

Character name

Project / novel

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ESSENTIAL DETAILS

☐ Name, age, and role

☐ Occupation or social position

☐ Physical details needed for continuity

☐ First appearance

☐ Relationship to the protagonist

Complete only what serves the story. Revise these notes as the character develops.

CHARACTER ENGINE

☐ External goal

☐ Motivation

☐ Internal need

☐ Main fear

☐ Primary obstacle

☐ Stakes of failure

☐ False belief or damaging assumption

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BEHAVIOR

☐ Response to pressure

☐ Method of handling conflict

☐ Greatest strength

☐ Most damaging flaw

☐ Habit or mannerism

☐ Distinctive dialogue pattern

☐ Moral boundary

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STORY DEVELOPMENT

☐ Starting state

☐ Major turning point

☐ Lowest point

☐ Final choice

☐ Ending state

☐ Key relationship changes

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CONTINUITY

☐ Important possessions

☐ Injuries

☐ Secrets

☐ Knowledge gained

☐ Lies told

☐ Promises made

☐ Unresolved threads