

Character Dilemma Worksheet 3

Characters can't exist in a vacuum. They have backstory and relationships they've been building long before your story starts. Try to imagine how those already-established relationships affect your character's reactions throughout the story. What things happening during the story (i.e., your characters starting to arc) could change the answers to the following questions?

Your character needs to get bailed out of jail. They call _____,
knowing that that person _____.

Your character has to fill out an emergency contact form/whatever equivalent your world has for that. They put down _____ because
_____.

Is this person the same as for the previous question? _____

Your character is advised by their doctor/squad leader/holographic lawyer that today is the day they really ought to make a will. Your character responds by
_____.

Their will names _____ as beneficiary because
_____.

Is this person the same as for the previous two questions? _____

Your character receives unexpected good news. They immediately tell _____
because _____.

Is this person the same as for the previous questions? _____

Your character is planning a road trip/interstellar journey/time travel rescue mission and needs to take at least two people along to pick something up/help complete the mission/ provide moral support. They decide to invite _____
because _____.

Are any of these the same as for previous questions? _____

Your character needs help moving. They immediately contact _____
because _____.

Is this the same person as for any previous questions? _____

Your character has to go to a family/class/confederation of orphans reunion. They would spend most of their time talking to _____
about _____
and then end the evening by _____.

Your character runs into their first crush (who may or may not know how your character feels about them)? Your character responds by _____.

Said crush responds to that by _____.

The person your character has been friends with the longest gets a promotion at work / is having a baby / other positive life event that hasn't happened for your character yet. Your character responds by _____.

Inside, your character is thinking _____.

Your character's friend or co-worker asks them for a favor. It would be difficult and inconvenient. Your character decides to _____.

Your character has made plans with / agreed to do a job for one group of people when they get a more attractive offer to do something completely different. Your character handles the situation by _____.

Your character inadvertently uncovers a secret their friend/family member/co-worker has been keeping. They respond by _____.

If your character has a love interest or spouse, said significant other cooks them a surprise dinner and announces there is a question they want to ask your character. Your character assumes that question will be _____.

They respond to the situation by _____.

If your has a love interest or spouse, the character's significant other schedules a fancy dinner out, saying they have an announcement to make. Your character assumes that announcement will be _____.

They respond to the situation by _____.

Your character's friend is preparing for either of the above situations and asks your character for advice.

Your character would tell them _____.