**The Character Profile**

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**Role:** *For example, general role, or story-specific role. The former, things such as ‘main character’, ‘main character’s best friend’, ‘bad guy’, ‘mentor to protagonist’, etc. might be used. The latter, things such as ‘detective’, ‘older wizard’, ‘disgruntled ex-boyfriend’, ‘lieutenant’, etc. may be used.*

**Full Name:** *The character’s full, complete, and legal name.*

**Name at birth:** *Same thing, but only if it was different when the character was born, i.e. if s/he changed name because of marriage, adoption, religious conversion, or other reason.*

**Aliases/Nicknames (if any):** *Any aliases or nicknames that the character is addressed by, referred to as, or uses for whatever purpose on any regular basis.*

**Title(s):** *Any title, such as “Dr.”, or “Master”, or “Special Agent”, or “Venerable” may here be reference and noted.*

**Preferred name:** *What name the character prefers to be addressed by. For example, foreign exchange student Yeonggwang goes by ‘Paul’, or Nicholas goes by ‘Nicky’. It may also be that someone is referred to primarily by their surname, or by their complete, unabbreviated forename.*

**Age/Date of Birth:** *Both the character’s age at the start of the story, or ‘canon’, as well as the complete date of birth with the appropriate calendar. In a realistic story, this would be using the Gregorian calendar (unless your character’s religion or culture dictate use of the lunar calendar). In a non-realistic story, the calendar will depend on your universe.*

**Sex:** *Male or female.*

**Sexual Orientation/Gender Identity:** *How does the character identify his or her gender? What is his or her sexual orientation? This may be ‘heterosexual’, ‘homosexual’, ‘transgender’, or whatever pleases the character in question.*

**Race/Ethnicity:** *What is the character’s race? This may be ‘White/Caucasian’ or ‘Black/African-American’ for example. It may also include nationality, or ethnic group. Hispanic or Latino status should be denoted here. If the character exists in a fantasy world and is not human, the appropriate race and/or sub-race should be listed.*

**Skin Tone:** *What is the character’s skin tone? This may be ‘dark brown’, ‘light brown’, ‘olive’, ‘pale’, ‘albino’, or perhaps even some fantastical hue for a non-realistic character.*

**Height:** *The character’s height, in the most accepted unit. This may be realistic, inches or centimeters, or may be specific to the universe or culture.*

**Weight:** *The character’s weight, in the most accepted unit. This may be realistic, inches or centimeters, or may be specific to the universe or culture.*

**Build:** *What is the character’s build? Slender, athletic, frail, sturdy, stocky, muscular, or plump may be some of the adjectives that come to mind.*

**Eyes:** *What is the character’s eye color? Be specific without using purple prose. For instance, ‘light brown’, or ‘hazel’, or ‘black’, or ‘pale blue’ would be acceptable. If the character wears contacts that change the natural eye color, both colors should be noted and explained.*

**Hair:** *What is the character’s hair color? Be specific without using purple prose. Also describe the texture, thickness, length, style, and any other significant attributes, such as whether it is oily or particularly shiny. If it is dyed, has highlights, or otherwise has unnatural alterations, those should be noted and explained.*

**Clothes Style:** *What style of clothes does the character wear? With very few exceptions (such as a story that takes place over one day, or in a prison or boarding school where students wear uniforms), your character will not be wearing the same outfit throughout the story. Does your character follow fashion trends? What materials, colors, and type of clothes does the character wear? Where does he or she obtain the clothes? Are they ethnic or traditional clothes? Is the character promiscuous or modest?*

**Tattoos, Piercings, Marks, Scars, etc.:** *Describe the location, size, and appearance of any tattoos, piercings, marks (such as moles or birthmarks), scars, or other notable or significant physical traits not already discussed.*

**Appearance:** *Describe the character’s appearance without reiterating anything already said. Anything that has not been said in this category that should be noted will be described and explained here. A note – this is physical appearance only. Equipment and such will follow later.*

**Religion:** *Does the character have a religious affiliation or sense of spirituality? Has the character ever converted to or from a religious affiliation or sense of spirituality? Describe in detail the character’s religious or spiritual beliefs or experiences.*

**Political Affiliation:** *What sort of politics does the character have? Has the character ever changed parties, affiliations, beliefs, or public platforms? Describe in detail the character’s political platform and activities.*

**Education:** *How educated is the character? Is he or she literate? Does he or she have a secondary school diploma (or equivalent)? What about higher education? Is he or she still in school? Describe in detail the sort of education the character has, noting and explaining any degrees or academic honors or awards.*

**Languages spoken:** *What languages does the character speak, including his or her native language(s)? Specifically, what dialect of each language does he or she speak? When, how, and why did the character learn any secondary languages?*

**Weapons (if any):** *Does the character have any weapons or other sorts of equipment? What are they, how did he or she obtain them, and why does he or she keep them? Has the character ever lost or had confiscated any weapons or equipment? What were they, and why did this happen?*

**Occupation(s):** *What is the character’s occupation? Does he or she have multiple concurrent occupations or jobs? When did he or she start? How high up on the ladder is the character?*

**Past Occupation(s):** *What past occupation(s) has the character had? Did he or she have multiple concurrent occupations or jobs? How long did each last, and when was the character employed? By whom? And how far did the character advance? Most importantly, why is the character no longer employed in these former positions.*

**Special Abilities/Skills:** *Does the character have any other special abilities or skills, whether highly desirable or not? Talents, learned skills, and such may all be listed here.*

**Activities/Organizations:** *What sorts of activities does the character engage in? What organizations is he or she actively supporting or participating in, and what organizations is the character loosely affiliated with? What sorts of activities and affiliations has the character had in the past and why are they no longer current?*

**Hobbies:** *What sorts of hobbies does the character engage in? Anything such as knitting, collecting money, or listening to music may be listed here.*

**Interests:** *Any other interests that the character has or has had, such as philosophy, economics, or weaponry.*

**Serious Problems/Flaws/Addictions/Disorders/Disabilities:** *What are the character’s most significant problems or flaws? Does he or she have any addictions or bad habits? What about criminal history? Does the character have any disabilities or psychological disorders? If so, what are they, when and how did they onset, and when were they diagnosed? To what degree is the character affected, and what is being done about it? Most importantly, what is the character’s attitude toward his or her flaws or disabilities?*

**Citizenship:** *In what nation or nations does the character have citizenship rights?*

**Place of Birth:** *Where, city and province or state, was the character born?*

**Now lives:** *Where does the character now live?*

**Lives with:** *With whom does the character live? This may be spouse, cohabitant, child(ren), roommate(s), pet(s), parent(s), sibling(s), etc.*

**Current Relationship Status:** *Is the character currently in a romantic relationship? With whom? When did it start? Is the relationship healthy or unhealthy?*

**Relationship History:** *What sorts of romantic relationships has the character had in the past? With whom? When did they start, how long did they last, and why and how did they end? Were they healthy or unhealthy?*

**Family:** *Who is in the character’s family? Immediate? Siblings? Children? With whom is the character in contact? How are the relationships? Healthy or unhealthy? Why? Also, describe both the current family relationships and childhood relationships with family.*

**Other Biographical Remarks:** *Write the rest of the character’s biographical information. Anything that was missed, or not expounded on already.*