

APPENDIX C – Character Questions

Character Questionnaire (Deep Psychological Edition). A set of 40 questions designed to reveal psychological depth, contradiction, vulnerability, and character arc potential.

Identity & Self-Perception

1. How does your character describe themselves when they're being honest?
2. How do they describe themselves when they want to be admired?
3. What secret fear shapes their self-image?

Wound, Fear, and Contradiction

4. What wound shaped their early worldview?
5. What fear protects that wound?
6. What contradiction defines them?

Desire and Longing

7. What do they want but feel unworthy of?
8. What are they chasing emotionally, not plot-wise?

9. What longing defines their internal arc?

Relationships and Interpersonal Logic

10. How do they misread people?

11. What type of person intimidates them?

12. What type of person comforts them?

Guilt and Shame

13. What guilt shapes their choices?

14. What shame do they hide?

15. What truth about themselves do they avoid?

Avoidance Mechanisms

16. How do they avoid emotional pain?

17. What coping mechanisms define them?

18. What triggers their defensiveness?

Hope and Redemption

19. What gives them hope?

20. What might redeem them?

21. What do they forgive easily?

22. What do they never forgive?

Conflict Behavior

23. How do they behave under pressure?

24. What breaks their composure?

25. What pattern defines their conflicts?

Emotional Landscape

26. What emotion do they express easily?

27. What emotion terrifies them?

28. What emotion defines their climax?

Secrets and Exposure

29. What secret would devastate them if revealed?

30. Who knows the truth—and why?

Transformation Potential

31. What flaw must they confront?

32. What lie do they believe at the story's start?

33. What truth do they discover by the end?

Symbolic Associations

- 34. What object symbolizes their fear?
- 35. What object symbolizes their hope?

Memory and Internal Life

- 36. What memory haunts them?
- 37. What memory comforts them?
- 38. What memory distorts their judgment?

Future Orientation

- 39. What future do they dream of secretly?
- 40. What future do they fear becoming real?