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One of my biggest sources of drive is art, across all forms and mediums. I think creation is freeing. The limitless, ever-changing ideas, and designs of art are so heavily inspiring in everything I do. It sparks innovation and releases tension. I use art as a form of therapy. It's something to fall back on, creation is not only physical but mental and spiritual. When I am overworked or have too many ideas being accumulated pushing those creative endeavors out makes space for more inspiration and artistic flow. Using that to push through work or any project imaginable. Using my creative talents and thought process to help people market their work, elevate conversations, as well as connecting to others with the same passion is important. It is a beautiful community to be a part of and watch grow and change. I think one of the things I love most about art is how it impacts the rest of the world and how it can be used for good deeds or marketing campaigns, advertising, entertainment, and so much more. Art is like a superpower and it can be put into the wrong hands. Art should never be used to promote chaos or have evil intent. Yes of course there will be a story behind all art and lots of opinionated work used to hurt people or humiliate companies etc. The depth I find when viewing another person's work whether it's music, graphic design, or Eastern practices. I get a piece of their mind, and while others view my own work I always hope that they can see through it and begin to understand the thought process and my emotions that were working during that creation. I believe we are nothing without creation and creation is nothing without a maker. I will always adore original work and the curious mind. I want to be a paid artist. My work will be known, art is how I will leave my mark on the world. What I create is how I will not let myself be forgotten. I like to think every individual (Human, animal, or spirit) is a part of a universal mind. Life itself is booming with passion and I think we have to each find our place and purpose. Life is artistic, and what feeds my inspiration and passion is love, my relationships with friends and family and my partner, fear, hate, change, and pattern recognition. I feel the most vulnerable when creating and those feelings are worthy of being captured. Art is my absolute favorite hobby and thing to teach others about. I find the recorded history of famous pieces intriguing, and I love less-known artists, their work and its origin is just an amazing community to be a part of and to call yourself an artist. Being confident in the way you carry yourself and how you present your work, I think, is the hardest form of art. Everyone is an artist in their own way and you can go deeper and so easily see someone's change and expression. What drives me is to want to effectively pave a clear path for the next generations to build on and learn from. I know I can do that with a creative, open mindset. I wish everyone could truly embrace and appreciate the amount of individualism an object or sound can hold.