

CHARACTER PROFILE

Example: a filled-in profile for a made up character

BASICS

Name	Odile Marchetti
Age	58
Role in the story	Protagonist
Job or daily life	Runs the last ferry on a lake that is about to get a bridge
One telling detail	Wears her late husband's captain's cap two sizes too big and never adjusts it.

INSIDE

Want (outer goal)	To stop the bridge from being built before the ferry's final season ends.
Need (inner lesson)	To accept help, and to let the town move on without her permission.
Wound (what hurt them)	Her husband drowned on a night she refused to call for help because she thought she could handle the storm alone.
Flaw (how it shows)	Does everything herself, badly, rather than owe anyone.

ARC

At the start they believe	If she lets go of anything, she will lose everything.
The moment that changes them	She has to radio the bridge engineers for a rescue during a squall, and they come.
At the end they	Steers the ferry across one last time with the engineer at the wheel, and gets off on the far side.

VOICE

How they talk	Short sentences, nautical slang, never says thank you, says right then instead.
A line only they would say	Right then. Water doesn't care whose fault it is.

PEOPLE AND SECRETS

Relationships	Teo, her nephew, wants her to retire and move in. Hanne, the bridge engineer, is the first person in years to argue back. The regular passengers, who love her and are already buying cars.
Secret	She has already signed the papers selling the ferry. She has not told anyone.

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