

Character Dilemma Worksheet

You can think of your entire story as a decision tree created by your main characters. Do you know those characters well enough to know what they would do in the following situations?

Your character wakes up in the middle of the night because there's a noise inside their house/RV/yurt/spacehip. They immediately _____

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A stranger walks up to your character at a party/business conference/bar/thieves' guild campfire and asks how much money they have on them, right now. The stranger is reasonably good looking and dressed to fit in with the surrounding group of people. Your character _____

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Same situation, but the character offers your character a thousand Dollars/Euros/Credits/Gold Coins to give a package to someone else who's coming to the event/location later. Of course, your character has to _____

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Same situation, but the character asks for your character to give them money. Your character decides to _____

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Your character finds an unattended bag at the park/airport/spaceport/portal between worlds. Without hesitation, they _____

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Your character is at a restaurant/junkyard/diamond store/cloning unit and realizes they forgot their wallet/ident chip/baseball bat. So they have to _____

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Your character gets snowed in, alone without their favorite book/phone/virtual reality headset/mad scientist chemistry kit. Bored and stuck indoors, they decide to _____

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Only, the power goes out. So your character _____

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Your character is on a plane/train/transport shuttle/magic carpet when the character sitting next to them becomes violently ill. Your character _____
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Your character's car/horse/time machine/giant pumpkin gets graffitied. Your character sees the culprit running off, paint-deploying device still in hand. So your character _____
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Your character goes in to work and their boss/partner in crime/guildmaster/AI overlord says that at the end of the week they are going to be laid off/replaced/crushed into food cubes. Foolishly, said authority figure lets your character return to work where they _____
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Through no fault of their own/or at least so they say, your character winds up spending a night in jail. It's because they _____
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Your character is on a cliff/building ledge/antigrav platform/giant floating strawberry. They are in danger of being caught by the bad guys/being caught in a fire/being vaporized/being eaten by an even more giant bird, and a character they have known for years tells them there is a net just out of sight, and if they jump they will be safe. Your character _____
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Same situation, only it is a character your character has only know for five minutes. Your character _____
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Your character is asked to give a speech for a friend's wedding/business proposal meeting/First Contact situation/pre-battle rallying of the troops. Your character approaches the speech writing and presentation process by _____
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Your character's best friend/co-worker/sidekick/henchman asks your character to keep a secret for them. They then proceed to tell the character something profoundly disturbing. Your character _____
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