

1. What did you create to bring the idea of your superhero, Raiyn a.k.a Indigo, to life?

To bring Raiyn to life, I will be creating a piece of art. Art has been my form of self-expression for many years so it only makes sense to represent Raiyn through drawing and painting. Using art will be the best way to show who I am and a hobby that is important to me while also representing my character. Furthermore, I think having a visual piece of art is the best way to bring a character to life. The viewer will be able to see the shapes, colors, and depths that work together to shape the character. Colors will allow the viewer to connect to the character in a deeper way because as humans we all have a sense of connection to the colors around us. Some relate feelings and personality traits to different colors and others simply feel particular feelings or vibes based on the colors they are viewing. My character, Raiyn, will be very expressive and complex in ways that only a drawing can encompass. My character as well will be an artist person. She is very smart and gifted with working with technology but also, but she has a connection to the arts as well. Her culture is another big aspect of her and being able to show traditional tribal prints and cultural references in the drawing will allow the viewer to see that connection. Overall, Raiyn and I have several similarities and art is the perfect way to tie who I am and the character that I created together.

2. What aspect of yourself do you see in the character Raiyn a.k.a Indigo?

Determination- throughout my entire life determination has been a trait that has been running in my family. Nearly everyone in my immediate family is determined for something. The same trait has rubbed off on me as well. I tend to get very determined and locked into something until it is completed. However, this at times can translate or grow into stubbornness. But, for the most part, having a keen sense of determination has helped me to be focused, stay motivated, and complete the work that I agreed to do or that I have been asked to do. I hope that my character will have the same sense of determination. Whether that is to get out of a negative situation or to just better themselves I hope to see that trait in my character. I can even add a touch of stubbornness to their personality because it can be a part of mine. Additionally, I do think that because I have been so determined my whole life and have maintained a sense of intrinsic motivation, I have been able

to accomplish cool things so I wish the same for my character. I hope that she will be just as motivated and determined to do great things.

3. How do you see your future self in the character?

I created my character to be a character that cares for the forgotten. An ethical lesson I hope the viewer will take away is to not throw others away or forget them and leave them behind but rather help the underdog and the people around you who are being overlooked and mistreated. My character is the character that assists the Avengers rather than trying to call the shots or lead the team into battle. My character steps up as needed to fight if needed but mainly she is plotting, scheming, and working in the background to help. One of my character's main jobs will be to help the Avengers clean up after they fight whatever threat they were facing. My character builds robots and machines that will help people to evacuate the areas and will clean up fallen debris, dirt, and other materials that could potentially be a danger to the everyday citizen. That is just one example of how my character will be the Avenger that will look out for the people who are overlooked in the MCU. We watch the fights but we fail to think about the people whose homes are burned and damaged because of them. Furthermore, my character's origin story starts with them being forgotten. My character was misused, abused, and mistreated but was able to develop into a strong fighter and leader. As I grow into a young adult, I believe that I will still be able to resonate with Raiyn. My "self" now will relate to Raiyn differently than my future "self" but there will still be a connection. According to Study Smarter, "In personality psychology, the self can be defined as the individual as a whole, including all characteristics, attributes, mentality, and consciousness. A person may define themselves based on their opinions, beliefs, past experiences, actions, place of origin, or religion. The philosophy of the self includes a person's consciousness of their physical self and character, as well as their emotional life." The article continues to break down and discuss how we come to develop our sense of self through individuation, the role of transference, mirroring, idealizing, our alter-egos, our self-esteem, ideal self, and self-image. These each have their definition and meanings that relate to how we create our identities and self. Furthermore, our "self" isn't fully developed until early adulthood. As individuals, we need to mature and experience life before we can begin to fully understand the "self". As of now, I am beginning to understand how I see myself and also am working on

breaking down how the experiences and life that I live now can shape who I am when I grow and mature. The struggles and hardships that I have and am still yet to face will help me to develop into a leader. Our adversities are often the very things that encourage us to keep on. Furthermore, they strengthen our character and who we are as individuals. I cannot predict who I will be exactly in the future but I believe that future me will be inspired by Raiyn. Inspired by seeing her continue to fight and push through no matter what happened to her or who did what to her. Also inspired by her commitment to finding joy. Often, children have an innocence that adults lack. Even children who have been stripped of their innocence can sometimes still connect to their inner child and find happiness and joy in the littlest of situations. Future me, I hope, we are encouraged to have the same outlook on life.