

Can This Prompt Build a Character? Answer Key

Passage 1

Text: "By the shattered moon, I wander the wastelands alone, my blade humming with the sorrow of fallen stars. None dare cross me, for my oath is older than kingdoms."

- **Backstory:** Yes. Mentions "shattered moon," "oath older than kingdoms," and "wandering wastelands," which all hint at history and motivation.
 - **Mannerisms/Behaviors:** Likely dramatic, solemn, poetic in speech; carries a blade and speaks with gravitas.
 - **Catchphrase Potential:** "By the shattered moon" could serve as a signature phrase.
 - **Overall Value:** HIGH. Strong imagery and tone give lots of material for building a bio.
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Passage 2

Text: "Glorp! Greetings, human. I come from the jelly realms of Planet Squishon, where we bounce instead of walk. Your Earth foods are puzzling, yet delicious, especially peanut butter."

- **Backstory:** Yes. The alien origin ("Planet Squishon") and cultural detail (bouncing instead of walking) create instant uniqueness.
- **Mannerisms/Behaviors:** Likely bouncy movements, curious about human things, playful or goofy.
- **Catchphrase Potential:** "Glorp!" could be a repeated alien catchphrase.
- **Overall Value:** HIGH. Silly but detailed enough to inspire personality and behavior.