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51 Questions You’ve (Probably) Never Asked About Your Characters

1. What does your character do when they think no one’s looking?

2. What’s the one thing your character would save in a fire (beyond the necessities)?

3. Who’s on speed dial?

4. Your character gets turned down for their dream job. What’s their second choice?

5. What would they tell their ten-year-old self?

6. Where would they want to go on a first date?

7. What’s the best advice they’ve ever received?

8. What’s the worst advice they’ve ever received?

9. What's one physical detail they'd change about themselves?

10. When was the last time they were held? By who?

11. What's their favorite thing about their favorite season?

12. Their wallet gets stolen. What do they do?

13. Prioritize: Love, money, power, knowledge?

14. What's something nobody knows about them?

15. What's in their fridge?

16. What (creature, object, substance) are they most disgusted by?

17. What's their second worst habit?

18. What are the victory conditions for their life?

19. In the end, your character fails to save the day. Assuming they survive, what do they do?

20. Your character is charged with a crime they didn't commit. What do they do?

21. Your character is charged with a crime they did commit. What was the crime?

22. How would you describe your character's life in one sentence?

23. What important statistic would they want displayed above them?

24. What's the first thing they would buy if they won the lottery?

25. What profession do they most respect?

26. What childhood injustice did they never get over?

27. How would they handle having a panic attack?

28. Your character is burdened with an inconvenient superpower. What is it?

29. If they died and could come back as any person, animal, or object, what would they be?

30. What's the best meal they've ever had?

31. Where would they stand at a dinner party?

32. Who would they invite to the dinner party?

33. What makes a perfect day for your character?

34. If given the opportunity, would they want to know how and when they died?

35. What's the one thing they've always wanted to do? Why haven't they done it yet?

36. What do they tend to joke about?

37. What's off limits?

38. Whose wedding would they cross the world to attend? Whose funeral?

39. What impossible choice did they make that turned out to be the right one? The wrong one?

40. Your character has someone to hype them up. What would they say to get everyone excited about your character?

41. What recurring dream does your character have?

42. What is the meaning of life to your character?

43. If your character wrote a novel, would they be a planner or a procrastinator?

44. What book does your character pretend to have read?

45. Someone takes undeserved credit for your character's work. What do they do?

46. What controversial belief or view does your character hold? Why? Do they hide it?

47. Your character is at a theme park. Where do they go first?

48. What's your character's favorite name?

49. What's the biggest compliment they'd give themselves?

50. How does your character feel about bugs?

51. If your character could hit a reset button on their life, would they?