

PLATE 01 CHAPTER D2

BECOMING A DOM · CHAPTER 2

Art for your persona

A drawn persona needs art you have the right to use. Here's how a paid artist,

generated images and an existing character compare, and the two lines that never move.

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IN 30 SECONDS

01 There are three routes to a look: a paid artist, generated images, an existing character. Each trades cost, control and rights.

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03 A real person's face or voice is never used without that person's consent. Several laws now treat sexual fakes of real adults as crimes.

04 A studio's character belongs to the studio, and two publishers' own policies forbid earning money from their material.

05 Check every image before it goes public, and settle credit in writing before art spreads.

YOU WILL LEARN

- ✓ What a paid artist, a generator and an existing character each allow and risk.
- ✓ How platforms treat drawn, generated and realistic adult art, as of 2026-11-03.
- ✓ Which laws cover sexual fakes of real people, in plain words.

- ✓ How to keep a look steady and check an image before it goes out.
- ✓ When making art for a persona is a fair gift and when it's free labour.

> *Everything a sub knows about me is a picture. I chose my look once and I guard it. Before you spend anything on art, know who made it, who's allowed to use it, and whether she's an adult.*
>
> — VIVIAN

PART 01

Three routes to a look

A persona needs a look before she needs an audience, and there are three ways to get one: a paid artist draws her, a generator makes her from a written description and reference images, or you build her on a character that already exists. Most personas mix routes sooner or later, and each route trades cost, control and rights. ◆ The look itself goes in the persona file, as Build a persona explains.

Three routes compared

◆	Paid artist	Generated images	Existing character
Cost	Paid per piece, so it adds up	Tools, a plan or a strong graphics card	Cheapest to start
Control	The artist's hand and your brief	Yours, through text and reference images	Set by the studio
Steady look	Strong, with a model sheet	Hard without a recipe	Easy, the design already exists
Rights	Settled if written down	Set by the tool's terms, ownership unsettled	The studio's
Trust	Credit helps	Some followers dislike it	Shared with other personas

A paid artist. It's the slowest and most expensive route, and the cleanest on rights when the agreement is in writing. In my experience, posts that show a human artist's work with credit tend to do better than generated art. ◆

There's no data on that, and audiences are split: some followers dislike generated art and others don't mind. ◆

Before a paid artist starts

1. Say the work is adult and for a persona, and get a clear yes before any sketch is made.
2. Fix the scope, the credit and the use: how many pieces, where the artist is named, and whether stickers, products or animation are included.
3. Ask whether the artist uses generated images in the work, and say whether you're fine with that.
4. Fix the payment, with dates, and what happens if either of you stops.
5. Write it in plain words you can both reread, and keep a copy.

That list names the topics. It isn't contract wording, and this wiki can't give you wording for your country.

Generated images. The fastest route to start and the hardest to keep steady. ◆ Whether you can post or sell what a tool makes depends on that tool's terms, so read each one on adult and commercial use first. Whether anyone can own a generated image at all differs by country, and as of 2026-11-03 this wiki found no source it can cite on that. ◆ The model matters too: Ko-fi bans AI models that were trained for prohibited adult content. ◆ So a community model of unknown origin is part of your risk. ◆

An existing character. Lots of personas are built on a character someone else drew, and that design then guides the whole look, from the colour of the horns or outfit to a piece of clothing she always wears. ◆ It's the easiest route and the riskiest. The section on studios below says why.

PART 02

The two lines that never move

Adults only

Every persona is an adult in her looks and her setting, whatever the lore says. A birthday in a bio changes nothing about a drawing, so "adult by lore" doesn't count, and a character who is a student, or looks like one, is out. ◆ Platform rules cover drawn and generated material as well as photos.

- Throne bans any sexualised depiction of minors, including anime and manga characters meant to resemble minors. ◆
- Discord's rule covers fictional children and AI-generated images, and it names drawings, animation, text and the prompts used to make such content. ◆
- X names any depiction, generation or sexualization of a minor, and treats it as the highest severity. ◆

Check every image for child-like proportions, faces and settings, and throw out what fails. Don't try to fix it. An adult character also says nothing about who's watching, because a drawing can't check anyone's age. ◆

No real person without consent

Never use a real person's face or voice without their consent. That covers a photo used as a reference, a real name typed into a prompt, and a voice cloned from a performer, even when that voice speaks as a cartoon. Cloning a licensed character's official voice for something you sell is a rights risk too, and this wiki doesn't call it standard practice.

- X prohibits content that sexualizes an identifiable real adult without explicit consent, and it names AI-generated and deepfake media.
- X counts prompting or trying to generate such content as a violation, as well as sharing it.
- Discord lists AI-generated sexual imagery of real people among the non-consensual imagery it bans.

This chapter isn't legal advice. The laws below are summed up in plain words, so read the texts or ask a lawyer where you live.

What the laws say, as of 2026-11-03

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These laws are written around a real person who is identified or who appears to be shown. A clearly invented character is a different case, but a lookalike of a real person is the one to avoid, and whether an image falls inside the law is a question for a lawyer. ◆ If someone makes a fake of you, the same rules work for you, and Discord offers a removal process where local law gives you that right. ◆

PART 03

A studio's character is the studio's

Using a famous character feels free because the tools already know her. She isn't free: the studio owns the design. Publishers say in their own words what fans may do.

- Microsoft's game content rules say that an item made with its material cannot be sold or earn any compensation, including through ads, and cannot be pornographic or lewd.
- Square Enix West says not to use its materials to make money or gain any other financial benefit, and it lists sexually explicit content among what not to make.

Those two pages speak for two companies only. Other studios have other policies, so read the one that applies to you. A persona that sells content or earns from pages built on a studio's character is exactly what these policies forbid, and nobody has promised to tolerate it.

That's a business risk too. A character you don't own can leave your page the day her owner objects, and the account that carried her can go with her. She's also shared with other personas, so the look is never fully yours.

VIVIAN'S FIELD NOTES

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PART 04

Keeping the look steady

A steady look is the hardest technical problem for a generated persona. The method that works is short. ◆

A recipe that keeps a look

1. Make a character sheet first: front, side and back views of one design, always an adult.
2. Write a fixed description: hair, eyes, ears or horns, build.
3. For each image, add a short paragraph for the outfit and scene, and give a reference image with the instruction to keep its exact design but ignore its pose and background.
4. Pick one tool and one recipe, because mixing sources breaks the look.
5. Save the prompt of every image you like, because old prompts exist nowhere else.

A custom add-on model, called a LoRA, keeps a character identical in every pose, but getting there takes a long stretch of bugs and tuning. Generated art also ages as models change, so many doms keep old-style and new-style images in separate folders. ◆

Two habits keep you out of trouble. Private tests stay private. A tool that copies the pose of an existing illustration, or that pulls reference images by tag and copies their prompts, can slide into art theft once you post what it makes. Nothing derived from a named artist's work should go public. Don't put a living artist's name in a prompt either, because it borrows their style. Build the look on your own recipe. ◆

Video costs more than stills. A failed attempt costs as much as a good one, and clips are made in short segments and joined, so lots of personas only post a video now and then. A persona also runs at a loss before it earns, so budget the

tools against money you actually have, and never pay for them out of a sub's sends in a way that pressures him. ◆ Strip hidden traces from every export, as Stay anonymous explains.

Check before you post

Fingers and toes

Count them. Extra or missing ones are the most common flaw.

Text in the picture

Look for stray words and marks baked into the image.

Proportions

Check the details that make her recognisable, and any horn or tail that shouldn't be there.

Age

A child-like face, body or setting means you throw the image out.

A real face

If she looks like someone real, throw it out.

Fix or regenerate first, then post the fixed version, because a flawed image rarely gets past a follower who knows the persona. ◆

What platforms do with adult art

Platforms judge the picture, whatever you meant, and their rules change. ◆ Read each page yourself. Everything below is as of 2026-11-03.

- X allows consensual adult content that is properly labelled and not prominently displayed, and it applies this to AI-generated and animated content such as cartoons and anime. ◆
- X doesn't allow adult content in profile pictures, headers or live video. ◆
- Discord bars explicit content from avatars, bios and banners, and requires an age-restricted label on channels that carry it. ◆
- Throne applies its rules equally to real photos and to drawn, comic or anime-style art, and it doesn't allow explicit sexual acts in any format. ◆
- Patreon permits animated or illustrated AI-generated adult characters that follow its guidelines. ◆
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Put the sensitive media label on real adult images yourself, and never try to trick the platform's automatic filter. A realistic style changes which rules apply to you, as the last Patreon line shows. ◆

On honesty: X's rule on fake personas names AI-generated profile photos used to deceive others, and X doesn't require a real identity on a profile. ◆ A drawn character shown as a drawn character fools nobody about what she is. A generated face passed off as a real woman does. ◆

Who owns what

When someone else makes the art, they may see it as theirs and expect credit, while you see it as the persona's body. Agree who owns it and who gets credit before the pictures spread. Borrowing another persona's art is fine with permission, and permission is the difference between that and theft. ◆

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Art tasks from the sub's side

WHAT THEY SAY OR DO

01 *"Make me twenty images and I lift your restriction."*

THE COUNTER

A reward that depends on his work makes his skill the price. Ask what he gets back that he chose himself. ◆

WHAT THEY SAY OR DO

02 *"If the picture is bad you have failed, and failure has a cost."*

THE COUNTER

A penalty for effort turns a gift into a debt. Don't accept one. ◆

WHAT THEY SAY OR DO

03 *"It is an honour to work for her, so no thanks are needed."*

THE COUNTER

Honour isn't pay. A fair task gets thanked, and saying no costs nothing. ◆

A sub can offer art freely and still be used. Watch what happens when he says no.

REMEMBER IT

- Three routes: a paid artist, generated images, an existing character. Each trades cost, control and rights.
- Adults only, in looks and setting, with no exception for lore.
- A real person's face or voice needs that person's consent, and sexual fakes of real adults are crimes in several countries.
- A studio's character belongs to the studio, and two publishers' policies forbid earning money from their material.
- Check every image before it goes out, and settle credit in writing before art spreads.
- An art task is a gift only when the sub chose it and can say no.

SOURCES AND EVIDENCE

Check it

Every claim with its evidence level and its sources.

EVIDENCE LEVELS

◆ Verified	Checked against the original source.
◆ Reported	Stated by a serious secondary source read in full.
◆ Community	Widely said in the scene; no document proves it.

◆ Vivian's field notes	First-hand experience, not a study.
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Public Law 119-12, the TAKE IT DOWN Act (Tools to Address Known Exploitation by Immobilizing Technological Deepfakes on Websites and Networks Act) (https://www.congress.gov/119/plaws/publ12/PLAW-119publ12.htm)

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Online Safety Act 2023, section 188: Sharing or threatening to share intimate photograph or film (inserts section 66B into the Sexual Offences Act 2003) (https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2023/50/section/188)

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Data (Use and Access) Act 2025, section 138: Creating, or requesting the creation of, purported intimate image of adult (inserts section 66E into the Sexual Offences Act 2003) (https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2025/18/section/138)

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Authenticity (includes the Synthetic and Manipulated Media rules; the old manipulated-media help URL now redirects here) (https://help.x.com/en/rules-and-policies/authenticity)

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