

## **SUBZERO Q AND A RECAP!!!**

Black answers from June, red answers from Keo

### **What do you recommend for starters on digital art june?**

- started off with basic bamboo/ intuous pro tablet (wacom tablets are good in general)
- if you're serious about digital art you, invest in a 17 inch cintiq, or an iPad (procreate) is really helpful :D
- Clip studio paint (pro) is a good software and has everything you need, It's around \$60 USD but there are many sales

### **Can Kyro and Kharis shift at the same time?**

- they can, they all hold a piece of the dragons

### **What's your favorite WEBTOON series June?**

- empyrea, unordinary, siren's lament, april flowers :D

### **How many seasons do you think the whole story is going to be?**

- 3 seasons, comic as a whole will be around 250 chapters

### **Who is your favorite character in subzero?**

- I like all of them, but I really enjoy writing/drawing Kharis

### **Who's your fav character on Genshin Impact?**

- Zhongli and Amber (I dps Razor cus that's all I've rolled so far)

### **How long does it take to make a panel/chapter?**

- 10 steps to each panel, time depends on complexity of each panel
- it takes 40-60+ hours to make a chapter depending on how long the chapter is

### **What was the old name of Subzero?**

- it's a secret >:"D

### **What are your plans for the holidays?**

- working (and genshin impact)
- someone needs to stop June from playing genshin...

### **Where do you get all the costumes/outfit design?**

- scour so many diff websites for inspiration including twitter feed/pinterest/tumblr
- I hoard a stash of ref images of what I find for later use

### **If Clove played genshin, who would she main ?**

- Jean bc they have the a similar hairstyle XD

### **June do u stan BLACKPINK or BTS or any k pop groups?**

- 10 years ago I was a huge kpop fan, but some bad things happened to my favorite groups. I stan the groups and like the music but I don't want to support the industry as much (I'm a bit jaded from kpop)

### **What's some small detail we should be excited about/waiting for in season 2?**

- season 2 will reveal what happened to Clove's mom!!!! (many things will arise from this)

### **Can Clove dance?**

- I'm sure Clove has a side where she's laid back and enjoys dancing but most of the time she's really reserved and careful

### **Did you outline/write the whole story already or do you prefer to write as you go?**

- the rough outline is already done
- smaller details need to be solidified on a week by week basis (it's more flexible and less boring this way)

**What is your favorite part of the comic process?**

-when I get things back from my assistants and I get to add the final touches (i.e the lighting edits, text, etc.) I like to see the work of so many people come together

**What is the process for your comic?**

- Monday is a break day where I relax and think about comic
- Tuesday/Wednesday is storyboarding/coming up with ideas
- Thursday/Friday is inking and sending things to assistants
- Everything is finalized on Saturday/Sunday, and things are sent in on Sunday before the update is due :D

**Have Clove had past relationships before? Kyro?**

-Find out more about Kyro in season 2... But Clove has never had a relationship due to her protective upbringing.

**Where does the story take place? like what time period and what country?**

-Empress of China really heavily influenced Subzero, along with a lot of historical dramas. Tang Dynasty and fantasy elements inspired. Sometimes I will look at Chinese MMO games.

**Are you team Aaron or Kyro**

-I like both, but my heart hurts for Aaron so I feel the need to protect him more :D

**If you could be one character from SZ, who would it be and why?**

-I don't want to live in their world.

**How were Kharis and Clove friends in the first place?**

-In the beginning, Clove was very skeptical of Kharis, but now you can tell that Kharis really cares for Kyro and Clove, and Clove sees her genuine nature.

**Do you read the comments? If so what was the most memorable one?**

-I read comments a lot because I like to see people's reactions. The best comments are ones that say that the comic helped them out in some ways.

**Will season 2 be more focused on action( jade vipers) or romance?**

-Drama :D

**Are there any random facts that you know about the characters, but will not be mentioned in the comic?**

-There's a lot of trivia about Nouren and Aaron. The hair ornament that Kharis wears was given to her by her brother (he wore it around his neck). Kharis's brother's name starts with a K.

**How did you guys (Referring to June and Keo) meet and have u ever seen each other irl?**

-We DM'd each other and then Skype with each other. We were really chill when we first started talking and then within 30 minutes we were apes. We've never met each other IRL but it's our to do lists.

**-We have a lot of wacky conversations that aren't suitable for most audiences LOL. We worked on comics together and bonded a lot through that!**

**What's the relationship between Kharis and Nouren?**

-Currently, there's definitely some kind of spark but we don't know what will happen. Nouren is a very careful person, and Kharis is more persistent.... ;D

**What's your favorite movie series?**

-I love Evangelion! I recently watched Queen's Gambit, The Boys, and the Tudors. I also liked Altered Carbon S1 a lot.

**How did the royals choose who they married. Was it just people who held high ranks?**

-In general, when Dragon Royalty gets married, they don't have full say in their decision. They choose from a group of selected individuals that the palace council chooses for them. Kyro's father was a high ranking individual in the court.

**How did you get inspired to create your webtoon or what inspires you to keep on creating?**

-I get motivated by the thankyou-junepurrr channel. It motivates me to know that people are depending on me and reading my work.

-You guys should keep on giving June encouragements :DDD

**Which one of your characters (from SubZero) matches your personality the best?**

-I don't really know. I think Kharis is like me but she's much smarter. Aaron and Kharis, maybe.

**Re Kharis and brother's ornament: was this the same trinket that their father gave to Empress Kirra when they were courting?**

-Yes.

**Is Kyro a simp for clove?**

- I suppose...he definitely finds her attractive and interesting.

**How did you first get into art? Was it just a hobby at first or something you were genuinely passionate about?**

-I've been drawing ever since I could pick up a pencil. It was like an escape for me, especially in college. I majored in accounting, and that's when I realized that I had a genuine passion for art. I always wanted to be an artist and create stories. I got a lot of support from readers and that helped motivate me when starting SZ!

**What Hogwarts house would you put the characters in?**

-I'm not super familiar with Harry Potter (KEO I told you to fill this one out REEE)

-I think Clove would be a Ravenclaw/Gryffindor, Kyro and Kharis might be Slytherin, Nouren might be a Ravenclaw and Aaron would be Gryffindor..? RIP no love for Hufflepuff gang... :D

**Is being an artist in your family's blood :o**

-My sister does crocheting/knitting, but nobody else in the family draws. People in my family definitely love to work with their hands.

**When is S2?**

-I gave myself a deadline of late Jan to early-mid Feb. I can't guarantee that date, though, because everything needs to be approved through WT first. Please stay tuned for an official date.

**Do you ever miss the original outfit designs or anything from the discovery version (or maybe even earlier than that)?**

-I look at the Discover version and I cringe too much.

**How many people work on Subzero?**

-6-7 people, maybe more (depends on how taxing the chapter is)

**Do you have any tips for someone who's an aspiring comic creator?**

-I have so many tips. The most important part is that you know what you're getting yourself into. You should plan the ending first— it's super dangerous to start a story and not know where to take the story.

-Write about something you're passionate about. Otherwise, you're going to peter out and burn out \*fast\*. I'm also a broken record, but I really think that fundamentals are so important. Developing strong skills in anatomy/composition/perspective will greatly benefit you.

**How do you think they would dress or what what jobs do you think they would have if they lived in 2020**

-Clove definitely likes working with people. She would be a teacher, or someone who works with kids. Kyro would probably be a CEO. Aaron would be a firefighter. Nouren would be an auditor.

**Was there a character you were going to add but never ending up adding?**

-I don't think so. I wasn't going to add Nouren— he was going to be a side side character to give exposition, but the audience liked him so much that I gave him a bigger role.

**What would you say your favorite episode or your proudest one is?**

-The episode when Kyro saves Clove at the first kiss (Ep 40) and the wedding episode (EP 51), are both ones that I worked very hard on. Ep 51, I worked for 2 weeks. I also like the village date (EP 71) where Clove and Kyro get their picture painted. (Keo painted that that image BTW)

-I am the old man. :)

**What will you do after SubZero ends?**

-I'd like to keep making comics, but it probably won't be as long. I'd like to make a shorter story.

**Do you see/read people's fanworks?**

-Yep! I go through them a lot. I see all the artwork but fanfiction I tend to avoid since I worry about people saying that I plagiarized their ideas XD

**What kind of food are you into?**

-My fav food on the planet is grilled eel (unagi).

**Was there a moment when you felt like giving up or quitting?**

-When I was working my two jobs, I was so overwhelmed with my work that I would burst into tears randomly sometimes. I never wanted to quit, but I was def. overwhelmed sometimes because I couldn't invest all my time into it

**Why can't Clove's uncle (Arkos) shift?**

-He's her uncle on Clove's father's side, so he's not a dragon. Her mother was the only Cerulean Dragon.

**Does Clove really have a choice because of the war? What would happen to her and her country if she denied Kyro?**

-Technically, yes, but if she denied them their countries would continue fighting. The azure clan would be eradicated.

**How old are you June and what's your ethnicity?**

-Pass.

**What are your favorite genres?**

-Romance, action, and drama. I also love fantasy. I like book reading fantasy more, and I prefer romance comics.

**Have you ever read Percy Jackson?**

-No.

**How many languages do you speak? If yes, which ones?**

-Yes.

**Opinion on badgirls as opposed to badboys?**

-I like both.

**What other games do you like besides Genshin? Do you have game genres you prefer?**

-I played the big Mihoyo games (Genshin and Honkai). I didn't play a lot of games before since I'm not a huge gamer. I would watch overwatch and league streams.

**What is some advice you can give to author/creators looking to gain popularity or get a start?**

-My preference of stories is romance/fantasy/dragons, so I made a story that I personally would like to read. It's important to align well with trends/tropes that work well, but don't lose your ultimate vision.

**Would there ever be a webtoon character making a cameo in subzero? or would you like to have your characters referenced at some point or are you not into that?**

-I had some cameos of SubZero characters in other stories once (Let's Play, April Flowers, Age Matters)! I also cameoed some of my fellow creators' characters in my own stories.

**How are your pets doing?**

-I have an outdoor cat, but it's cold so he's spending his time indoors sleeping. My dog is nice and thick for winter. She's a chunky dog.

**What programs do you use?**

- Paint Tool Sai 2 (my assistants use Medibang and CSP). Text in CSP and photoshop for final adjustments and slice up the chapters.

**June, would Kyro put Milk before cereal or the other way around?**

-He's the kind that puts cereal before milk.

**I think you've probably answered this question before, but when you FIRST started this story, who was your favorite character and which character do you think had the best progression?**

-My fav from the beginning was Kharis. In terms of character progression, Aaron has progressed the most, but the results of that will be more obvious in season 2. Kyro and Clove have also progressed quite a bit.

**Has Kyro had any close friends? or he's a loner boi?**

-Kyro's main issue is that Raizo has a strong hand in the palace, so he's very distrustful.

**What is something about Subzero that you are extremely proud of?**

-The Dragon designs and getting people excited about Dragons :D

**Do you ever fangirl over your hot characters (nouren, kyro, etc.) What about other webtoons?**

-I will fangirl when I write Clove and put myself in her head. In Siren's Lament, I love Ian. I love Nol from I Love Yoo.

**Do you think the fear of quitting your main job will disappear after your webtoon gets a significant amount of readers?**

-Yes, when I reached a certain level of popularity I felt like I had much more job security. However, once someone is at the top they can only go down (there's a limit), so there's a new fear of becoming unpopular.

**Are there any Korean webtoons (that have been translated) that you enjoy reading?**

-I'm not caught up to it, but I really like Lookism. I really like Moon You as well. True Beauty is really beautifully drawn.

**What/who is your favorite non English webtoon/creator?**

-Maybe Yaongi? She is really pretty.

Looking back, when I was first starting SubZero, I felt like I was drowning and I needed to put my story out there. I'm really impressed that I managed to keep it going. The thing that changed the most about me is my outlook on things. For a long time, I bought into the idea that you need to go out and prioritize your security instead of your passion. However, I can't live with regrets— when I made the decision to quit, I knew well ahead of time that I was going to quit in the past. I feel like I got a lot braver with doing what I wanted, and more confident in myself. I'm glad I met my friends and other storytellers and creators.

See you guys for the next Q+A (or any other upcoming server event). Thanks for the questions.