

(Character Name)

(Book / Project / Role tag)

Name _____ Age _____

Role _____ Occupation _____ Home _____

Core Concept

1-2 sentences

Logline

What do they want + what stands in the way?

Wants vs Needs

Desire (surface) vs Need (deep)

Want:

Need:

Primary Fear

What do they avoid at all costs?

Secret

What would change how others see them?

Personality*3 traits, 2 flaws, 1 contradiction***Traits**

Flaws

Contradiction

Values & Moral Lines*What they will / wont do*

Backstory*3 key events that shaped them*

Old wound:

Body & Style*Silhouette, posture, wardrobe, tells*

Voice

Cadence, vocabulary, favorite lies, catchphrases

Cadence:

Go-to phrases:

When stressed, they

Skills & Gaps

Competence, blind spots, cheats

Skills

Gaps

Superpower (literal or social):

Relationships

3 anchors + friction

Person

Tension / Need

Character Arc Beats*Before → After***Start state (belief):**

Inciting pressure:

Midpoint shift:

Lowest point:

Climax choice:

End state (new belief):

Scene Engine*How they behave on the page***Goal (in most scenes):**

Default tactic:

When blocked, they escalate by

What changes them (triggers):

Symbols & Motifs*Objects, colors, animals, weather, music*

Notes*Loose threads, future reveals, fun details*
