



## The Darkness of The Party

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**Medium:** Graphite

### Artist Statement

In my artwork, I have many different takes on different mediums and types of art. Although, I like to mainly work on realism and naturalism with a minimalistic take. I started making art at a young age, mainly with acrylic. I enjoyed using my art as a gift to loved ones and it soon led to people asking for my works of art. As I got older it became harder to find time for art in my life, but when I do decide to sit down and create something I find a sense of peace and pride in the process. I want to continue to find more time for art in my life and use it as a way to escape the real world.

Once inspired by a picture or something that I have seen throughout the day, I love to translate that image into a piece of art. I do this by first deciding which medium would work best with the scheme or mood of the image. For example, if I am trying to replicate a sunset I will use something with vibrant colors such as acrylic or pastels. But if I am trying to emphasize the distress or pain in a piece then I will use something like graphite or charcoal. Once I've decided my medium I will then decide what format will fit the image the best and determine how I can make it unique and my own. Going through this process before I start helps me ensure I create something that I am proud of.

I generally stick to materials that I am familiar with, but recently in art class I have been pushed to try out different materials that I would have otherwise not reached for. For example, I have recently started using pastel and graphite, and while I have not yet mastered them by any means, it makes me excited to try different types of art in the future.

In all, I use art as an outlet to express what I can not put into words and use it as a sense of pride. Although I do not have a specific style yet, I love to get closer each day and create something new each time.

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