

# John of God, Painted by Murillo

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pictures a kneeling man in a monk's robe  
lifting a naked beggar onto his shoulder

a bright light coming from the upper left  
corner of the canvas attracts his attention

turning, he sees a winged dark-haired boy  
in a gold dress stretch out his arm in aid

*NO ONE CAN BE A BASTARD FOREVER!*

