

Modern Muse: Skai Jackson Was Inspiration For New Marvel Female Iron Man

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Fourteen-year-old Disney star Skai Jackson has been marking her mark on the entertainment industry since she was cast in her first commercial at 9-months-old. The teenager best known for her positive roles (“Jessie” and “Bunk’d”), sunny demeanor and ability to check online [haters](#) regardless of their age is proving that her [#BlackGirlMagic](#) inspires generations and superheroes alike.

“Social media was a little hard for me to handle at first, when I was nine,” Jackson told [Broadly.com](#). “I have a lot of followers, but that came with a lot of people I didn’t know bullying me.”

She’s also taken up other causes. In early May, Jackson was again in the spotlight after she confronted rapper [Azealia Banks](#) for using racial slurs against former One Direction singer Zayn Malik.

“She was saying so many nasty things, which I thought weren’t cool, especially since she was targeting someone’s race and color,” she said. “So I had to tweet and speak out because a lot of my fans often ask me, ‘How do you deal with Twitter trolls? How do you deal with internet bullying?’ and I always say, ‘Speak up for yourself—if you see something that’s not cool, call it out.’ And that’s what I did.”

When fans ask Jackson how to deal with cyberbullying, her advice is simple: Block them.

“Don’t even comment back, because if you’re not commenting back, you’re not giving them anything else to say,” she said. “You’re letting them know that you don’t even care about what they’re saying.”

Mike Deodato Jr., the co-creator and artist behind Marvel’s first black female Iron Man tweeted that Skai was his visual inspiration for the character, Riri Williams.

 Mike Deodato, Jr.
@mikedeodato   Follow

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Ever since Marvel first announced that the new Black RiRi Williams comic book character, there has been speculation of who in Hollywood would and should cast to play her in the Marvel movies.



Looks like Skai should tell her agent to expect a call.