### SHANNON WAITE

# **CREATE A ChaRaCTER** Fit for Transgressive Fiction

**Transgressive characters** feel confined by society's norms and expectations so they try to break free of those confines in unusual or illicite ways. This two-page worksheet will guide you in creating a character just like that.

You can use this for a story you are about to write, or you can try it out in a messy way with no intention of using any characters you make (but find out you fall in love with them and wind up using them anyway). It's a fun game to play with no restrictions, so I recommend just making as wild, transgressive of a character as you can and see what you come up with.

This worksheet is not meant to develop your story, so you'll notice it doesn't ask you for how your character overcomes a problem or what challenges get in the way.

Instead, it's meant to help you plan an interesting, complex character who you can plop into a scene and watch the way the character interacts with what's going on. From there, you can figure out what your character's story will be (if you don't already know it).

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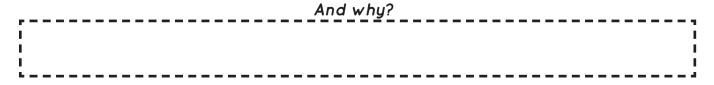
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## What norm(s) does your character go against?



What's your character's secret?	How is the secret revealed?	What does the character want?
		(This may or may not be the same as/ related to the secret)

#### Personality

You can see personality traits in a character's immediate actions. These actions show who someone seems to be. A personality is more visible - think of it as how we judge someone.

Self Controled	Persuasive
Persistant	Twisted
Spiritual	Confident
Impatient	Loyal
Unforgiving	Greedy
Ambitious	Cruel
Calculating	Fearless
Desperate	Vengeful

Which personality traits will guide your character's actions while they try to get

what they want?

**Traits** 

### Character

A set of morals and beliefs that are abstract. They define how characters treat *others* and show who a character really is. Character traits are shown over time, through repeated actions.

- Independent Hard-working Responsible Confident Demanding Bossy Impulsive Inventive
- Reliable Responsible Adaptable Honest Brave Selfish

Which character traits will show who the character *really* is?

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