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| INSTRUCTIONS: Identify a character which could be categorized in each of the following archetypes. Write the character’s name in the character column, and provide an example or explanation of why the character fits the description of the archetype. | | | |
| ARCHETYPE: | DEFINITION: | CHARACTER: | EXAMPLE/EXPLANATION: |
| HERO | After some ultimate objective and must encounter and overcome obstacles along the way to achieving this goal. |  |  |
| MENTOR | Usually old, this person often has some kind of magic abilities or a much greater breadth of knowledge. A teacher. Will often die before or during hero’s journey. |  |  |
| CONFIDANT(E) | The friend or mentor in which the main character confides, tells secrets, or explains worries. |  |  |
| EVERYMAN | Just a normal person, but he or she must face extraordinary circumstances. |  |  |
| INNOCENT/INGENUE | Pure in every way, though surrounded by dark circumstances |  |  |
| VILLAIN | Often evil, though there is some reason behind this. Wants to stop the hero archetype from achieving his or her goal. |  |  |
| DAMSEL IN DISTRESS | A young woman in trouble who needs to be rescued. |  |  |
| FEMME FATALE | An attractive woman who will bring about the disaster of anyone who becomes involved with her through manipulation. |  |  |
| HARLEQUIN | A comic relief, a funny friend, joker, jester, comedian or entertainer. |  |  |
| SIDEKICK | A person’s assistant who has less authority than that person. They are inseparable, and always seen with their counterpart. |  |  |
| ORPHAN | in search of a new “family” or sense of belonging |  |  |
| CREATOR | This archetype creates and object of an individual. In many stories, a creator will be an artist of some sort — willing to sacrifice their own well-being and relationship for their creation. |  |  |
| CAREGIVER | They might be a mother, father, wife, husband, sibling, or best friend — whoever they are, they’ll do anything to protect their child, ward, lover, or best bud. |  |  |
| RULER | A role model for others to emulate and seeks to help others secure prosperity and security. Seeks to prevent chaos by taking control. |  |  |
| REBEL | Someone who speaks out against discrimination and oppression, challenges injustice, doesn't conform to trends, and thrives off of making waves. |  |  |
| LOVER | They have love in their lives and it makes them more driven and devoted. The downside of this passion is that they’re often willing to sacrifice everything for the ones they love. |  |  |
| CHILD | This character is young in age or spirit, and loves adventure — or at least they think they do until they truly experience it. |  |  |
| IMPOSTOR/BETRAYER | They are intelligent and take advantage of situations and characters. Will feign friendship to benefit themselves, and will betray friends if the time comes. |  |  |
| RELUCTANT MONSTER | Usually has no idea that they’re a monster at all. They are often a member of a species that traditionally does nasty things to people, but that is not in their own personal nature |  |  |
| YOKEL | A term referring to the stereotype of unsophisticated back country characters |  |  |