**Character Cheat Sheet**

**NAME –** (Two word descriptor – adjective and pronoun, e.g. Disposed Outsider)

Four positive traits (See [Positive Trait Thesaurus](http://writershelpingwriters.net/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/Target-Tool.pdf)) that reflective their identity and persona:

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|  | **Internal** | **External** |
| **Goal(s)** |  |  |
| **Motivation(s)** |  |  |
| **Conflict(s)** |  |  |

**STAKES:**

**URGENCY:**

**Appearance**:

**Fears**:

**Flaws/Negative Traits (that would hurt him/her from achieving goal) (see** [**Negative Trait Thesaurus**](http://writershelpingwriters.net/bookstore/)**):**

**Interests/skills**:

**Strengths**:

**Tells/mannerisms/quirks/voice**:

**How can readers relate to her/him:**

**How does s/he deal with conflict:**

**What’s his/her longing?**

[**Emotional WOUND**](http://writershelpingwriters.net/the-emotional-wound-thesaurus-a-writers-guide-to-psychological-trauma/)**? How has it shaped his way of seeing the world/people?**

**LIE/warped belief about themselves/world?**

**Identity and Persona (their roles and how do people see them)?**

**Strip away beliefs, roles…what is their essence/their core?**

**Who would this character be if they had the courage?**

**How he/she will overcome his wounds and fears – his character arc:**

**Romance Comparison/CONTRAST Chart:**

Make sure there are opposing goals, motivations, conflicts, and character traits!

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|  | **Protagonist 1 (Hero/Heroine)** | **Protagonist 2 (Hero/Heroine)** |
| **Goals** |  |  |
| **Motivation** |  |  |
| **Conflict** |  |  |
| **Stake** |  |  |
| **Urgency** |  |  |
| **Positive traits** |  |  |
| **Flaws, negative traits** |  |  |
| **Emotional Wound** |  |  |
| **Lie s/he must overcome** |  |  |
| **Fears** |  |  |

**Villain comparison/CONTRAST Chart:**

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|  | **Hero/Protagonist** | **Villain** |
| **GMC**  Wants [goal] because of [motivation] but [conflict/villain/hero/self] |  |  |
| **Positive traits** |  |  |
| **Flaws, Negative traits** |  |  |