



The prompt I chose for my character was prompt no.2, which was the song 'Down Under' by Men at Work. I decided to focus on the lyrics and the lines that made me think of a character idea were: 'I met a strange lady, she made me nervous... She took me in and gave me breakfast'.

Since the song is about Australia, I thought to make the woman indigenous Australian/Aboriginal. She was described as 'strange' therefore I thought that she should have a gypsy/psychic image and be mysterious and intriguing. The song was created in the early 80s and references 'a hippie trail' so before settling on the final design for her clothes, I also experimented with some 70s hippie inspired ideas. I experimented and explored different faces and body shapes and settled for a stronger body build and a roundish diamond face shape. Through these choices I was able to make her look intimidating and friendly at the same time as 'she made me nervous' but 'took me in and gave me breakfast'. I chose a dark and quite natural colour palette with a few gold details, again to add a sense of mystery but not make her look sinister.

I think that I managed to design the 'strange lady' character quite well and managed to express my ideas about her. I would like to add more detail to her e.g. shading and highlights and maybe make a few minor changes to the line work. I feel that if I did that, her design would be better and more successful.