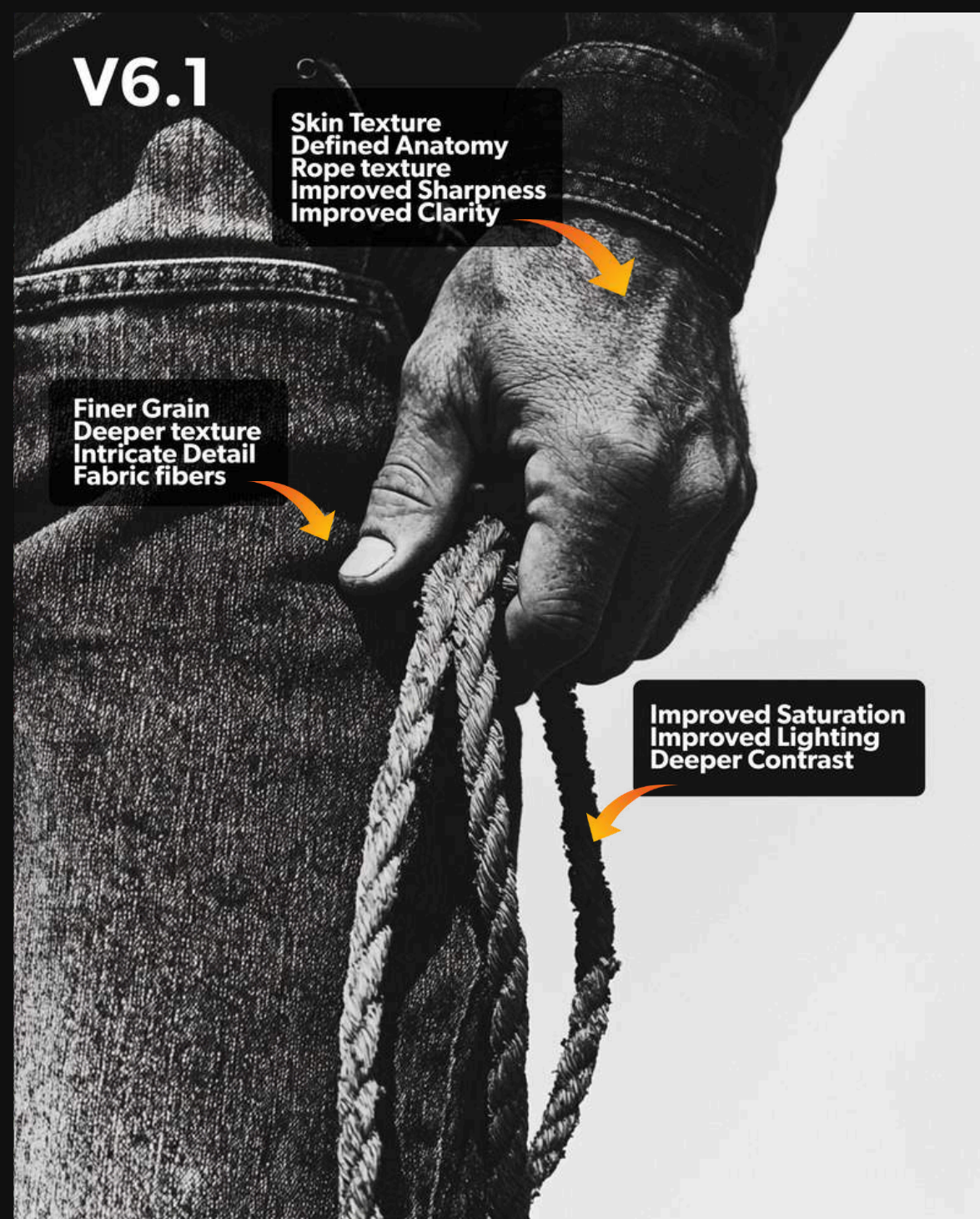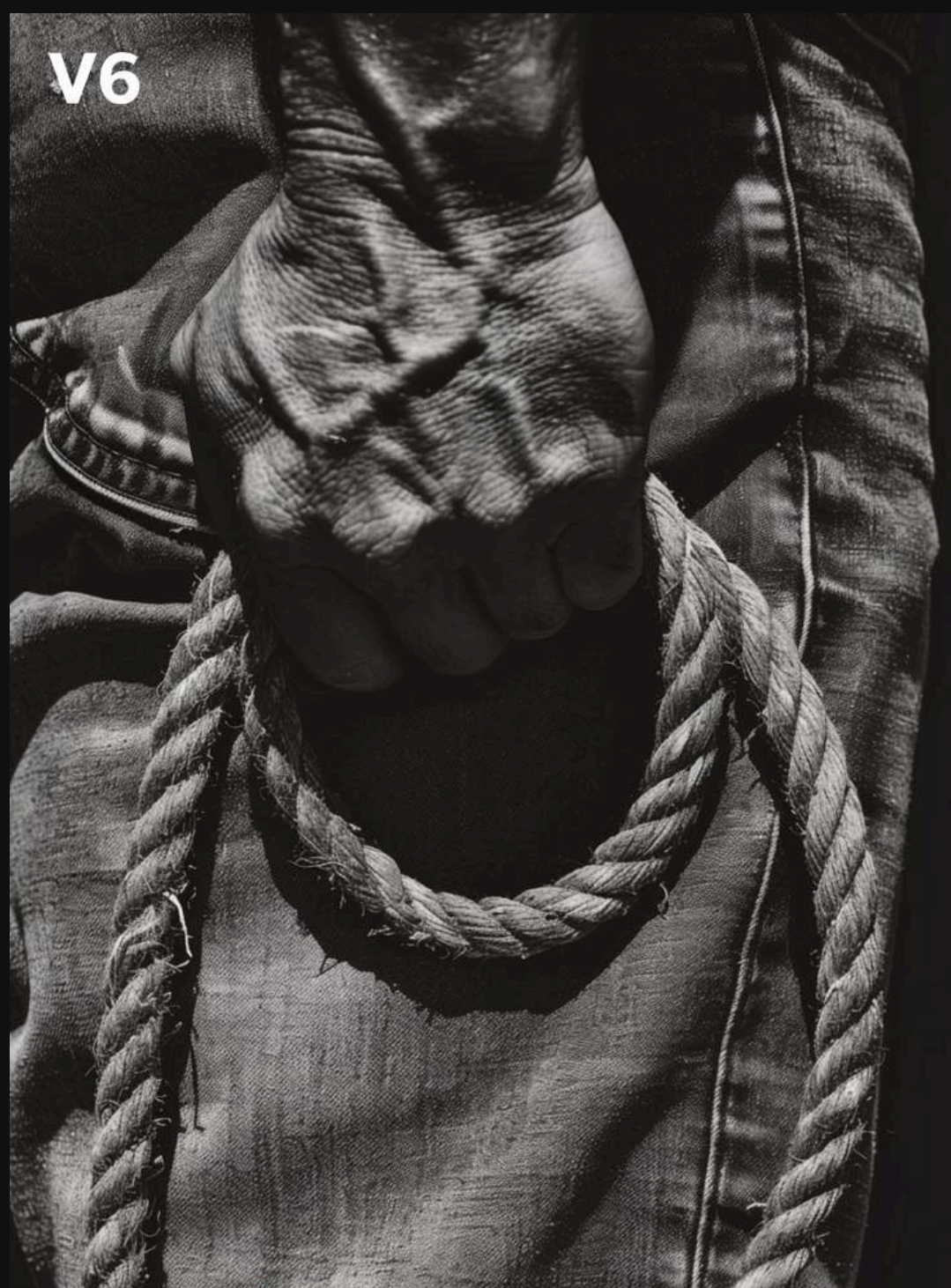
Let's test it out.

Improved Image Quality:

Prompt: Photo Type: editorial cover shot, Subject Focus: 2 men riding horses, Subjects Wearing: worn down and torn clothing, Color Tone: contrasting light and dark elements, Background Color: vibrant jungle palette Texture: natural jungle textures, silky water, Mood: early morning ambition, Environment: in a Borneo jungle river, thick vegetation, Lighting: ethereal morning light --ar 2:1 --seed 2071069985 --personalize [code] --stylize 200 --v {6, 6.1}

V6

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Detailed background
Sharp contrast
Layered depth

Water lighting
Rippled water

Fur texture
Clothing texture
Fur lighting

Textured water
Light reflection
Small details

Improved Image Quality:

Prompt: editorial, closeup shot, worn rancher hand holding a rope against a jean pant leg, high contrast, deep textures, silver screen effect --ar 4:5 --seed 1544221680 --personalize [code] --v {6, 6.1}

V6

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Skin Texture
Defined Anatomy
Rope texture
Improved Sharpness
Improved Clarity

Finer Grain
Deeper texture
Intricate Detail
Fabric fibers

Improved Saturation
Improved Lighting
Deeper Contrast

Initial Thoughts:

+ These are subtle improvements
+ You have to be looking for them
+ But impressive nonetheless
+ You can almost feel the texture of the V6.1 Image

Quality Verdict:

+ Again...Solid, sutble improvements.

+ Textures are significantly improved.

+ Color, contrast, saturation improved.

+ Lighting + physics have improved.

Small Image Features:

What it means:
Distant faces or details should have more emphasis.

Why it's important:
These were typically warped or blurred in previous models.

Let's test it out.

Small Image Details:

Prompt: editorial color cover photo, man on top of a mountain smiling looking at the camera in the midground, 35mm --ar 4:5 --seed 3568409057 --personalize [code] --stylize 200 --v {6, 6.1}

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Initial Thoughts:

+ Not much improvement here
+ You can the face is slightly better
+ However background details are much improved

Now…this might not be significantly improved…

With smush faces in the distance.

But it's definitely improved…

With art focused prompts.

Small Image Details (Art):

Prompt: portrait of woman with intricate comic book facial tattoos, in the style of pop culture mashup, neon colors, photorealistic, closeup, black background --chaos 10 --ar 3:4 --sref https://s.mj.run/FrgAyHX3pyg --sw 350 --stylize 600 --v {6, 6.1}

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Initial Thoughts:

+ This is kinda insane
+ The level of detail is really wild
+ We're asking a lot of the tool here
+ There's even skin texture...under the illustration

Seriously...

Small Detail Verdict:

+ Noticeable improvement

+ Should only improve with v6.2-v7

+ Small details make a difference

+ Big fan of this.

Improved Upscaler:

What it means:
Upscaling in-platform should have increased detail and sharpness.

Why it's important:
The upscalers haven't gotten an update in a while.

Let's test it out.

Improved Upscaler:

Prompt: editorial photo, subtle low angle photo, rhinoceros face, asymmetrical composition, late afternoon backlight, rich saturation --ar 3:4 --seed 2449662813 --stylize 200 --v {6, 6.1}

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Upscale Subtle

Upscale Creative

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Upscale Subtle

Upscale Creative

Initial Thoughts:

+ Not noticing much of a difference
+ Hard to see in this format, but it's not revolutionary

Upscaler Verdict:

+ Meh, not overly impressive

+ I am biased though

+ Never really been a fan of their upscaler

+ To me, it softens the image too much

+ And you lose intricate detail

Improved Text:

What it means:
Ability to handle larger quantities of text.
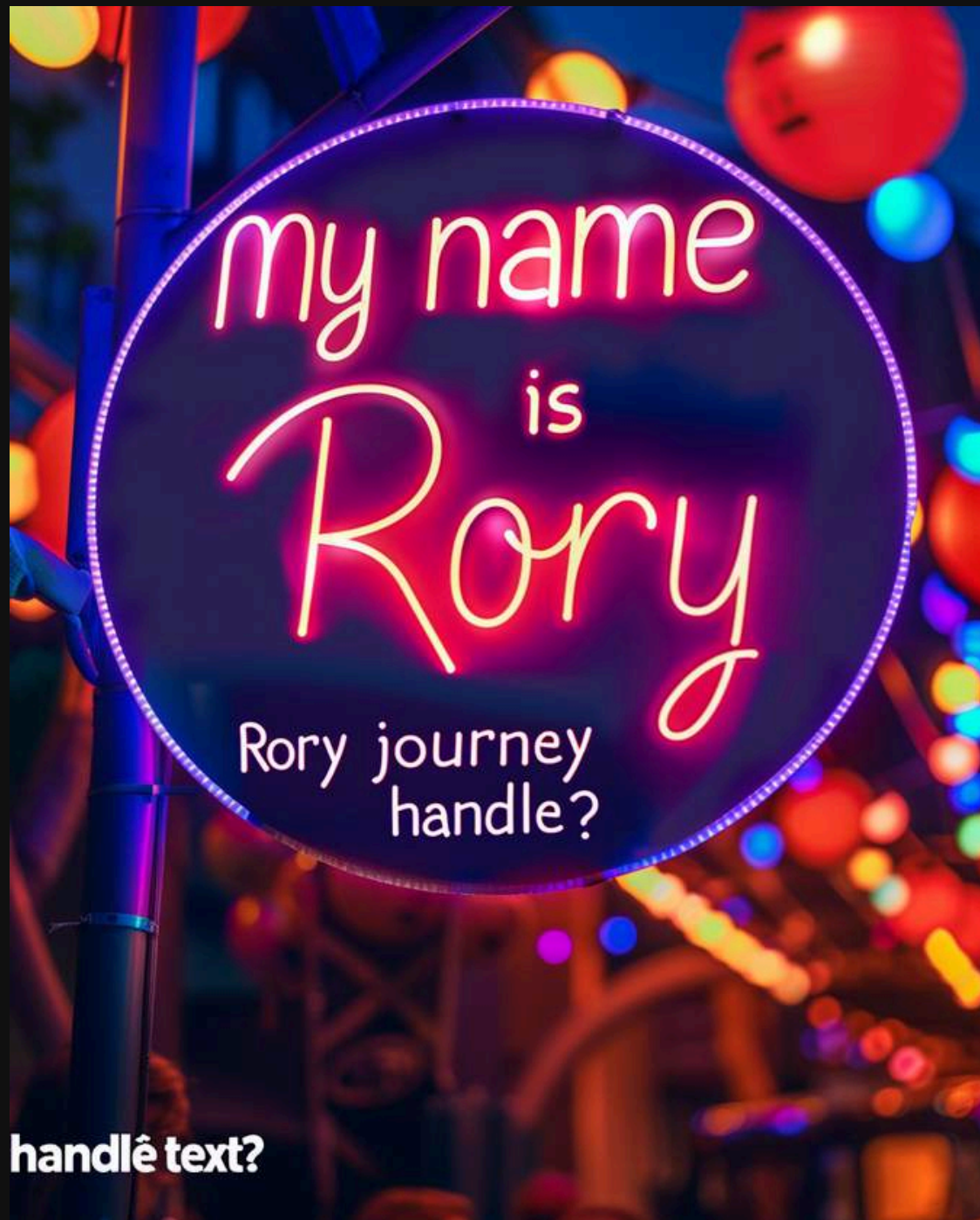
Why it's important:
This has been a thorn in midjourney's side.

Let's test it out.

Improved Text:

Prompt: neon gradient background, bold text reading **"my name is Rory"** and subtext reading **"can midjourney handle text?"** —ar 4:5 —v {6, 6.1}

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Initial Thoughts:

+ **Definitely improved**
+ **This was first shot gen...which doesn't happen often**
+ **We used a lot of text**
+ **Typically would only use few words or short phrases.**
+ **Still not perfect**
+ **Very reliant on a good prompt**

Text Verdict:

+ Improved…but still not great.

+ Handles single words or phrases better

+ Wouldn't use MJ for text capabilities

+ Overall, a subtle improvement

New Quality Value:

What it means:
The quality parameter adjusts how much time is spent rendering an image.

The higher the value...the more detail.

MJ has increased the max value to "2"

To use it...add "—q 2" to the end of the prompt.

Why it's important:
This improves quality and texture of the image.

Let's test it out.

New Quality Value:

Prompt: shot type: closeup vignette portrait shot, Subject: tan skinned man with long unkempt red and gray hair, sharp blue eyes, smiling surreptitiously, facial features: define forehead wrinkles, large gray wirey eyebrows, dry cracked lips, lighting: soft light, shadows, image type: 70mm, sharp definition --ar 9:16 --personalize [code] --stylize 135 --v {6, 6.1} --q {1, 2} --seed 3741006277

--v6 --q 1   **--v6 --q 1**   **--v6 --q 2**

Initial Thoughts:

+ That v6 image just happens to be awesome.
+ The smaller details are more clearly defined in v6.1
+ The skin texture, pores, subtle wrinkles, hairs very impressive
+ The eyes are clear and sharp
+ With the increase in quality...we lose some prompt control

New Quality Parameter Verdict:

+ Love it for texture and details

+ You will lose some prompt control

+ Overall it makes the images super crisp

+ I will probably use this on 75% of my images

Overall Thoughts

+ Similar jump from v5-v5.1
+ Not a massive upgrade
+ Improvements are subtle
+ Distant faces are still meh
+ More complex compositions
+ Texture is significantly better
+ Sharper/finer details in images
+ Contrast has definitely improved
+ Personalize" is firing on all cylinders
+ Color and saturation is more defined
+ Upscaler nothing to write home about
+ Prompt coherence is good but different

Until next time…

If you want to go deeper on things like this...

I launched a **VIDEO COURSE**.

(7) Hours worth of content... to take you from Beginner to Expert.
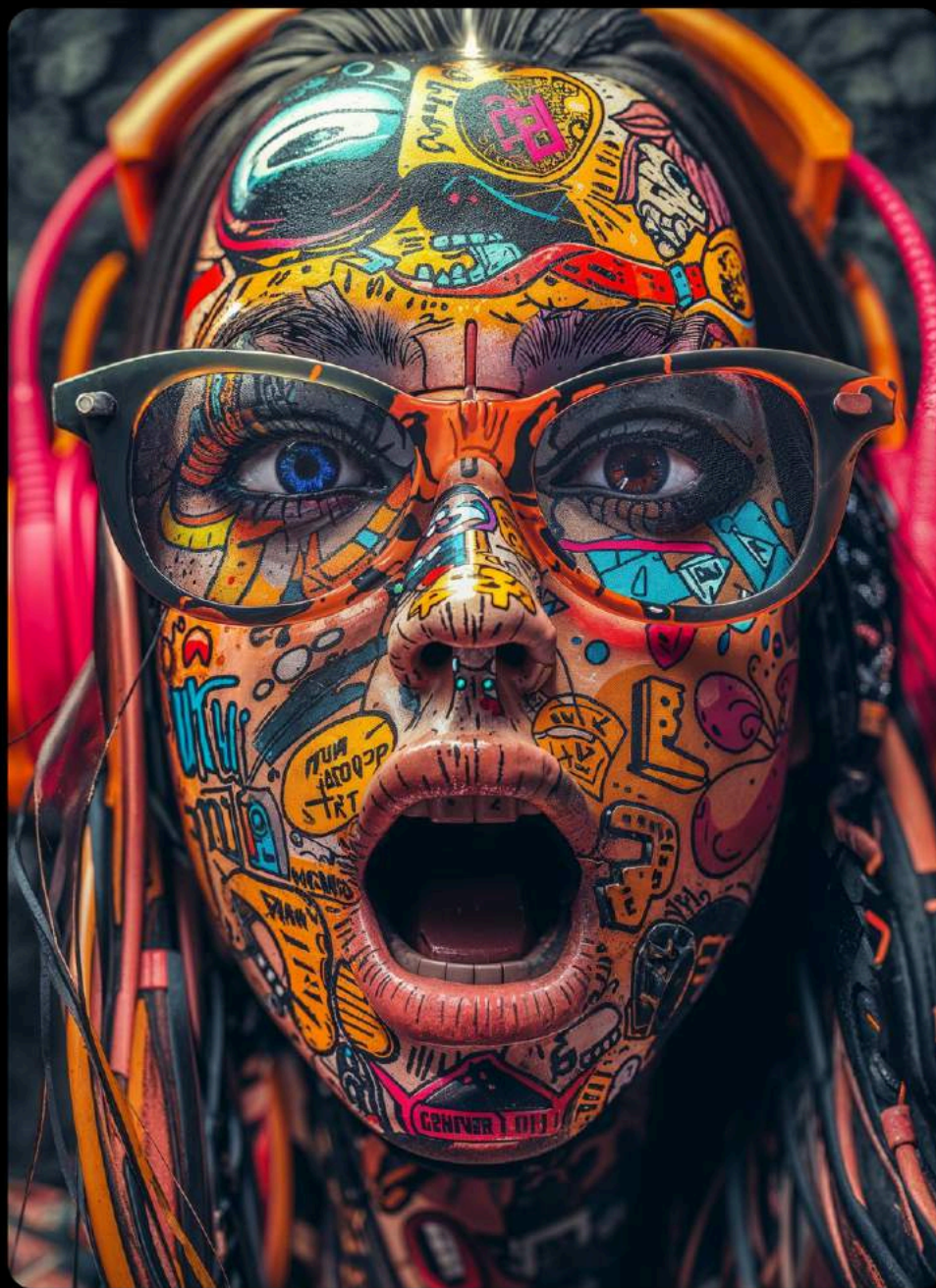
Link in the comments section.

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Let's Boogie

That's it.

Thanks for reading another carousel.

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