

SUNNY: “...*I want to make sure that what we show the world is loved the most by all of us.*”

What does your producing process look like? Are you the type to go with the flow or do you have a set of ideas that you work through?

I would have to say that it depends on the type of song we’re making. When it’s just a song that’s for fun, I ask the members to go crazy with their ideas and I’ll go and pick whatever sounds interesting to me at the time. But when we have to make anything related to the storyline of the “DIVINE-VERSE”, I definitely have to take into account what kind of vibe we’re trying to get across with our storytelling. The company will usually give me a check-list of sorts that I try my best to fulfill, but, to be honest, I only make songs that I want to make. I like to take the company’s input as suggestions rather than the law. (laughs)

So do you take the other members’ opinions into account along the way or do they give you free reign with the songs?

Of course I take the members’ opinions into account. We’re a group; it’s not like I can be a tyrant with our music. Otherwise, it’s not *our* music anymore! Sometimes I actually have to bug them to get any opinions at all. They always tell me that they trust me to do whatever’s best, but I want to make sure that what we show the world is loved the most by all of us. Also, I like being praised. (laughs)

From your trainee days, what would you say was the most difficult obstacle?

I used to be really stressed out by the idea of producing all of our songs when I was a trainee. In fact, getting over that anxiety is something that I still struggle with sometimes. I know streaming is important, but I couldn’t even watch “*In the Sky*” for the first 24 hours after it was released! Something that I had to work really hard towards was being able to proudly love what I was making.

Were there any songs that you really wanted as the title track that didn’t make it on the album?

I’m positive we could release at least 9 albums with all the songs I produced that I thought were title track material. (laughs)

So what was your favorite song that *did* make it on “*Olympia*”? (laughs)

Narcissus is definitely my favorite song on our album. I actually didn’t write any of the lyrics for it, but I think that’s what makes it more special to me. To know that Donggeun, Jiho, and the rapline could write words that comforted me without even knowing I needed them— it felt like a

sunset on a perfect day when I listened to it for the first time. And it made it even better when I thought about how their words could comfort *MUSES* as well.

It's a well-known fact that your role model is DK of Seventeen. What is it about him that makes you think, "This is someone I want to look up to"?

It's funny to me because when I mention that I like Seventeen-sunbaenim, people always assume my bias is Woozi-sunbaenim because we're both producers. (laughs) I don't know how to explain it! On top of the fact that DK-sunbaenim is a vocalist I admire and respect, there's something so pure about his personality— it's just so cute! I want to take him to a cafe sometime, haha.

You really like cute things, huh?

The world would not be turning right now if it weren't for cute things.

On the topic of cute things: although you're an avid lover of both Kiki AND Lala, if you had to choose between the two, who would you pick?

Hmmm... They're both really cute... Well, I guess if I absolutely *had* to pick one... I would choose..... Lala! She seems very reliable and I would love to have some of her snacks. And she's pink! We would match~ (laughs)

Is there any reason that you always ask the stylists to dye your hair pink or is it really just because you love the color so much?

There's no real reason I ask for my hair to be pink all the time. I just really love the color pink! I always think that pink hair on anyone is iconic, so why wouldn't I want to be iconic all the time?

And these next two questions are just for fun: Would you rather be cold or hot always?

I'm a big fan of cold weather. It gives you an excuse to wear cute clothing and I guess the shivering of your body seems a lot more fun than being sweaty and sticky all the time. Is that weird? (laughs)

Was there a situation that led to the others banning you from cooking or is it more of a safety precaution to prevent anything from happening?

Legally, I'm not allowed to answer this. But if it's just between us two, let's just say that we didn't always live at our current dorm.

What does DIVINE9 mean to you?

DIVINE9 has given me purpose in life. I've never really planned for my future and I didn't have much going for me until I started training. I'm finally able to see that I have the power to make others happy and that I have people that can make me happy as well. Now I'm constantly thinking about how I can make this last as long as possible.