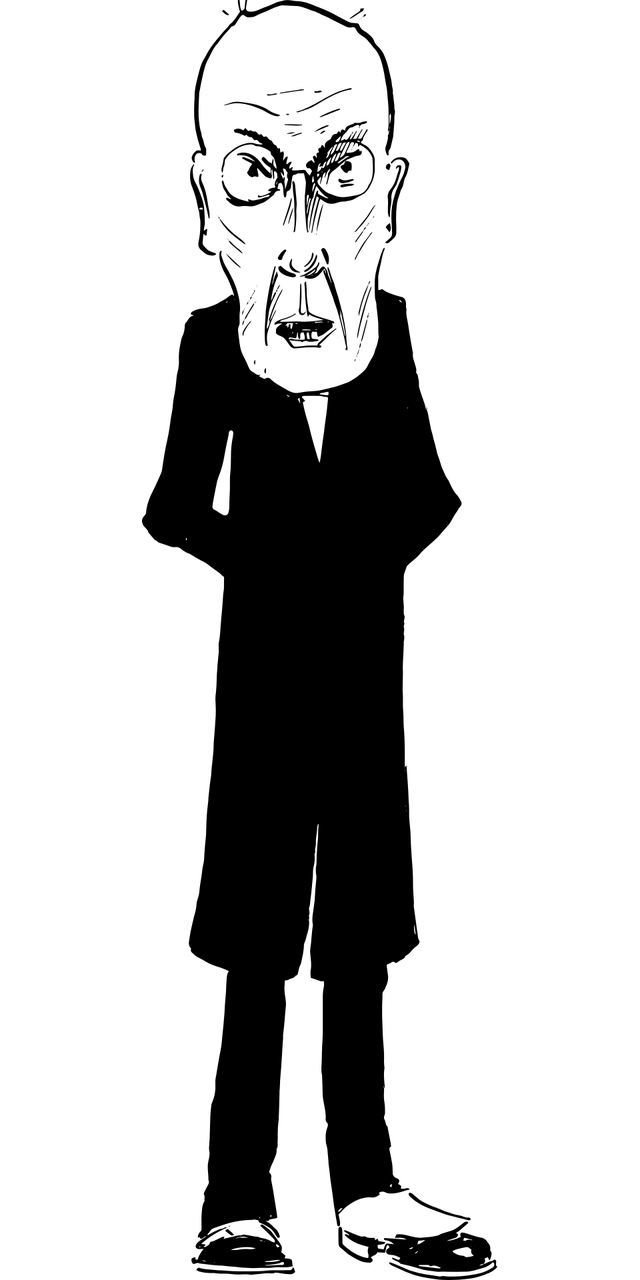
** PERSON (Character)**

Stick or draw a picture of your character here:

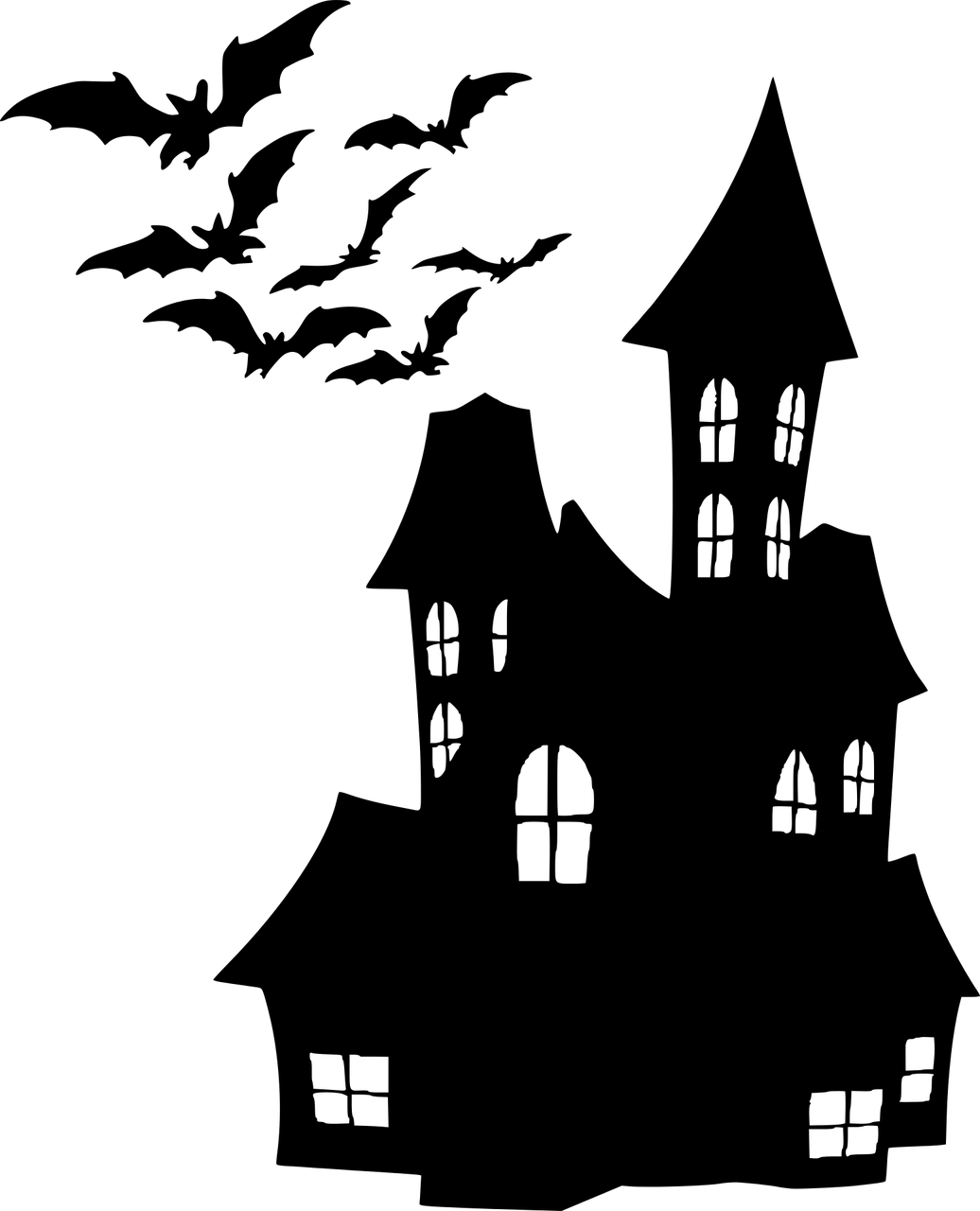
What is interesting about your character?

Why would someone want to read about them?

Write down as much as you can about your character.

What makes them unique?

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| **Name** |  |
| **Age** |  |
| **What do they look like/wear?** |  |
| **Job** |  |
| **Catchphrases /Common Words** |  |
| **Likes/Hobbies** |  |
| **Dislikes** |  |
| **Who is their family?** |  |
| **Good points** |  |
| **Bad points** |  |
| **Sense of Humour** |  |
| **Favourite Foods** |  |
| **Irritating Habits** |  |
| **Ambition** |  |
| **Anything Else (Secret)** |  |

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**PLACE (Setting)**

Stick or draw a picture of your setting here:

Your setting is vital to your character and plot.

Think about how your character(s) will live/work/have an adventure here.

Be as detailed as possible about where the action and your character are going to be.

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| **Name of place** |  |
| **Country/Land** |  |
| **What does the scenery look like?** |  |
| **Smells** |  |
| **Sounds** |  |
| **Sights** |  |
| **Who else is there?** |  |
| **What is unusual?** |  |
| **Why is your character there?** |  |
| **Anything else we need to know?** |  |

** PLOT (The Story)**

Use this W-Graph to plot your story, its highs and lows and the end

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**Consider:**

* **What starts your character on their journey / Where does the action begin?**
* **What are the main obstacles your character has to overcome?**
* **How do they change as a result of what happens to them?**
* **Just when they think they are succeeding/surviving/beating evil, what else can happen to them?**
* **Tie up the loose ends/answer any questions you’ve posed**

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| **Plot Your Story** | |
| **Title** |  |
| **Inciting Event** |  |
| **1st Plot Point** |  |
| **2nd Plot Point** |  |
| **3rd Plot Point** |  |
| **High Point** |  |
| **Rug Pulling Moment** |  |
| **Climax** |  |
| **Resolution** |  |

**Writing Beginnings**

Look at the first few lines of **May's Moon**:

"Click. Michael May fastened the last strap on his spacesuit and lifted on his helmet.

‘Primary life support system secure?’ shouted the bald-headed man in front of him.

‘Check!’

‘Helmet secure?’

‘Check!’

‘Suit sealer secure?’

‘Check!’

Michael looked around the hangar. Forget Tom Hill’s dream of driving a Bugatti Veyron.

Forget Darren Fletcher fantasizing about playing left wing for Chelsea. This had to beat

the whole lot: for the first time in his life, Michael wished that everyone at home could

see him.

‘Give me a thumbs up y’all when you’re ready,’ said the bald-headed man in uniform.

‘Then I’ll start up the pumps. Any problems just put your hand up and we’ll stop.’

As the words still echoed, Michael’s legs wobbled underneath him. What if he wasn’t

any good? What if he messed it up? This wasn’t just a dream any more. He really was in

America and he really was just about to find out what it felt like to float in space."

* What do you think is happening?
* What do you learn about Michael?
* What are his characteristics?

**Exercise:**

Think of an exciting opening to your story and write it down.

Think of your descriptions, imagery, dialogue and action.

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