

Ask Your Characters

“Interview” questions courtesy of a thread over on April Fools. The idea is to get each one of your characters to answer each question. In alphabetical order (a couple of the cheesier ones removed since the last version.) Questions alone = 915 words.

1. Are you a city or country mouse - or something else?
2. Are you a light or deep sleeper?
3. Are you an introvert or an extrovert?
4. Assuming you have an enemy, opponent or antagonist, what is their *best* feature or trait?
5. Describe one of your most significant childhood memories. Similarly: Which childhood memory would you most like to forget?
6. Describe your personality in three words.
7. Do you ever wish you were younger or older, and why? Similarly: Are you afraid of getting old?
8. Do you have a preference for any kind of intoxicating substance, or are you teetotal?
9. Do you have any particular skills, and what are they?
10. Do you have any secrets? Secrets you don't even share with those closest to you?
11. How do others view you?
12. How do you view people around you?
13. How would you want your life story to be told? (opera, ballet, book, movie, comic, etc.)
14. If everyone in the world was going to die, and you could only save one person, who would it be and why?
15. If you could advance technology in any way, how would you do it and what would you do?
16. If you could be anywhere right now, where would it be?
17. If you could change one thing about your life, what would it be?
18. If you could do anything you wanted without suffering consequences, what would it be?
19. If you could marry anyone you wanted right now, today, who would it be?
20. If you could master any weapon, which one would it be?
21. If you could take one person out of the world, without any of the mess and fuss of actually killing them yourself, who would it be? Similarly - if you had to kill someone, who would it be?
22. If you could travel back into the past and give yourself some advice, when would you go to and what would you say?
23. If you had one day (hour/month) to live, what would you do?
24. If you had to let one friend die to save the world, could you do it? And who would it be?
25. If you were suddenly filthy rich, what would you do with all the money?
26. If you were suddenly proclaimed king/queen, how would you rule?
27. If you were to die tomorrow, who would you apologize to?
28. If you were to have a totem animal, an animal that represents you and your personality, what would it be?
29. If your house was burning and you had to save one possession, what would it be? Similarly: if you were going on a quest and could only take one thing, what would it be?
30. Is there a particular place that is special to you, that you go to feel safe?
31. Of the seven deadly sins - greed, pride, gluttony, wrath, sloth, envy and lust - which are you most drawn to?
32. The laws of the land. Do you follow them, bend them, break them or make them?
33. What are you looking forward to?

34. What are you really bad at? Would you want to be good at it if you could?
35. What are your best/worst physical features?
36. What are your most and least favourite animals?
37. What decisions have you made that you regret?
38. What do you do when you can't sleep, for one reason or another?
39. What do you find attractive in a person?
What's your reaction to responsibility? What kind of responsibility do you have in your life?
40. What do you love to do more than anything else? Your favourite pastime or occupation?
41. What do you want? No, really. What do you want that you don't want anyone to know you want, that you are ashamed to admit that you want, but you want so badly you can't sleep at night?
42. What do/did you want to be when you grow up?
43. What is a source of joy for you?
44. What is one thing you've said that you completely regret?
45. What is your favourite colour?
46. What is your favourite food/drink?
47. What is your favourite leisure activity?
48. What is your favourite story?
49. What is your first thought upon waking up?
50. What is your purpose in life?
51. What is your worst fear?
52. What kind of thing can melt your heart?
53. What method of travel do you prefer?
54. What season matches your personality?
55. What sets you apart from other people, makes you more than just another statistic?
56. What type of music do you prefer... if you like music at all? Similarly: what music can you not live without?
57. What would be your ideal domicile?
58. What would you like as an epitaph?
59. What's your family situation like?
60. Which question would you really not like to be asked? (Feel free to answer it, or not)
61. Who do you admire most / most want to emulate? Similarly: If you could be anyone else in the world, who would it be?
62. Who is your best friend?
63. Would you rather have a long, comfortable but forgettable life, or a short, exciting life that is talked about for a hundred generations to come?
64. You're walking along the street and see a big diamond in the gutter (bag of money in the street, etc.). Do you leave it, keep it, look for the owner, hand it in, or what?