

"I believe everything is connected to our deeper inside... My desire to explore the secrets of the universe is deeply

At first glance, it's different.

You can just tell by the soft strokes, the feathery touch of bashfulness in every facial expression, and of course the dreamy, out-of-this-world background. It's signature Aya Takano. For me, I gravitate towards Ms. Takano's work because it accurately represents my personal belief of the complexity of girlhood: the intimacy of self exploration.

So when the Kaikai Kiki got me in touch with Ms. Takano, I was overjoyed to say the least! The way I had one of her pieces as my Instagram profile photo... had I subconsciously been manifesting this the entire time? Who knows... the universe connects it all in mysterious ways...

Certain parts of Ms. Takano's responses have been subtly altered for grammar and punctuation reasons. Other than that, all responses are authentic to her.