

## Ink Sample Character Designs

All characters created and designed by Josiah Lebowitz

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### Josiah Lebowitz

Gender: Male

Height: 5' 11"

Build: Average / Athletic

Age: 24(?)

Hair: Browish Black; mid-length (for a guy), parted down the middle

Eyes: Brown

Right Handed

Weapon: None(?)

Clothing: Prefers blue jeans, a t-shirt, sneakers, and light jean jacket. He also wears a silver chain with a pendant around his neck.

Background: Josiah is a famous author who published his first book while still in his mid-teens.

He's a bit of a dreamer and loves stories. His novels are known for their memorable characters and shocking plot twists. However, he suddenly and mysteriously canceled the release of his previous novel shortly before it was scheduled to be sent to the editor. He declined to comment on his reasons and has been rather withdrawn ever since. While he has started on a new story, he's having difficulty with it and the writing is going very slowly.

### Comments:

Ink is the story of a writer who is pulled into the world of his unfinished novel, so naturally the main character has to be an author. I'm not entirely sure why I chose to base that author directly off of myself. I'm not usually one for inserting myself into my stories (in fact, it's quite rare) but the whole young real world author character does fit who I really am so it's kind of logical, or perhaps ironic, to cast myself as the lead.

However, it should be noted that the Josiah in Ink is not actually me, he's just based on me. For one thing, I'm (unfortunately) not a famous author yet. Someday, I hope, but not right now. Also, if I was faced with the same situations as the Ink Josiah, I think that I'd react differently to some of them. Not all, of course, since his personality is still based on mine, but I needed to tweak it a bit to better fit the story I have planned.

As for his appearance, that's pretty much the same as the real me. I'm not entirely certain about the age yet though. For the purposes of the story, I'd kind of like to have Ink Josiah be a bit younger (maybe 21 or 22). However, if I make him too young it may not fit too well with his back story. Becoming a famous author, canceling a mostly finished book, and starting on a new one all take a good amount of time. 24 seems to be a decent compromise, though I may change it later. I'm also not sure about his lack of a weapon. I haven't yet decided if I want Josiah to actually fight or not as Josiah's greatest power is manipulating the world through his writing. If I allow him to fight just like the other party members, it may dilute his role a bit. For now, I'm leaning towards him not doing any direct fighting but I may change my mind later on.

### **Jessica "Jessie" Thanes**

Gender: Female

Height: 5' 8"

Build: Athletic

Age: 19

Hair: Dirty Blonde; goes a few inches past her shoulders, cut somewhat raggedly

Eyes: Brown

Ambidextrous

Weapon: Hand-and-a-Half (Bastard) Sword

Clothing: Dresses like a man in a tunic and trousers. Wears dull colored peasant clothing so as not to attract attention.

Background: Jessica, or Jessie as she prefers to be called, is the heroine of Josiah's unfinished novel. She and her twin brother, Ralin, are on the run from an army for unknown reasons. Life on the run has made her tough, but she has a tendency to let her emotions get the better of her and isn't very trusting of others. Her brother is the main exception, and the two of them are completely dedicated to protecting each other. Despite her tough exterior, she has a hidden love for stories of adventure and far off places.

#### **Comments:**

I came up with Jessie and Ralin very early on, at least in a general sense. As soon as I decided that the story would involve an author being transported into the world of one of his books, and that it would be a medieval fantasy world, I began thinking about who the main characters would be. My first thought was that there would be a pair of twins, a boy and a girl, and that they'd be on the run from a king/emperor/warlord/whatever and his army. I don't know why I made that decision, that's just how it goes when I come up with an idea for a new story, there's always a few aspects that I just know right from the beginning. And this story was about a pair of twins on the run. Though I still didn't know exactly who those twins were or who was leading the pursuing army and why.

This Jessie's full name and personality were decided on a bit later. There's nothing special about her last name, I just thought it sounded good (which is how I come up with most of my character names, actually).

### **Decon "Deke" Parker**

Gender: Male

Height: 6' 1"

Build: Average

Age: 26

Hair: Blonde; fashionably styled

Eyes: Green

Right Handed

Weapon: None

Clothing: Dark slacks and a button down shirt (not tucked in). Goes for a very stylish look.

Background: Deke is a young author from the real world. Highly ambitious, he was determined to make it into the big leagues. He met Josiah at a writers' conference. The two spent quite a long time talking. They seemed to be becoming fast friends and Josiah shared some details of the novel he was currently working on. Deke took the key elements of Josiah's novel and wrote his version, working hard to ensure that his novel would be finished before Josiah's. The result was a

runaway success, gaining Deke the fame and success he desired. Millions of fans are eagerly awaiting his next book, but Deke has been strangely silent on the subject...

**Comments:**

Deke is the one who stole Josiah's story, leading to his current predicament. He's a skilled writer in his own right, especially in regards to the speed of his writing. However, he lacks Josiah's creativity and knack for creating masterful plot twists. Extremely ambitious, he's as much of a suave con man as he is a writer. Deke plays a far greater role in Ink than just the cause of Josiah's current slump...