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JERONIMO ELESPE

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Making really small paintings can be little more than an interesting stunt, but in Mr. Elespe's case, it yields an expansive, sweetly comic visual poetry. With a generous painterly touch in a simplified realist style, the artist paints a bulldozer, a fork, a couple in bed, landscapes, portraits and 90 other images on aluminum panels smaller than your fingernail. Tiny as the individual pictures are the whole has an epic sweep.

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