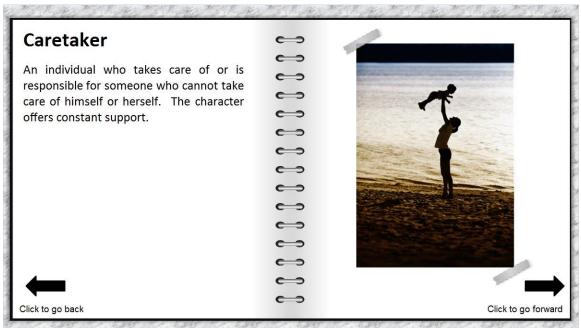
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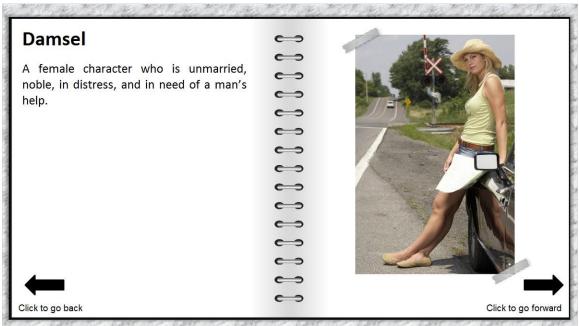
#### Caretaker



An individual who takes care of or is responsible for someone who cannot take care of himself or herself. The character offers constant support.



#### Damsel



A female character who is unmarried, noble, in distress, and in need of a man's help.



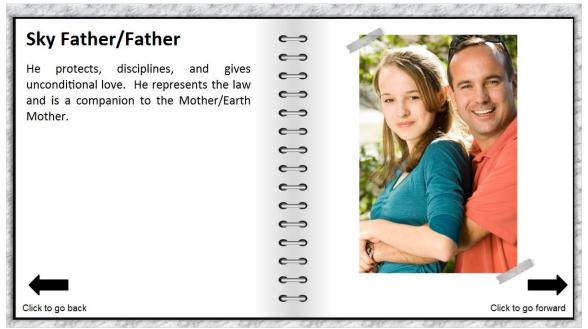
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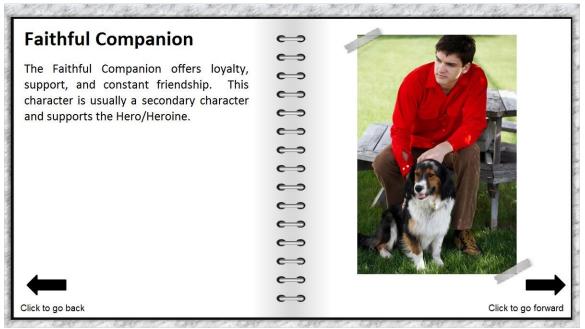
#### **Sky Father/Father**



He protects, disciplines, and gives unconditional love. He represents the law and is a companion to the Mother/Earth Mother.



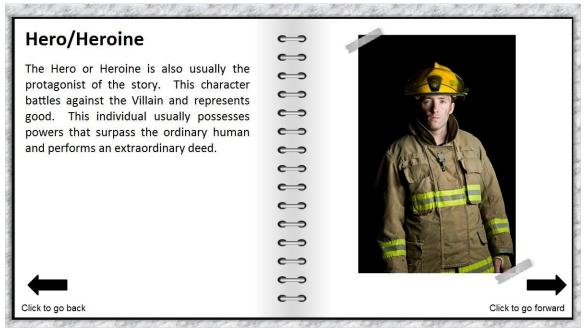
#### **Faithful Companion**



The Faithful Companion offers loyalty, support, and constant friendship. This character is usually a secondary character and supports the Hero/Heroine.



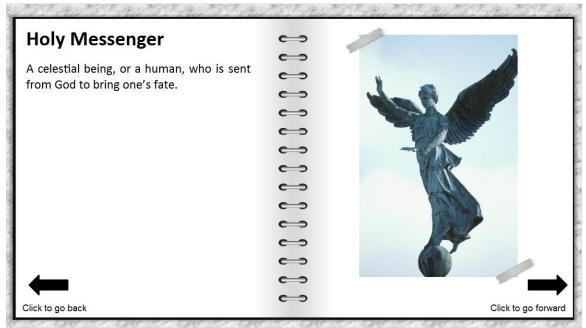
#### Hero/Heroine



The Hero or Heroine is also usually the protagonist of the story. This character battles against the Villain and represents good. This individual usually possesses powers that surpass the ordinary human and performs an extraordinary deed.



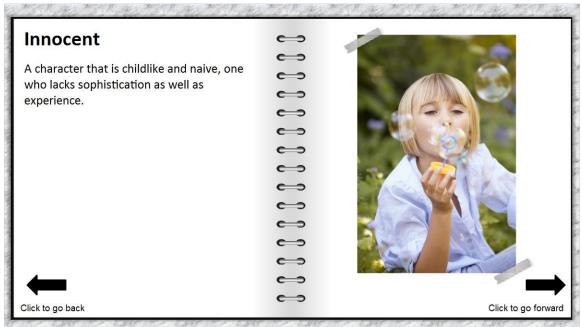
# **Holy Messenger**



A celestial being, or a human, who is sent from God to bring one's fate.



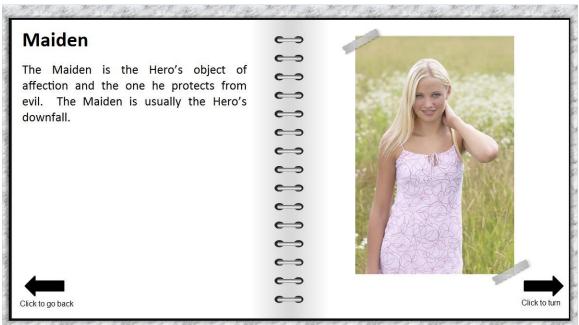
#### Innocent



A character that is childlike and naive, one who lacks sophistication as well as experience.



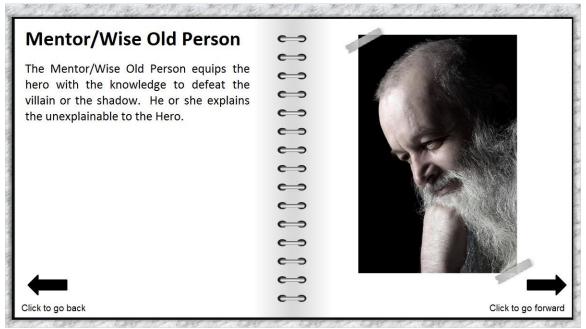
#### Maiden



The Maiden is the Hero's object of affection and the one he protects from evil. The Maiden is usually the Hero's downfall.



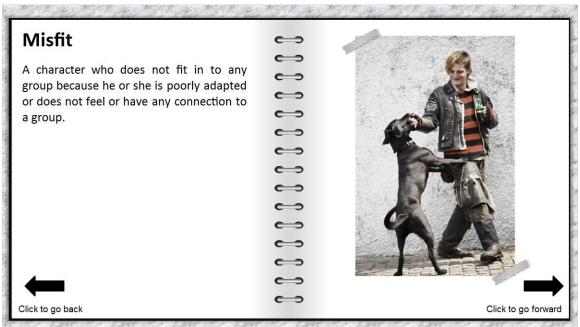
#### **Mentor/Wise Old Person**



The Mentor/Wise Old Person equips the hero with the knowledge to defeat the villain or the shadow. He or she explains the unexplainable to the Hero.



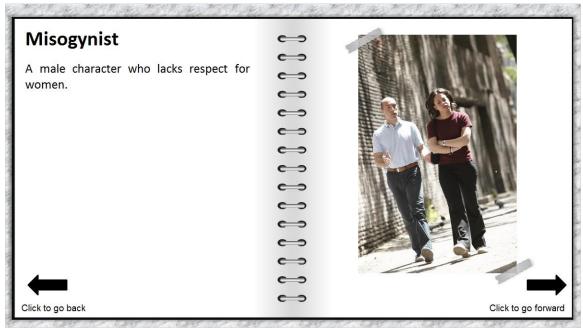
#### Misfit



A character who does not fit in to any group because he or she is poorly adapted or does not feel or have any connection to a group.



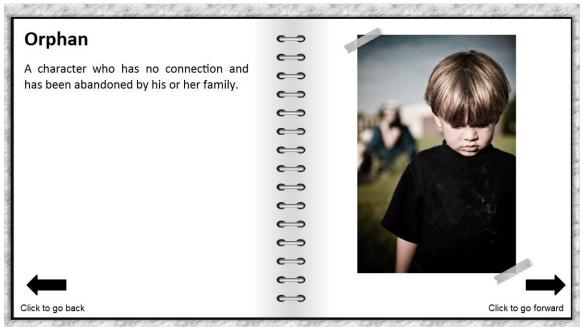
#### Misogynist



A male character who lacks respect for women.



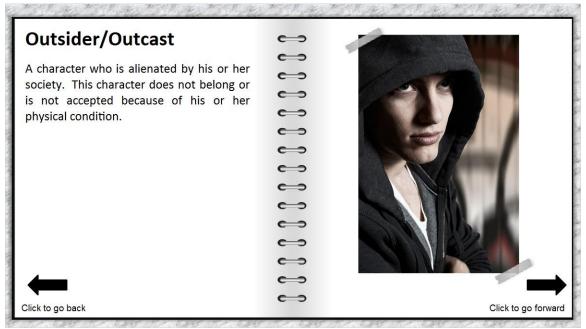
### Orphan



A character who has no connection and has been abandoned by his or her family.



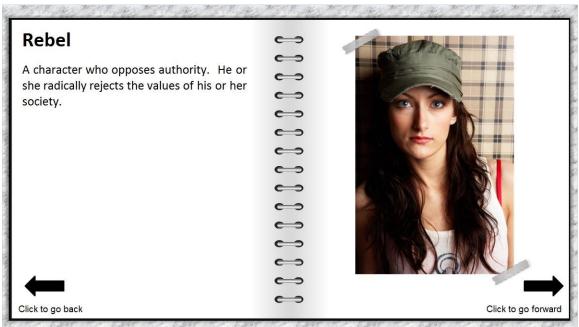
#### **Outsider/Outcast**



A character who is alienated by his or her society. This character does not belong or is not accepted because of his or her physical condition.



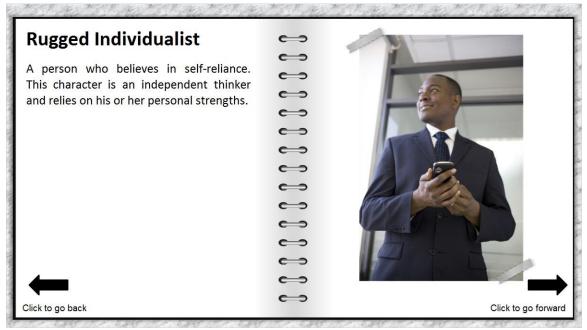
#### Rebel



A character who opposes authority. He or she radically rejects the values of his or her society.



#### **Rugged Individualist**



A person who believes in self-reliance. This character is an independent thinker and relies on his or her personal strengths.



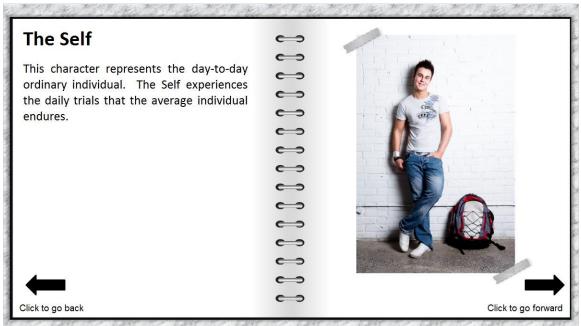
# Scapegoat



This character willingly takes the blame for others.



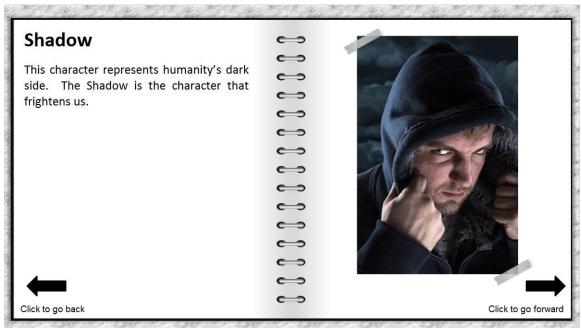
#### The Self



This character represents the day-to-day ordinary individual. The Self experiences the daily trials that the average individual endures.



#### Shadow



This character represents humanity's dark side. The Shadow is the character that frightens us.



#### Shrew



A female character who does not conform to society's rules. She is sometimes characterized as having a violent temper or being an unpleasant nag.



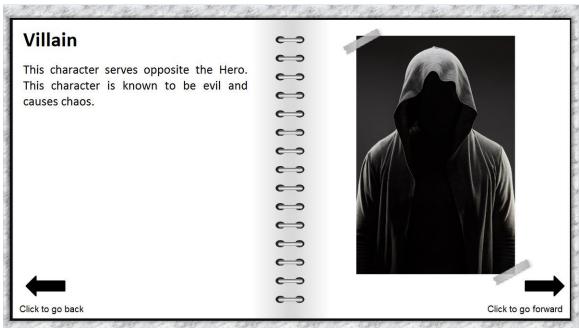
#### Trickster



A character who deceives and cons. This character is known to enjoy being mischievous. He or she tends to cheat other characters.



#### Villain



This character serves opposite the Hero. This character is known to be evil and causes chaos.

