

# Haunt Actors Workshop

Developing Sustainable Characters



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Haunt Acting IS Acting!

Acting IS Reacting!

Sustainable Characters React!



# What are Sustainable Characters?

- Often used in the queue
- Atmospheric
- Story Driven
- Don't require guests to exist



# What do Sustainable Characters do?

- REACT!
- Interact with guests
- Interact with their location
- Live their story
- Exist on their own (Publicly Private)



# How are Sustainable Characters born?

- Who?
- What?
- When?
- Where?
- Why?

LET'S TRY ONE!

Make your answers actionable  
(what do they make you DO)



# Bringing your answers to life

- Movement
- Voice
- Costume/Make-up
- Props
- Interactions/Scares



# Relationships

- Who are the other characters?
- Who are the Guests?
- How do their “5 W’s” define your relationship?



# Sustainable Actors Worksheet



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## Sustainable Actor Worksheet

Haunt Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Who? (Character Name)

\_\_\_\_\_

What? (Profession, Species, etc.)

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When? (Born, Died, Current Time Period, etc.)

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Where? (Current Location, Destination, Realm of Origin, etc.)

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Why? (Existence, Emotional State, Role in the Story, Remain or Wish to leave, etc.)

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Who are the guests to your character?

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What other elements or characters are crucial to your character?

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# Application to Existing Characters



# Questions?



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THANK YOU!

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