

## Backstory Questionnaire

A Backstory profile explores your character's history and explains their personality in the current day.

<b>Your Details</b>	
Name	
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Contact Details	We have already been talking by email, so you do not need to complete this section unless you want me to contact you another way.  Discord is the easiest way to contact me, Siber#0448. Otherwise, Email is perfectly fine.
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<b>Character Details</b>	
Name	Siber
Description e.g., Species Sex Age Height + Weight Other details	Species: Bonded Jackal Sex: Male Age: 21 Height: 6 ft. Weight: 130 lb.  Note about Bonded Jackals:  They are a species I created based on normal jackals that become more in-tune with their life force, or Aura, to gain a 'sixth sense' and for some, use it as a weapon. This sixth sense is used to detect other living beings around the user.  Not all Jackals are born Bonded Jackals. They become one after years of practice and honing one's Aura. Once a Jackal gains this status, their fur changes to a single shade of the color that represents their personality. A few simple markings of their old fur color stay present, as well as a band of fur around their upper left arm, called a 'Bond'. These markings glow when they are using their abilities.
Other media available? Images, Video, Costumes, etc.?	Please include links to any art, stories, or video here (not applicable for No Frills write ups).  Please seek written permission from the artist who made these artworks and forward the permission to me.

What colours would you like me to use?

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Please write on the right hand side in the spaces below. If any section doesn't seem relevant you can skip it.

If your character does particularly well in an area, (e.g., if they had good parents), by all means include that too! This questionnaire isn't about finding your character's faults, it's about understanding their particular balance of strengths and weaknesses.

<b>Stages and Points of Interest</b>	<b>Notes – Extremity, specific details, etc.</b>
<p><u>Trust and Confidence</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- mother nurtured/acted as character as baby would hope?</li><li>- character as baby acted as they would hope? (didn't let themselves down/surprise themselves by biting)?</li></ul>	<p><i>Sameness / continuity between what is expected and what is done?</i></p> <p>Siber was born in the wilderness of the Caena Region. At birth, he was a simple Golden Jackal, but his fur was abnormally a single shade of white.</p> <p>His parents were outcasts of the pack they were a part of and lived on the very edge of the pack's territory.</p> <p>Siber's mother was very protective of him, mostly because the pack was afraid of her and Siber's father due to their abilities with their Aura.</p> <p>Because of the pack, he was a sheltered baby and rarely saw the outside world.</p> <p>He held a lot of trust in his parents.</p>
<p><u>Freedom and Self-Determination</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- does character hold on/grasp?</li><li>- does character let go?</li><li>- is character destructive and cruel?</li><li>- was character benign and relaxed?</li><li>- what was it like to express choice for the first time in their life?</li><li>- did they make any bad choices in their inexperience?</li><li>- does the character doubt themselves?</li><li>- does the character focus on details because they can't watch everything – the big picture contains too much detail?</li><li>- does the character often feel unready to show projects to others?</li><li>- does character wish they were invisible?</li></ul>	<p><i>Were they guided / buffered as they experimented with early autonomy, to avoid feeling doubtful of themselves - or ashamed because they weren't ready to meet challenges?</i></p> <p>Siber did not really have anything to hold on to, so he never learned the pain of letting go.</p> <p>He had a relaxed personality and liked to follow his father around their den.</p> <p>Siber still was quite sheltered, but his father would take him out for small walks in the immediate vicinity of their den.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- how cooperative/wilful is the character?</li> <li>- how well does the character express/suppress themselves?</li> <li>- how controlled do they feel by others?</li> </ul>	<p>Instead of playing with the small wooden toys his father made him, Siber preferred to read books from his mother's wide collection of literature.</p> <p>Siber is not one to express himself. He always has a neutral expression and very rarely smiles or frowns.</p> <p>Siber's father started teaching him ways to meditate and start to work on becoming a Bonded Jackal like his parents. He was quick to cooperate and learned the importance of this to his parents.</p>
<p><u>Ambition</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- how energetic was your character as a small child?</li> <li>- how much did your character enjoy/feel guilty about their victories and achievements?</li> <li>- did they have any siblings?</li> <li>- how good did they get at cooperating?</li> <li>- did they develop a tendency to berate themselves?</li> <li>- what are the character's biggest wishes and dreams? Can they ever fulfil them?</li> </ul>	<p><i>How active/aggressive did character become? Did they get too enthusiastic, do something bad and then feel guilty?</i></p> <p>Siber was not energetic nor was he lethargic.</p> <p>Siber enjoyed his achievements, mostly with the training his father gave him to gain control of his own Aura.</p> <p>Siber is an only child.</p> <p>Siber never disobeyed his parents. He did not like the feeling of guilt that was paired with the consequences.</p> <p>Siber's biggest wish is to become a Bonded Jackal, like his parents. He adores the abilities they have and wants to have the same.</p>
<p><u>Productivity</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- how did the character feel about being productive rather than playing?</li> <li>- what was the transition from home to school like?</li> <li>- how well prepared did he feel to contribute?</li> <li>- how did they feel about others also contributing? Status, adequacy, teamwork?</li> <li>- what were their thoughts about being part of the society they lived in – what they were going to be as an adult?</li> <li>- how did their caste, gender, race and other facets of their identity factor into this?</li> </ul>	<p><i>Did character feel ready to take their place in school and to start thinking about their place in the adult world, when they grow up?</i></p> <p>Siber always was focused on his training and meditation. If he was not doing either of those, he would be reading.</p> <p>Because of his life in the wilderness, hidden from civilization, there was no school for him. His knowledge of the world came from the books he read.</p>
<p><u>Child to Adult Transition</u></p>	<p><i>How did character deal with a rapidly</i></p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- how well did others appear to regard your character?</li> <li>- how did your character ensure some sense of sameness / continuity?</li> <li>- how was it decided who was in their social group and who was out?</li> <li>- who did they appoint as their adversary (if anyone)?</li> <li>- who were their role models?</li> <li>- who were their girlfriends/boyfriends during adolescence, and what were these partners like?</li> <li>- how did they go about keeping the pool of people they were to establish their new identity in, manageably small (ie., cliques, political interests, etc.)?</li> </ul>	<p><i>changing self (ie., puberty) in light of a rapidly approaching world of work and relationships, in which one's identity are paramount?</i></p> <p>Around Siber's 16<sup>th</sup> birthday, an unknown entity attacks the pack he belongs to. His parents quickly rush to defend the pack, leaving him at their den. His parents never returned. The remnants of the pack continued to raise him.</p> <p>The pack treated him like his parents, as an outcast. They were afraid of what he could become and what he could do in the future.</p> <p>He still held his parents as his role models. He continued with what his father taught him and became a Bonded Jackal by the age of 18.</p> <p>Because of his new look due to changing into a Bonded Jackal, more members of the pack started to ignore him and treat him like an outcast.</p>
<p><u>Closeness in Relationships</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- does your character affiliate with others well?</li> <li>- what is your character's attitude towards work?</li> <li>- what is your character's sexual / intimate relationship(s) like?</li> </ul>	<p>Siber does not affiliate with others very well. He is a very self-orientated person.</p> <p>The only person, other than himself, that he ended up really caring about was another Jackal named Luca, who had wandered into his pack's territory when he was 20. Siber became very close to her, and she too became a Bonded Jackal with him due to her own goal of becoming a stronger person.</p> <p>After a year of being together, the same entity that attacked the pack several years ago attacked again. Siber was quick to defend the pack. It's what his parents would have done. He also felt indebted to them after they took care of him when his parents disappeared, and he did not want to see innocent people get hurt or worse. This attacking entity took Luca away from Siber and left him for mortally wounded after the attack.</p> <p>Siber now felt like it was his duty to find Luca. He owed her so much for deciding to</p>

	<p>be his companion.</p> <p>This mission of his led Siber into modern civilization for the first time. He had read about it in his mother's books, but had no experience in this huge, bustling city.</p> <p>He meets a couple of new people in this city, which he learned was called Nessus. One of them was a fox named Sarah, who was not too much older than Siber, but had a strong sense of justice due to her being an extremely intelligent detective. The other was a wolf named Crystal, Sarah's partner that acted as her bodyguard at times.</p> <p>Siber forms new friendships with Sarah and Crystal, and helps Sarah catch white-collar criminals off the books.</p> <p>Siber ends up thoroughly enjoying the job Sarah gave him, but he still is focused on finding Luca.</p> <p>A year passes, and one of Sarah's leads sends Siber to an illegal company's headquarters in a ruined neighboring city, Io. Here, for the first time, disobeys orders from someone he trusts to follow a familiar trail of Aura. This trail leads him to Luca, who was captured by this company to take her Aura and use it for electrical power. Siber saves his companion and the two make a daring escape back to Nessus.</p>
<p><u>Passing on Responsibilities</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- what is your character's relationship with their career when they retire?</li> <li>- what is your character's relationship with their children as they become adults?</li> </ul>	<p>Siber refuses to retire from his semi-vigilante career, even after being told by Sarah to stop. He has had a strong sense of justice ever since his parents were taken from him, and he does not plan on letting innocent people get hurt due to him quitting what he's doing.</p> <p>Due to this constant feeling of needing to protect the innocent, Siber is extremely unlikely to settle down and start a family with Luca.</p>
<p><u>End of Life</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- how will your character feel about reaching the end of his life?</li> </ul>	<p>Siber is indifferent about reaching the end of his life. His line of work can be quite dangerous, so if he falls while trying to</p>

	protect the innocent, then he will pass happily. He feels the same about any natural cause. He has helped so many people and changed their lives in some way, that he will feel contempt when he does pass on.
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And that's it! Thank you for completing this questionnaire, and please return it to me at [thecharacterconsultancy@gmail.com](mailto:thecharacterconsultancy@gmail.com)