

WRITING EXAMPLES: “HOMETOWN MASSACHUSETTS CHARACTERS”

Here are the three characters I have chosen from my game idea, with the relationships listed under the character tables (*duplicated if necessary to keep information at hand for each character*). Concept Images for their possible appearances, found on Pinterest, have been added also.

Protagonist (Player Character):



NAME:	Howard Phillips Lovecraft ¹ (born Howard Phillips Johnson)
GENDER:	Male
AGE:	25
CULTURE:	African American
LIVING SITUATION:	Born in Arkham / Left for College & University out of State / Recently moved back to Arkham ² for an internship / Lives at the old family home
DESIRED OCCUPATION:	Crime Scene Investigator & Forensic Science Technician
ACTUAL OCCUPATION:	Junior Police Officer / Crime Scene Investigator & Forensic Science Technician In-Training (On loan to the Arkham Police Department, working under Doctor West)
WANTS:	Truth of parents death / Help people in the same situation / Relationship with Katie Marsh
HATES:	Large bodies of water ³ (Lakes, seas, oceans, etcetera) / Pickles (just not a pickle guy)
ATTITUDE TO LIFE:	Outwardly positive / Harbours mistrust for certain Law Enforcement higher ups ⁴
ANYTHING ELSE?	Sci-Fi fan / Wasn't into the Cthulhu mythos like his parents

¹ Howard's parents taught & studied the Occult & Mythology at Arkham University (*with a great interest in the Cthulhu mythos*), where they met, fell in love, and had Howard. They changed their family name to Lovecraft due to their shared love of the Mythos he created, despite knowing the man's views on race, believing that if he were alive in the present, he wouldn't hold those views.

² Arkham is a fictional city situated in Massachusetts and features heavily in the Lovecraft Mythos. [WIKI-LINK](#)

³ Howards parents mysteriously went missing while exploring underwater caves and ruins around Innsmouth, which was attributed to a freak storm rolling in unexpectedly and destroying their boat. He joined the Police Force with the intention of one day finding out the truth of their disappearance.

⁴ Not all of Howard's superiors in every department in the police force, however due to his theories regarding his parents' disappearance, and what he believes is a cover-up, he views a lot of the police force in Massachusetts with suspicion.

Relationships:

How Howard feels about Katie:	How Katie feels about Howard:
Intrigued / Captivated / Protective	Comforted / Seen / Respected

How Howard feels about Julian:	How Julian feels about Howard:
Childhood Friend / Encouraging / Proud	Childhood Friend / Wary / Conflicted

Supporting Protagonist (NPC):



NAME:	Katie Marsh
GENDER:	Female
AGE:	24
CULTURE:	Caucasian American / Deep One ¹
LIVING SITUATION:	Marsh Estate, Innsmouth / Inherently Wealthy ²
DESIRED OCCUPATION:	Artist
ACTUAL OCCUPATION:	Bike Courier & Waitress
WANTS:	To Escape Innsmouth / Relationship with Howard
HATES:	Innsmouth / Family Traditions
ATTITUDE TO LIFE:	Dreamer / Pessimist (Dreams of another life, doesn't hold much hope)
ANYTHING ELSE?	Home-schooled / Embarrassed by her Heritage ³

¹ Deep Ones are a fictional race of beings that feature heavily in the Lovecraft Mythos. Katie and her brother Julian are both Hybrids of Deep One & Human, where they appear normal, but the physical characteristics of the Deep Ones will start to manifest as they age. [WIKI-LINK](#)

² Despite her wealthy family, she does not flaunt any wealth or influence, preferring not to use family money. This leads her to, while still living at her family estate, take two jobs in the area as both a Bicycle Courier and Waitress to earn her own money.

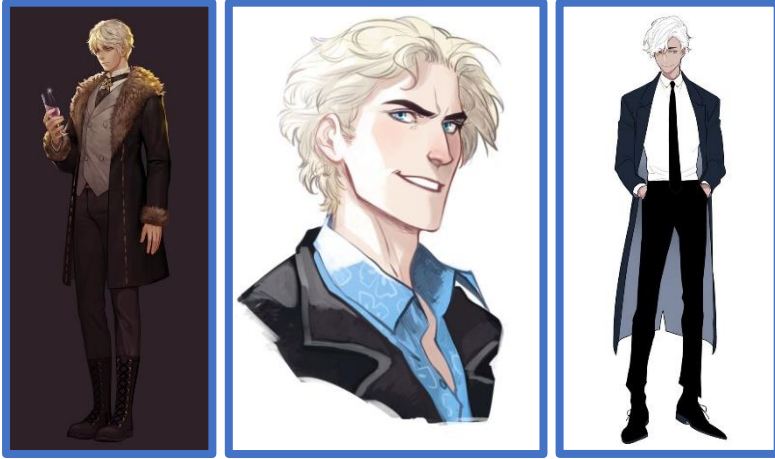
³ Due to her Deep One heritage she has started to develop patches of scaly fish-like skin on certain parts of her body (*back of the neck and waist*), which she covers up to hide from people. She loves to swim, however will only do so alone so that nobody who isn't aware of her heritage will see her scales.

Relationships:

How Katie feels about Howard:	How Howard feels about Katie:
Comforted / Seen / Respected	Intrigued / Captivated / Protective

How Katie feels about Julian:	How Julian feels about Katie:
Familial Love / Concerned	Familial Love / Protective / Disappointed

Main Antagonist (NPC):



NAME:	Julian Marsh
GENDER:	Male
AGE:	25
CULTURE:	Caucasian American / Deep One
LIVING SITUATION:	Marsh Estate, Innsmouth / Inherently Wealthy
DESIRED OCCUPATION:	High Priest of the Esoteric Order of Dagon ¹
ACTUAL OCCUPATION:	Deputy Mayor of Innsmouth ²
WANTS:	Power & Influence / To Spread the Word of Dagon
HATES:	Humans ³ / Howard Philips Lovecraft ⁴
ATTITUDE TO LIFE:	Traditionalist / Ambitious
ANYTHING ELSE?	Home-schooled / Member of the Esoteric Order of Dagon

¹ The Esoteric Order of Dagon is a Cult that worships the titular being, Dagon, and is comprised of members of the Deep One race. This cult was thought to be no more yet is making a resurgence in the modern-day Innsmouth.

[WIKI-LINK](#)

² Julian & Katie's father is the Mayor of Innsmouth, and after University Julian wished to follow in his father's footsteps. Both of them are members of the Esoteric Order of Dagon, where the father is grooming the son for both taking over as Mayor of Innsmouth and The Order once his eventual transformation into a fully-fledged Deep One is complete and he leaves the town for his new home in the sea.

³ As a Deep One Hybrid, brought up in a family of Hybrids, Julian has to blend into human society, yet is more in touch with his Deep One heritage and wants to follow in his father's footsteps. He sees regular humans as inferior but is not above using his natural charm, and influence as a Marsh, to get what he wants.

⁴ Not a real "hatred" as he does genuinely have a good relationship with Howard on a personal level. Julian and Howard attended high school together at a younger age, yet Julian is prepared to do what it takes to stop Howard from getting too close to the truth of The Order. Howard's parents got too close in their exploration of the ruins just off the coast of Innsmouth and came close to exposing their existence to the world, which then led to their deaths at the hands of the Order.

Relationships:

How Julian feels about Howard:	How Howard feels about Julian:
Childhood Friend / Wary / Conflicted	Childhood Friend / Encouraging / Proud

How Julian feels about Katie:	How Katie feels about Julian:
Familial Love / Protective / Disappointed	Familial Love / Concerned