



# How to Create a Character Profile

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## PART 1: THE OUTER LAYER

**Definition:** How your character looks, sounds, and moves.

**Similar to:** An offender profile.

### THE BASICS

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Christiaan \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ 27 \_\_\_\_\_

Place of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Knysna, Western Cape \_\_\_\_\_

Current location: \_\_\_\_\_ Johannesburg, Sandton \_\_\_\_\_

Nationality: \_\_\_\_\_ South African \_\_\_\_\_

Education: \_\_\_\_\_ College qualifications in Fashion and sewing \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ self-employed \_\_\_ Fashion Designer \_\_\_\_\_

Income: \_\_\_\_\_ R170 000 annually \_\_\_\_\_

### PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Height: \_\_\_\_\_ 1.84 meters tall \_\_\_\_\_

Eye color: \_\_\_\_\_ Hazel green, Turn Green in the sun \_\_\_\_\_

Hair color: \_\_\_\_\_ Brown \_\_\_\_\_

Build: \_\_\_\_\_ Strong broad chest and straight shoulders \_\_\_\_\_

Distinguishing features (tattoos, scars, birthmarks)?

\_\_\_\_\_ right arm Sleeve tattoo \_\_\_\_\_ Birthmark under left

armpit

Knee Scar

◆◆◆◆ Preferred outfit?

Smart Casual , Skinny jeans, Chelsea boots, and dark leather jacket.

◆◆◆◆ Glasses?

Gucci sunglasses

◆◆◆◆ Accessories (cane, pipe, necklace, etc.)?

dog tag necklace, with initials on

Grooming:

☐ Disheveled ☐ Smart, very put together

☐ Untidy but clean

☐ Other? If so, explain:

Distinguishing "tics" and mannerisms:

very dark sense of humor

◆◆◆◆ Health? Do they suffer from chronic illnesses?

knee injury from high school that keeps bothering him when it's cold.

✍ Handwriting (sloppy, neat, careful, unintelligible):

neat readable handwriting

◆◆◆◆ Gait:

☐ Confident, powerful strides ☐ Lazy stroll

☐ Fast, walks at a clip ☐ Distracted, eyes on the ground

☐ Other? If so, explain:

# ???? SPEECH AND COMMUNICATION

Style of speech (elevated, educated, peppered with slang, etc.)?

\_\_\_\_\_ Elevated, but with a bit of slang( all depends who he is talking to)

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Tempo of speech (rapid, slow, measured, drawl, etc.)?

\_\_\_\_\_ calm manner

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Do they have an accent?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Pitch (melodious, gravelly, deep, etc.)?

\_\_\_\_\_ has a very deep calm pitch to his voice

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Posture:

☐ Stiff, military ☐ Slouching

☐ Casual and relaxed ☐ 'Turtle,' tired

☐ Other? If so, explain:

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???? Gesturing:

☐ Only when agitated or eager ☐ Doesn't gesture

☐ Compulsive "hand-talker" ☐ Controlled, only to make a point

☐ Other? If so, explain:

\_\_\_\_\_ makes faces and turns blood red in the face

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???? Level of eye contact (direct, shifty, etc.): \_\_Direct eye contact

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Speech impediments: \_\_\_\_\_ stutters when nervous or excited \_\_\_\_\_

Distinguishing speech "tics":

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???? Preferred curse word: \_\_oh fucks sakes

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🌀 Catchphrases: \_\_\_\_ No matter what you do , just wear the correct jeans

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◆◆◆◆ Laughter? What do they tend to find funny?

\_\_\_\_very bad dark political jokes/ jokes about fashion week

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Describe their smile? \_\_\_\_\_very sly ( fox like smile) \_\_\_\_\_

Emotive? Do they wear their emotions on their sleeve? How easily can others to read them?

\_\_\_\_not an easy person to read nor understand, they tend to deal with emotions very differently and be closed off, when asked about their feelings.

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They have a resting \_\_\_\_\_ face.

- ☐ Bitch ◆◆◆◆ ☐ Angel ◆◆◆◆  
☐ **Neutral** ◆◆◆◆ ☐ Confused ◆◆◆◆  
☐ Other? If so, explain:

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## PART 2: THE FLESH

**Definition:** How your character is a product of their environment.

**Similar to:** The character bio and backstory.

### ◀ THE PAST

◆◆◆◆ Hometown: \_\_\_\_\_Knysna Cape town

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Type of childhood (sheltered, neglected, etc.)? \_\_\_\_very protected from the outside world, sheltered

and shied away from the outside world. \_\_\_\_\_

◆◆◆◆ Education:

\_\_\_\_Completed high school in 2012, went to the army for 3years ( 2012-2015) retired and went to Rosebank college to get a fashion qualification (just to polish up the skills he already has)  
Seamstress and jean/ clothing designer

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☐ Were they involved in organizations and clubs at school?

☐ Sports ⚽

☐ Debate ❖❖❖❖

☐ Gay / Straight Alliance ❖❖❖❖

☐ Model UN ❖❖❖❖

☐ Drama ❖❖❖❖

☐ Other? If so, explain:

\_\_\_\_\_arts and science school clubs \_\_\_\_\_

☐ ❖❖❖❖❖At graduation, they were named Most Likely To \_\_\_\_\_be less interesting person \_\_\_\_\_in the yearbook.

❖❖❖❖❖Jobs (if applicable)? What would their résumé look like?

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☐ Dream job as a child? Why?

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— \_\_\_\_\_wanted to be a professional rugby player because of strong Afrikaans background and \_\_\_\_\_upbringing

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❖ ❖Who were their role models growing up? Describe them:

\_\_\_\_\_David Beckham, because he always dressed nice, and it inspired Christiaan to up take the \_\_fashion after school, David beckham, became successful at a young age, beauce of soccer but kept it real when it comes to friends. David Beckham is a true Icon and hero to Christiaan

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Greatest regret:

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— \_\_\_\_\_going to server in the army and gaining nothing but trauma

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 Hobbies growing up:

\_\_\_\_\_sowing dresses and pants for his sisters dolls, and drawing as well as  
reading \_\_\_\_\_

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 Favorite place to be as a child?

\_\_\_\_\_the beach

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 If they could change one thing from their past, what would it be? Why?

\_\_\_\_\_growing up in an over-protected household, and not being able to \_\_\_\_\_live life as a kid  
in \_\_\_\_\_all \_\_\_\_\_freedom \_\_\_\_\_and \_\_\_\_\_careless \_\_\_\_\_in \_\_\_\_\_the \_\_\_\_\_world

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
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Major turning points or "life beats" in childhood:

\_\_\_\_\_when having to move from Knysna to cape town and parents not \_\_\_\_\_letting of  
being \_\_\_\_\_over \_\_\_\_\_protected


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 Earliest memory:

\_\_\_\_\_Having lost the first tooth at the age of 6

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 Saddest memory:

\_\_\_\_\_losing his best friend , which was his Grandmother from his mother side

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 Happiest memory:

\_\_\_\_\_having a crush on Anna's bestfriend Belinda, back in primary school and Belinda  
would always bring him sweets and treats and give him kisses on the forehead.

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☞ Clearest memory:

\_\_\_\_\_not wanting to join the army but was forced to because he need a break from his  
parents' overprotectiveness, and need to escape feeling crowed.

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◆◆◆◆What are their skeletons in the closet?

\_\_\_\_\_he hasn't told his parents that he has left the army and is now living in Joburg and  
doing fashion design and designing jeans as a way to make an honest leaving

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Three adjectives to describe them as a child?

\_\_\_\_\_shy\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_feminine\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_creative\_\_\_\_\_

What advice would they give to their younger self?

\_\_\_\_\_always follow tour heart, and don't let the pressure of not being free harm  
your from following your  
heart.\_\_\_\_\_

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🗑️Criminal record:

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## ◆◆◆◆FAMILY

◆◆◆◆Father:

Age (if living): \_\_\_\_\_60\_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_retired school principal\_\_\_\_\_

Briefly describe their relationship with your character:

\_\_\_\_\_very tricky, they don't see eye to eye on a lot things, more especially when it comes to  
life decisions and how one should live their life, and how they should be behave, the  
relationship is almost non-existent

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◆◆◆◆Mother:

Age (if living): \_\_\_\_\_57\_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_Nurse\_\_\_\_\_

Briefly describe their relationship with your character:

\_\_\_\_\_Relationships is better than the father's relationship with him, cause he can communicate

his feelings to his mother , a very good mother-son relationship but with some secrets

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◆◆◆◆ Siblings:

How many? \_\_\_\_4 sisters \_\_\_\_\_

What are their names? Ages? \_40,

35,30,22\_\_\_\_\_ Briefly describe their

relationship(s) with your character:

\_\_\_\_\_very playful relationships with all of them, since he is the only brother, so he gets his feminine side from being around girls most of his childhood, the elder sister is like his mother, but sort of replaces the missing relationship with his father

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◆◆◆◆ Children (if applicable):

How many? \_\_\_\_\_N/A\_\_\_\_\_

What are their names? Ages? \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly describe their relationship(s) with your character:

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◆◆◆◆ Extended family:

Grandparents: \_\_\_\_\_both \_\_\_\_\_grandparents \_\_\_\_\_died

Uncles and aunts: \_\_\_\_4 uncles and 5 aunts (aunts are those who are not married into the family) \_\_\_\_\_

Cousins: \_\_\_\_\_10 \_\_\_\_\_cousins

Other: \_\_\_\_2 \_\_\_\_\_nephews \_\_\_\_\_and \_\_\_\_\_2 \_\_\_\_\_nieces

◆◆◆◆ Family's economic status: \_\_\_\_\_wealthy a little bit about middle

class medium \_\_\_\_\_ How often do they see their

family in a year? \_\_\_\_\_once a year during christmas \_\_\_\_\_



# EXTERNAL RELATIONSHIPS

Closest friends? Describe them:

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Other significant friends:

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Enemies? Describe them:

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How are they perceived by...

...strangers in the street?

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...acquaintances at a work function?

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...colleagues in the office?

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☒ ...authority figures?

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☒ ...friends in their friend circles?

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☒ ...children?

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☒ ...the opposite sex?

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☒ ...extended family?

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◆◆◆◆ What social media platforms are they on?

- ☐ Twitter ☐ Facebook
- ☐ Reddit ☐ Instagram
- ☐ Snapchat ☐ Tumblr
- ☐ Other? If so, explain:

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◆◆◆◆ How would they use their social media platforms?

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👤 How would they fill out an online dating profile for themselves?

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☐ Leader ☐ Joker

☐ Parent ☐ Hype man

☐ Mooch ☐ Other? If so, explain:

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Who do they depend on for...

🎲 ...practical advice?

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🎲 ...a wingman?

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🎲 ...emotional support?

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🎲 ...moral support?

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What do they want from a relationship?

Who would be their ideal partner?

Do they have a significant other? Describe them:

How many people would attend their funeral?

## PART 3: THE CORE

**Definition:** How your character is deep down.

**Similar to:** A psych test.

### PSYCHOLOGY

What do they do on rainy days?

Are they:

☐ Street-smart ☐ Book-smart

☐ Optimist ☐ Pessimist

☐ Introvert ☐ Extrovert

◆◆◆◆ What is their favorite sound?

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◆◆◆◆ Favorite place in the world?

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◆◆◆◆ What secrets do they keep? What are they most afraid of people finding out?

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◆◆◆◆ What do they want the most?

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Biggest strength:

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Biggest fear:

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◆◆◆◆ What is their biggest accomplishment?

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What is their idea of perfect happiness?

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🕒 Do they want to be remembered? What for?

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◆◆◆◆ Favorite quote:

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How do they approach...

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🔍 ...ambition?

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◆◆◆◆ What is the one object or possession that they would rescue from their burning home?

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◆◆◆◆ What (or who) bores them?

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◆◆◆◆ What makes them angry?

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What do they look for in a person?

How strong is their moral compass? When, specifically, are they willing to compromise their morals?

◆◆◆◆ List the last 10 books that they read:

Which fictional world would they most wish to visit?

\_\_\_\_\_ Mars \_\_\_\_\_

If they didn't have to sleep, what would they do with the extra time?

\_\_\_\_\_ designing and coming up with new ways of making Jeans material comfortable yet \_\_\_\_\_ strong \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ stylish.

⚠ What are their pet peeves?

◆◆◆◆ If they won the lottery, what would they do?

\_\_\_\_\_ expand their shop, and hire more staff, to help with the productivity of the work load, \_\_\_\_\_ also \_\_\_\_\_ making \_\_\_\_\_ it \_\_\_\_\_ possible \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ mass \_\_\_\_\_ productions

Describe the character's bucket list at the ages of:

15: \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ got \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ gold \_\_\_\_\_ reef \_\_\_\_\_ city \_\_\_\_\_ fir \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ first \_\_\_\_\_ time \_\_\_\_\_ every

20: \_\_\_\_\_ to travel the world and see what it like to live in the world without any



care. \_\_\_\_\_  
30: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_N/A \_\_\_\_\_  
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40: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_N/A \_\_\_\_\_  
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◆◆◆◆ List the 10 songs that would occupy their All-Time Most Played playlist on Spotify:

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What is the best compliment that someone ever paid them?

\_\_\_\_\_ that his work is the best work that they are yet to see, the lines of the seams on the jeans do not show  
and that's the way a real jean should look like, NEW after evry WEAR

◆◆◆◆ In an elevator, do they push the elevator button more than once?

☐ Yes

☐ No

What would they want their tombstone to say? \_\_\_\_\_ Here lies our loving brother, uncle and son rest  
well weirdo and connect the stars for us to see you when you reach your final resting home.

## ◆◆◆◆ THE PRESENT AND FUTURE

Story goal:

\_\_\_\_\_ wanting to grow his clothing business so that his clothing pieces can be found in  
general clothes, going commercial and still having the same quality of material on it as if it  
was custom made to fit either your Rugby thighs or your rugby legs and ankles,

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Story motivation:

\_\_\_\_\_ wants to become better and bigger in the fashion industry and trying to establish his brand  
label in the same levels as Levi jeans and Diesel and Sisyboy jeans, this is very important to  
him cause he wants to prove to his family that he has broken the curse of having to send young  
men to the army only for them to come back with trauma that doesn't heal, also the fact that

a true Afrikaner boy can become a fashion design and no having to wear Kaki clothing or farming clothing, his jeans are just as comfortable as having you you're your kaki clothing. They are easy to work in , even do hard manual labor in them

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