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• B.I •

He wrote that his dream was to become a rapper in his elementary school yearbook.
The kid that crookedly wears a red snapback raps. Though he looked young for his age, every one of his expressions and gestures were full of "swag.
B.I: "From the ages of 3-7 I lived in America for about 4 years. My mom and dad really like hiphop. Ithink that living in America helped me naturally learn about that kind of music".
Jay Z, Eminem, The Weeknd and Kendrick Lamar are all part of B.I's musical algorithm. The most recent song that gave him goosebumps was Gallant's Weight in Gold.

Someday he hopes to compose a song with Lee Moonsae.
B.I: "I want to challenge various genres in order to find a color that's only iKON's. I want to do a genre that has a really artistic feel too. Lately I've been listening to old songs like the songs by Kim Hyunsik sunbaenim, Kim Kwangseok sunbaenim, and Lee Moonsae sunbaenim. think about how to write this kind of music. I have respect (for him). Someday i want to compose a song with Lee Moonsae sunbaenim".

Composing isn't work. I think it's more of a fun hobby.
B.I: "The title for our 1st full album released on Christmas Eve is <Welcome Back>. It contains songs that I've been writing for 3 years. I never felt that writing songs was work. It feels like a hobby that I started it because it was fun and continued doing until now. I usually start composing late at night and finish in the morning, it's because like the emotional aspect of that time".

He has a habit of humming a rhythm and recording it with his phone.
B.I: "Our title track DUMB & DUMBER is a song that came out of me humming the rhythm. ked the movie Dumb & Dumber so much that I watched it 5 times (laughs). He even wrote a song because the chairs in the airport were uncomfortable.
B.I: "Airplane is my favorite song on this album. One day I was on the airplane and the seats were really uncomfortable so I started writing a song in the cabin. Since don't have much experience yet, I just imagine things and write songs. While sitting on the airplane, the image of a person leaving came up in my mind and wrote the song".
He has notes of his lyrics written in his handwriting.
B.I: "When I write lyrics, I handwrite them. It looks like I'm writing a diary. There's a bunch of books of my lyric notes up until now. Because of my illegible handwriting no one can read it (laughs). I like movies, novels, and poems. Lately I read Seo Deokjun's poems in my free time".

Hateful comments are my strength, practice is also my strength.
B.I: "Because I've developed a tolerance, hateful comments don't hurt me, instead I listen carefully and reflect on the critical comments about the music".

iKON's most frank member is reflected in the mirror.

B.I: “Between the members I give a lot of feedback too. For example, ‘Today your notes were off or "Pay more attention to your expressions’. I just say it like that, without adjusting it or playing it down I was like that since I became a trainee. I felt a sense of shame when listening to the live of our debut concert so I just went back to the practice room and turned on the MR really loud and practiced until my throat hurt. Before we debuted all I did was eat and practice. Because of that I think I improved a little”.

The tickets for their concert in January sold out in 10 minutes and songs from the same album competed with each other on the charts, yet he still thinks something is lacking in himself.

B.I: “iKON are chicks now. You never know what kind of chicken that chick will grow into. I think that the people who watched <WIN> or <MIX & MATCH> would know at least that. I want to show several sides of ourselves through performances and variety shows. I definitely want to go out on <Yoo Heeyeol's Sketchbook>”.

• JINHWAN •

Being born in Jeju Island, I lived in a room where you can see tge night few of Han River.

Kim Jinhwan had lived freely. He was born and raised in an island where you can see the sea just by getting out of his house for a bit. After he graduated middle school he went to Philippines.

Jinhwan: “I like Jeju more than Seoul. I love the sea too much. After the broadcast of <WIN> I went on 2 nights 3 days trip with the members in the winter if they just pay their airplane tickets I old them I would let them sleep at my house.This was a trip where we swam and ate black pigs and did some healing. iKON has been living in their dorms for 5 years. You can see the night view of the Han river and the mood is good so when it becomes night, the members gather in my room one by one Some of them lay on the bed and some sit on the floor and starting from misfortunes, we share a lot of stories”.

I love puppies, and I do long armed ape dances these days.

Kim Jinhwan is on a variety show called <Mari and I> with member B.I.

Jinhwan: “It is the first variety as member of iKON. It is broadcast where I play with animals I like so I am playing joyfully there not even thinking we are filming. On the iKON album that we waited and waited for the members are dancing like a monkey that just met a banana on the title song Dumb and Dumber. We did not aim for it because it is the year of the monkeys this year but while making the dance it seemed like a monkey so we gave it a name ‘long armed ape dance’. I think that B.I is the best at dancing in iKON but I think I have the best feelings. (smile/laugh)

It is a man that has a lot of tears as someone like iKON's mother.

iKON grew up with nutrients called survival. It was a repetition of situations where you couldn't not to cry. If you search up Kim Jinhwan's name on Youtube a word tears' follow after.

Jinhwan: “At that time it was such a hard and painful time so I thought how could they do this to us. It was all thanks to the members that i could go through/endure that time. I believed in the members that even if something does not work out, if we gather together at least something would work out. I was not anxious or having a hard time because my members were here”.
iKON members express Kim Jinhwan as someone like a mom. Recently he got teary eyed while dancing. “It was when we were practicing dance for 'What's Wrong'. We had to finish the choreography, memorize it, and try it together in one day. I thought it was impossible and I had a very hard time”.

I collect candles and sometimes drink wine alone.
Jinhwan: “There are times when I can not fall asleep because have a lot of thoughts going on. Sometimes, I worry that the road that I wanted and took was correct or not but I think that I should be thankful of the situation now. I like wine so whenever I am like that I drink wine alone and fall asleep”.
Kim Jinhwan has a lot of interest in scents, he especially likes Jo Malone cologne.According to a member's report, if you open his room door, the room is filled with a variety of scents.
Jinhwan: “My hobby is collecting candles. I'm sensitive to smell. I have a lot of interest in languages also so I'm studying Chinese, Japanese, and English”.

I like R&B and I want to sing a sexy song.
Jinhwan: “I want to touch on every area we can do from now on. Out of all the genre I want to do for sure is R&B. I want to try a sexy song like Usher or Ne-Yo. I also want to promote as a unit with the vocals of iKON with an R&B song”.
The song that repeats a lot in his playlist is Miguel's Simple Things.
Jinhwan: “It is a a song I want to cover solo in a concert one day. I especially want to sing. Dating is not allowed but people who do it would do it” (laughs/smiles).

• BOBBY •

Young Bobby left his mum's embrace and went to Korea all alone to become (part of) iKON.
Bobby: “The solo activities I've had first (before iKON has debuted) are not as meaningful”. It is surprising for the very person who has broken the prejudice (the public has) towards idol rappers via <SMTM3>, to follow up with the modifier. 'Bobby belongs to the group, iKON'.
The 16-year-old Bobby came to Korea and devoted the entire 4 years' time to his dream of becoming a singer. Also the name 'iKON' did not exist back then, but it is without a doubt now that he has become 'an icon-like singer'.
Bobby: "The reason why I came to
Korea was to become (part of) iKON. As compared to my solo debut, this feels much more like a dream come true".

He had wanted to gain popularity among the girls during his school days so he started rapping.

Bobby first started rapping during his secondary school days. Be it singing, dancing or rapping, it seems that you had to be good at one to be popular among the girls.
Bobby: “For singing, you have to match the tune and carefully express the emotions so I gave up on that. To me, rap is much easier” (laughs)”.
In reality, Bobby's rap, which requires getting the beats lightly and playing with them like juggling, has overflowing ease and vigor.

He started off lightly but now his heart is heavier than anyone's.
Though it's right to say that he started off with a light heart and he's got it (the talent) in him, we won't be able to see the current Bobby if he had become complacent. **Bobby**: "Initially, I had to start off with copying. The important thing was to turn that into something that is done my way. As I follow through, when there are parts which I'm uncomfortable with, I would do them my way. With practice, you reduce the things you don't do as much and do more of what you are going to do".
Even though the Image of Bobby being true to his own feelings on stage may remind you of someone else's which is similar, it's not awkward as the tendency to shrivel up at the excessiveness of it is reduced. This is due to the 'Bobby-fication' made with the study (of rap) and practices he has had when he started off with copying.

Though he has the looks of a child, he thinks like an adults.
To Bobby ‘a happy life with the family’ is a kind of task.
Bobby: “You would lose a lot when you chase after your dream, isn't it? This may be taken as me being conceited but I know things will turn out well as I believe in my capabilities. However, I have definitely not heard of whether I'll be able to live happily with my family in the future like it is now”.
This is him not wanting to miss out on the most important yet easily overlooked thing of living a happy life with his family because of his dream.
Bobby: "It will be good to always have this thought".
The apparent ‘it’ll be good if I don’t lose my initial passion’ got conveyed subtly. Its obvious he knows that he’s in a position where it’s easy to lose his initial passion, hence those words were said.

Besides music, gaming is his favourite.
The game which Bobby is most crazy about these days is ‘Diablo’. Among the birthday presents he had received recently, one of the memorable ones is an arcade game machine which you have to insert a coin (to play), the game which he wants to buy the most right now is the new CD of the game series known as 'Fallout'. Different from the seriousness and overflowing confidence he had when talking about music, it's only when Bobby gave a sheepish smile, out of worry that he was being perceived as an otaku, that the face of a 21-year-old boy was finally seen.

• YUNHYEONG •

I majored in acting in a fine art school but I like music better now.

Yunhyeong: “The reason why I challenge myself on an audition where to pick singers was because I wanted to raise my courage. I was a person who was going to act, people around me ask if I will act later, but I do not have any thoughts on it as of now. Playing with my members and doing music with them made me fall in that charm completely”.
From ‘My type’ to 'Dumb and Dumber’ Song yunhyeong worried a lot to change his vocal tones.
Yunhyeong: “In the end the members end up training each other. We talk about our tones and together and we are changing it a little bit. Even if we have to scratch/strain our throats, we try to make our sounds a little more thicker. We hear that the vocal tones among the members are similar but I think it is still a stage where we are finding out own voices”.
He said to pay attention to his voice in ‘Apology’.

Before he sleeps he listens to Lee Sunhee's songs.
Yunhyeong: “It is good to listen to ‘Solar Rain’ by Lee Sunhee sunbaenim on a rainy day. iKON is doing mostly hip hop but I want to try an acoustic song. I like John Legend and I also really like Daesung hyung. I fell into Daesung hyung's charm after I went to a BigBang concert”.
He said sometimes if he hears criticism it becomes hint for finding his own color.
Yunhyeong: "To be honest it's rare to see someone who is good from the beginning. It is a stage where I'm finding my own color. There are a lot of inexperienced parts right now but I want to study and even compose my own song later”.

I want to go see a Saint Laurent and Rick Owen's show.
He spent his Christmas by only processing for his comeback stage.
Yunhyeong: “It was sad just practicing on Christmas so I went to the tow Jimjilbang (sauna) with my members. I got surprised after i saw my weight at that time. I get surprised/shocked when look at the mirror these days. Because I'm so busy on schedule I'm losing a lot of weight”.
He reached the lowest weight in his life but he said he was happy because his pictures came out well.
Yunhyeong: “I’m very interested in fashion also and Saint Lauren and Rick Owens were pretty. If i get a chance later on I want to go to the fashion show”.

He is the mukbang (eating broadcast) dream tree (someone who has a little bit of talent in some area and seems like they would become great at that one area) that gets called iKON's chef.
iKON's midnight snack that is like honey gets created in the hands of Song Yunhyeong. Tomato risotto is song chef's signature. If their schedules are empty, they go look for a tasty restaurant. Recently he went out with some members and ate lobsters.
Yunhyeong: “It is cooking that is a little bit lacking but It is so good even to me”. Because i like cooking I want to go on broadcasts like <House cook Master Bae> or <the demand of luxurious food>. If i get to go to <My little television> I already thought of concept where I tell people what convenience store foods you should mix together to eat it tasty”.

I will sing PSY's song on stage one day Like NAPAL BAJI by PSY.

Yunhyeong: “I want to sing a song that can make everyone smile happily. If I look at PSY hyung's power/presence I always feel like it is great".
He occasionally talks about what iKON would be doing 10 years later with the members.
Yunhyeong: “I talk about serious things with the members, usually about the future. We would probably be at the military in 10 years” (smiles/laughs).

• JU-NE •

He is the main vocalist of hip hop grouo iKON but he enjoys listening to Queen the most.

If Michael Jackson is the person who made Junhoe dream to be a singer, who at age of 13 went out on <Star King> in the name of “Michael Jackson expert”, then Queen’s Freddie Mercury is the person who made a vocal called Koo Junhoe.
Junhoe: “If i listen to Queen’s songs it's refreshing and feels like something it breaking through. Personally, instead of sentimental feelings i like the rough and the hollering feeling more”.
Thanks to Junhoe who is into Queen, in the van these days, the members are listening to Queen's music half forcefully.

He gets called a crazy guy along the members.

Half jokingly and half truthfully, he calls himself a loner and a "Attention seeker" actually has a truthful personality and is free rather than a crazy guy. The reason why he does not have friends is not because he wants to be a good person to a lot of people but to take better care of the small amount of people (his closest friends are his members). The reason why he called himself 'attention seeker' is because he wants the public/people to get a lot of attention/interest in what he does and he wanted to say it in humorous way. More than anything the reason why he can be this honest is because of his high self confidence.

He cried 5 times watching the movie <you are my destiny> 5 times.

Ju-ne who has a strong manly charm thanks to his tall height, sleek and strong facial features, has a soft/delicate side to him. Fans say that Ju-ne would definitely like action movies but melodramas are his type.
Ju-ne: “I like calm and sentimental melodrama movies the most. I cry a lot singing and Im like that when I watch movies also <You are My Destiny> is the movie that I cry over every time I watch it. Unlike my appearances I am very soft/delicate” (smiles/laughs)

I want to try acting one day.

Ju-ne: “I like melodrama movies the most but from <lay> to <forest gump>, <12 angry men> if it is a movie that basically touches me/moves me and has drama I enjoy without being picky. I am already full of sensitivity and I like movies so I naturally developed a desire to act. I watched the movie <Twenty> recently and I got really jealous of the 3 main character's roles. I want to try a role that is a playful and rebellious boy that suits my acting could be another way to express myself just like singing”.

He likes his name "Koo Ju-ne' pretty much these days.

Him who has a lot of greed says that he wants to become a famous person for sure before his twenties go by.
Ju-ne: “I have big ambitions. I want to become a person to have influence on all/any contents. And I definitely want to achieve that in Koo Junhoe's style”.
So he really likes his name that is not so common these days.

• DONGHYUK •

There are a lot of things he knows to do, and a lot of things he wants to do.
Donghyuk is the most well-rounded member. Of course he can sing and dance, he can play guitar, piano, drum, and some other instruments. He is an unrivaled at dance. Leader B.I would completely leave the choreography to him (Airplane choreography was Donghyuk’s creation). He has lots of things he wants to do also.
Donghyuk: “If i get a chance i want to be an MC for a variety program also. Like the music show MC. Acting seems like it would be fun also”.
If I were to say, he is like the dark horse member of iKON.

He received 1st place on an audition he went out as a test.
He liked music since he was young but when he started officially dreaming to become a singer was since he started dancing. He was not so sure though.
Donghyuk: “I had a thought that would a job as a singer fit my aptitude. As a test, I participated in the JYP open recruitment audition. But luckily, I even got 1st place *laughs/smiles*. It is a 1st place award I got with my unique dancing ability but because I wanted to become a singer I was not lazy about my vocal practices”.
Donghyuk who has a charming sweet voice, he wanted to be a unique performer that is capable of both singing and dancing like Taeyang, Chris Brown, or Usher.

He is well rounded boy
Donghyuk's acts and way of speaking that shows off modesty and carefulness is what makes him a well-rounded person. Dong did not spend his school life carelessly like how he spent his life in the practice rooms.He is an outstanding person who is usually used for other parents to compare their children with. He never lost his spot for school president in Elementary and Middle school. Donghyuk the model student/exemplary student is also a great son.
Donghyuk: “On debut day, my mom who disagreed about my dream of being a singe sent a text saying "I'm sorry I couldn't have supported you properly all this time". The important thing is me living diligently so I wondered why mom had to be sorry. i was even more sorry could have been complaining at a young age”.
Donghyuk is a mature well-rounded boy.

The air outside is Donghyuk's energizer.
When he rests he usually goes on a walk or plays basketball with Bobby if the weather day is nice. He have done sports a lot since he was young.
Donghyuk: “Not only did i do basketball but I did soccer and baseball. I was an active student that liked sports”.

An idol's daily life is packed with either practice or schedules but because of his tendency of being active he is the type of person who has to go feel the outside air and move his body to gain strength. For Donghyuk who especially has a lot of worries, walks are times like nutrition where he can have some relaxation.

The members are his second family.
There are many idol groups but the loyalty between the members in iKON is like no other. In the midst of that, Donghyuk love is the biggest. Even on free time, he is with his members and spent his birthday together with the members. He says he wants to spend time with his members just like how they are right now even after 10 years. To a question which member you want to do a unit with, he said he can not pick one person so he wants to try it with all the members.
Donghyuk: “The time I spend with the members is the happiest time for me. They are people I can lean on as a man and hear advices from. My Dad passed away when I was in elementary school so I grew up with my mom. So I think that's why i love the hyungs even more. Honestly the members are really just like family. Because right now I have more times I spend with the members than time I spend with my mom and sister”.

• CHANWOO •

Jung Chanwoo is 18 years old.
He was a hot-blooded fan who went to nearly all of Big Bang's concerts 8 years ago. His relationship with the stage grew closer and farther apart in the auditorium. On top of that, he became iKON's last member. The boy who looked up at Big Bang's Japan Dome Tour went up on stage as a guest.
Chanwoo: “We sang two songs in Big Bang hyungs' concert. Performing in front of 5,000 people isn't easy. At first, it didn't feel real. I got a little choked up”.

There are times where he cried in secret, and times where he was seen alone in the practice room.
Chanwoo: “Filming for <MIX & MATCH> was difficult and sad so I secretly cried by myself once. Though that part came out in the broadcast (laughs). The original six members were naturally good and I came in later than them so I thought that I had to quickly catch up to them. I had to practice a lot so that I'd never be left behind”. Whether it's at concerts or live music programs, they usually spend about 10 hours together practicing. Individual training starts right after that. “It's not over till it's over”.
Chanwoo: “Because the members are good at singing and dancing, if we don't practice individually it won't add up.

He gave his courage to gain his greed.
There are many hyungs in iKON. The hyungs are nothing short of Jung Chanwoo’s personal coaches.
Chanwoo: The hyungs give me a huge amount of feedback. As the maknae, I like the fact that I can learn by watching what the hyungs do. (About the comeback stage for this album) My live is okay, but I have to study more about expressions and gestures”.

At the practice room, the dorm and anywhere he goes, he has a mirror with him. He looks in the mirror to study and practice.
Chanwoo: “I've heard that our voices are similar so i continuously practiced to change my tone and make it deeper. Though it was difficult, my throat rested and my vocal tone changed a bit. In the beginning I thought that I didn't receive many parts because was lacking, but gave my courage to gain my greed. In this album I have more parts in ‘What's Wrong’ and ‘I Miss You So Bad’ than before so I practiced. If I ever get the chance to do a solo stage I want to sing a gentle ballad by either Trey Songz or Chris Brown while in the audience.

He has friends who came all the way to Seoul from Yongin. It takes more than two hours to get to the training building from his house.
Chanwoo: Lately I barely see my friends, but I'm thankful to have some who came to the dorm. Of course they're men. In case you misunderstand” (laughs).
As expected his friends are Jung Chanwoo’s hidden coaches.
Chanwoo: “My friends give me. comments about my performances”.
They give him various comments, from harsh criticism like “The performance was so-so” to “It's relief you got better”.

Lately Jung Chanwoo's type is <Infinity Challenge.
Chanwoo: “I watch <Infinity Challenge before I go to bed. I watched it yesterday with the members too. I tell the members that it's nice to be busy lately. When I was a trainee would think about when I’d debut and it was frustrating and boring. Since I had nothing to do all day besides practice”.

He doesn't know where it'll pop up but wants to to do acting.
Jung Chanwoo was Lee Minho's child actor in the dramas <The Heirs> and <Boys Over Flowers> along with the young version of Shin Hyunjun in the drama <Cain & Abel>.
Chanwoo: “I like the actor Shin Ha Gyun, who you don't know where he'll pop up. I want to do a dark role or play a villain, and I also like roles of the jokester dongsaeng roles too. If iKON's promotions aren't affected, I can put on weight to play the role of Jungbong from <Reply 1988> too *lauhgs* (**t/n**: The term *‘don't know where they'll pop up’* refers to actors who appear in a bunch of popular dramas and in turn become popular themselves.)
(I haven't seen the drama but I think jungbong refers to the chubby-faced character that eats a lot.)

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