

CHARACTER DESCRIPTIONS

SAMMY (*Female, mid-teens, Quest player*)

Sammy, in her own words, lives in 'a prison called smart' – she's the smartest person everyone knows, but has lived her whole life in the safety of books and doesn't know much about romance. Her safe place is the game 'Quest,' which she plays constantly with her three friends - but she secretly knows there's more to life than this game, and yearns for a bigger emotional world. She just needs a nudge to get started.

ROSIE (*Female, mid-teens, Quest player*)

Rosie grew up in a strict family, and looks at the world with anxious eyes. But there's a wellspring of passion and creativity within her, and probably a few hundred songs. Maybe one day she'll have the courage to sing just one of them...

FRANKIE (*Male/Female, mid-teens, Quest player*)

Frankie's father was overbearing and insulting, and consequently Frankie's confidence is around floor-level or slightly lower. To compensate, he/she talks a big game – he/she is loud and even slightly aggressive, and always projects an image of supreme self-assurance. Sadly that image is paper-thin, and in those moments when it crumbles the world sees who he/she really is.

TAYLOR (*Female, Quest 'Game Master'*)

Taylor is the most mature of this group of friends – it's no coincidence that she's the 'Game Master' in their Quest game and the de facto leader of the group. Taylor is ambitious in life and aspires to be popular, which unfortunately causes her to be irrationally jealous of popular people.

MICHAEL (*Male*)

Michael is a geek who got bullied and ridiculed a lot growing up, and learned that in life you're either predator or prey. He wants to be a predator, so he's set himself the improbable goal of reaching the top of the school's social hierarchy. This is hard for a geek to do, so he's very strategic in terms of who he hangs out with and how he's perceived. Status and reputation are very important to him. It's probably also true that he uses people to get ahead. His three closest friends are geeks, and he talks down to them a bit because he feels that one day he'll have a cooler group of friends.

EMMA (*Female, Announcement Captain*)

Emma is pretty, popular, and perfect - the three p's. She's also really nice. She won the job of Announcement Captain, and now does all the announcing and hosting at the school. Emma occasionally faces resentment and judgement because some people assume all attractive girls are jerks.

ALEX (*Male/Female, Bully*)

Why do kids bully other kids? Only the bully knows for sure. But Alex definitely despises geek culture and all the know-it-all geeks who subscribe to it - maybe because he/she secretly knows that geeks are smarter than he/she is.

JESSE (*Male/Female, part of Michael's group of geeks, double-cast with Dani*)

Jesse is intellectually arrogant and snobby, a know-it-all who uses his/her vast geek knowledge to crush other geeks. He/she romanticizes the days before Lord of the Rings went mainstream. Has an alt Twitter account where he/she just trashes Big Bang Theory.

JACOB (*Male, part of Michael's group of geeks*)

Jacob keeps trying to get people to call him "Jake" because it sounds cool, but no one ever does. He loves NFL football but is extremely uncoordinated and can't play sports at all. This has made him bitter, and his bitterness usually comes out in the form of sarcasm.

JOSH (*Male, part of Michael's group of geeks*)

Josh is nice, gentle, and a bit soft-spoken. He's not only extremely unathletic, his intelligence is only average, so he knows he'll never be at the top of the geek hierarchy. He's a closet romantic and sends an anonymous Valentine's Day card to at least five girls every Valentine's Day.

DANI (*Male/Female, high school student, double-cast with Jesse*)

Dani is a budding young songwriter, full of enthusiasm but maybe not so much talent.