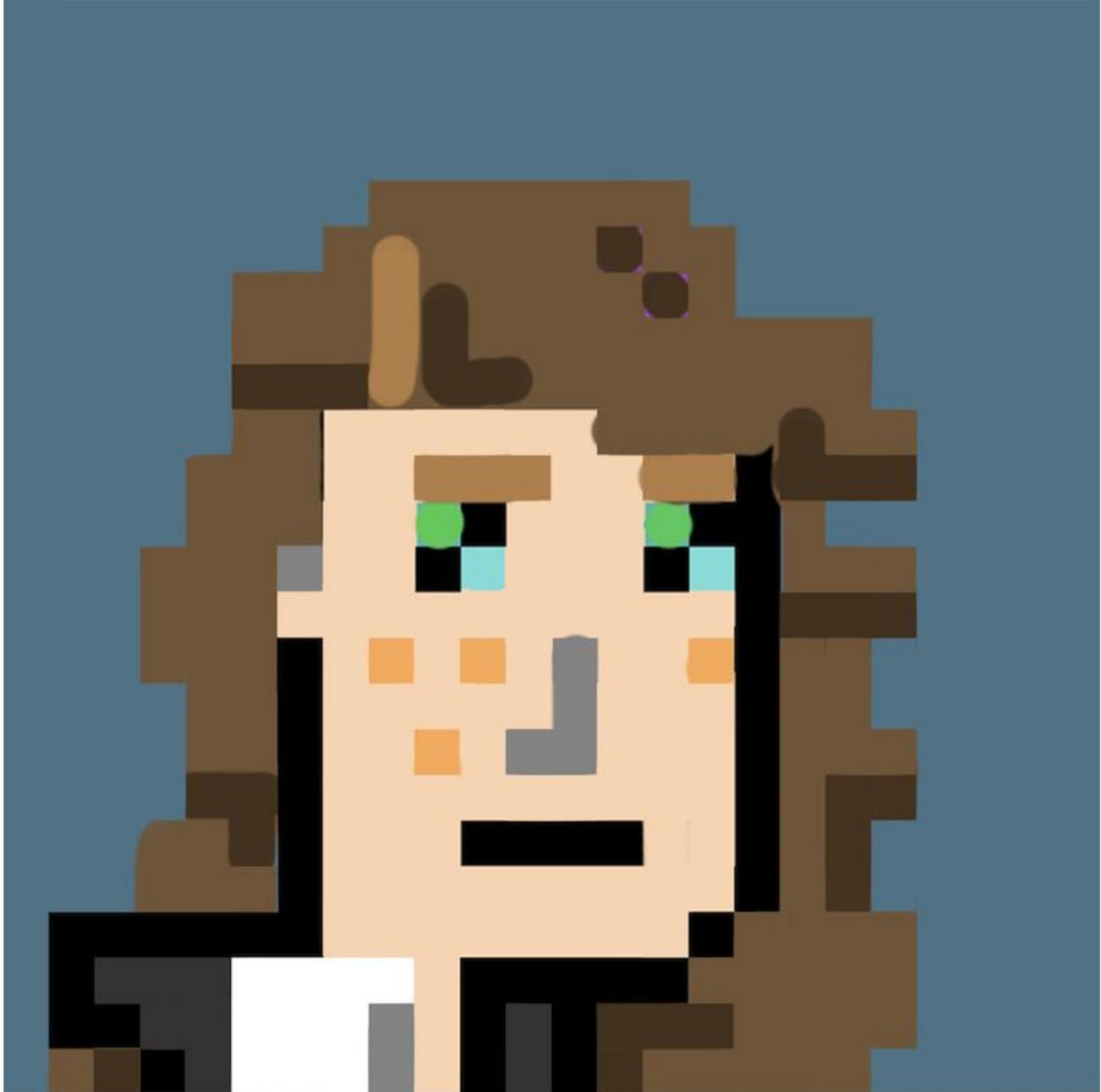


## Noah Travis Phillips Answers the Proust Questionnaire

The postinternet collage artist has upcoming projects at Dateline Gallery (*Rainbow Above the Ruins*), and Goldsmiths, University of London (*Transmutation of Decay* as part of “After Progress”)



### The Proust Questionnaire (after *Vanity Fair*) featuring [Noah Travis Phillips](#)

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*The Proust Questionnaire* has its origins in a parlor game popularized (though not devised) by Marcel Proust, the French essayist and novelist, who believed that, in answering these questions, an individual reveals their true nature.

**What is your idea of perfect happiness?** Health ... a sense of freedom (being in the studio...)

**What is your greatest fear?** Suffering  
**Which historical figure do you most identify with?** No one really ...  
**Which living person do you most admire?** I don't know.  
**What is the trait you most deplore in yourself?** Hard to say... I'm like an unsheathed blade sometimes.  
**What is the trait you most deplore in others?** Lack of spirit.  
**What is your greatest extravagance?** Life.  
**What is your favorite journey?** Dreaming. The inner reaches of outer space.  
**What do you consider the most overrated virtue?** What are the virtues?  
**On what occasion do you lie?** Now & then. / Did you say "fly"?  
**Which words or phrases do you most overuse?** Too many to count. I say things in cycles... I like to innovate language though, try to come up with new words, hybridize and mutate words.  
**What is your greatest regret?** Being unnecessarily mean to people I love.  
**What or who is the greatest love of your life?** Jennifer Lord  
**When and where were you happiest?** Now & then, deep inside.  
**Which talent would you most like to have?** Flying.  
**What is your current state of mind?** Reflective.  
**If you could change one thing about yourself, what would it be?** I don't know...  
**If you could change one thing about your family, what would it be?** I wish they were happier.  
**What do you consider your greatest achievement?** Being true to myself. Keeping my soul.  
**If you were to die and come back as a person or thing, what do you think it would be?** I like the idea of a mountain. Maybe a housefly? Or a sequoia? I have always been a storm.  
**If you could choose what to come back as, what would it be?** Myself, one more time with feeling!  
**What is your most treasured possession?** My soul...?  
**What do you regard as the lowest depth of misery?** It sure gets bad doesn't it?  
**Where would you like to live?** On thriving healthy Earth.  
**What is your favorite occupation?** Artist. (Painter, Comedian, Magician, Clown, Parent, Poet, ...)  
**What is your most marked characteristic?** I think others may know better than I ...  
**What is the quality you most like in a man?** Sensitivity ...  
**What is the quality you most like in a woman?** Intelligence, courage.  
**What do you most value in your friends?** Sincerity...  
**Who are your favorite writers?** Bold thinkers/feelers, with some rigor.  
**Who is your favorite hero of fiction?** Robin Hood? X-Force?  
**Who are your heroes in real life?** Everybody/Anybody really keeping the dream(s) alive.  
**What are your favorite names?** Middle-name "Rose" ... and "MaryJane", my mom's name.  
**What is it that you most dislike?** ... Ignorance, disrespect, lack of compassion.  
**How would you like to die?** In good time.  
**What is your motto?** That's a secret...

