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Using Weaknesses in Your Characters

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This was a presentation done in voice with PDFs and commentary in the chat. Only the chat is included.

Skoll:

An app that doesn't specify that weaknesses are required... I think we used to have that in earlier forms of NOVA or SMS

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Nikki:

some character that hyper focus on being weak just read as npc's or get annoying and have to be saved

Otomo:

In an RP environment people like to peacock how "cool" their character is sometimes. Human nature.

Harrington:

some weakness just develop over time, my main has developed a weakness that actually my players created, in him given his personalty, and I found it so easy to adapt that and go with it.

Reina Akikawa: Kryptonite

Reina Akikawa: always

Willvoy:

Lois Lane

Amanda Rose: Memorable_Characters006.pdf 174.34 KB Scarlet:

Ego

Reina Akikawa: Always files taxes on time?

Scarlet:

He turned back the earth's time for Lois

Nikki:

his commitment to good character is both a strength and a weakness. that's how the bad guys get ya.

Harrington:

couldn't you say his strength is also a weakness, in that his strengths sometimes negatively effect him?

Harrington:

haha

Scarlet:

His hair was too perfect and apparently glasses change a look

Scarlet:

Just saying

Harrington:

whats a phone booth?

Reina Akikawa:

Phone booths are obsolete!

Nikki:

not a flaw to have good chara. but it's a weakness when you can't play the same game as lex.

Willvoy:

Q can harm him....

Reina Akikawa: Like I said, Kryptonite works

Nikki:

his friends/family are a weakness because he isn't

Reina Akikawa:

Q can snap his fingers and erase half the universe

Reina Akikawa:

Whoops, wrong franchise

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Reina Akikawa:

I was referring to Q becoming Thanos

leuPhil:

I'm fully onboard with this assessment of Superman

Scarlet:

No such thing as a good batman movie?

Scarlet: He's "super" rich

Reina Akikawa:

How about all his sweet gadgets?

leuPhil:

Strengths are definitely tax avoidance

Willvoy:

He likes to pretend he's a goth.

Tekanan (et. al):

weakness: single-mindedness

Reina Akikawa: Paranoia

Willvoy:

Disobeys the speed limit

Scarlet:

He's obsessive

leuPhil:

He's inspirational to Gotham citizens which can go either way

Willvoy:

Hates people in lots of make-up apparently.

Reina Akikawa:

Damn, now I want to watch the Dark Knight trilogy again

Scarlet: He has a butler

Skoll:

His Paranoia is also a strength... plus its only paranoia if you think someone is out to get you... he knows that people want to kill him.

Scarlet:

He's trained by the best

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Reina Akikawa: Boobs

Scarlet:

Passionate

leuPhil:

Will Riker

Tekanan (et. al):

She doesn't have a lot of bridge experience leuPhil:

Both!

Otomo:

Not very good at piloting.

Scarlet:

She has a voice

Scarlet:

and no filter

Bullroarer4:

Much less relatable to the average person.

Nikki:

diplomatic overall. good with kids, new people etc- friendly.

leuPhil:

She's an undeveloped character in the tv series? Underutilised too?

Otomo:

Low alcohol tolerance

Nikki:

picard uses her like sensors with her empathy

Nikki:

lol, if you have a beta you have to do it

Bullroarer4:

She feels fake

Nikki:

i hate ppl with betas that forget it

Skoll:

Who needs an empath for sensors... most of what she did could be put down to reading someone's body language.

Nikki:

:: hugs my own betas :: lol they make great villains!

Otomo:

"I sense much boring character."

Skoll:

Suda in voyager

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Reina Akikawa:

Don't tell @Kathryn Burke @Reina Akikawa Phone booths are obsolete!

Stephen Hunter UK:

We've put defibrillators in some of ours. Also a good shelter for making calls on mobiles.

Otomo:

I made a betazoid and gave telepathic problems to force him to take an inhibitor for telepathy control problems which makes for free plots for counselors/medical

Tekanan (et. al):

He can be very determined when he wants to be

Otomo:

Reg is a good technical mind

Nikki:

smarts

@Stephen Hunter UK

We've put defibrillators in some of ours. Also a good shelter for making calls on mobiles.

Reina Akikawa:

Pretty smart usage

Otomo:

super socially awkward

Scarlet:

wasn't he the guy that was always ill?

Tekanan (et. al):

He can be selfish at times

Skoll:

His phobia's both hilarious and cringey. But what an excellent character for comic relief.

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Reina Akikawa: Holodeck addiction?

Scarlet:

WE'RE NOT ALLOWED TO BADMOUTH Q... he'll come for us

Mimi:

hha

Reina Akikawa: Remember: He can be Thanos if he wishes

Nikki:

he's lonely and bored and can't relate to others

Tekanan (et. al):

arrogance

Scarlet:

He was a different kinda smart

Nikki:

and i love him

Scarlet:

Worse episodes

Harrington:

lacks the ability to understand others? (see their point of view) .. I love Q!

Otomo:

He definitely has a bad shade of lipstick for his complexion.

Scarlet:

looks like a nun when he has that headdress on

Nikki:

they did a good job in next gen where everything he did to meddle was his love for humanity to help them

Scarlet:

he was too powerful, and knew it

Nikki:

in a smaller sense he did that to picard

Nikki:

i loved the epi where he gives picard a chance to live life without taking risks .

Tekanan (et. al):

(had to step away, did we change topics?)

Otomo:

Not yet Tekanan

Nikki:

he's snarky. that's a strength, right? lol

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Willvoy:

Didn't stop him getting a punch in the face from Sisko did it though....

Scarlet:

Looks good in a sombrero

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Scarlet: Lawyer = weakness

Scarlet:

yup

Bullroarer4:

Looks like you borrowed my strengths/weakness list

Scarlet:

no comment

Skoll:

Could have stopped at lawyer!

Bullroarer4:

except the allergies issue. Got my health

Scarlet:

A lawyer that's a procrastinator... that's new

Harrington:

lawyer jokes?

Willvoy:

OBJECTION!

Harrington:

What's the difference between a vacuum cleaner and a lawyer riding a motorcycle? The vacuum cleaner has the dirt bag on the inside.

Willvoy:

Damn, if I took a look at myself my characters would scare me...

Willvoy:

But I already do Stuart.... Harrington: *i'll behave*

Reina Akikawa: Trump jokes?

Reina Akikawa:

4 days left till he leaves office

Mimi:

and hopefully gets pushed straight into a prison cell

Reina Akikawa: @Mimi yes!

Willvoy:

Push him through his wall, then make him pay for it.

Tekanan (et. al): ::ahem:: getting off topic

Ray Of Meep:

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Reina Akikawa:

@Willvoy yes!

Scarlet:

wrong PDF

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Scarlet:

This is why you keep us in law

Willvoy:

Pft lawyers.

Scarlet:

I operate in NYC

Skoll:

What is a polymath

Nikki:

i have a skill stacking character, but she's just jack of all trades and master of none. perfect for ops officer support chara XD

Nikki:

oh, play the exception to the rule or twist it.

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Jennifer:

A polymath is someone who is skilled in multiple areas, Skoll.

Scarlet:

keep a cat alive

Nikki:

pinnochio

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Skoll:

Eating Chinese but still listening.

Mimi:

can see where thisis going

Mimi:

yup

Willvoy:

She's a guy?!

Willvoy:

Damn...

Reina Akikawa:

Anime plot twist!

Rich:

Lol

Otomo:

oh yeah I remember that one.

Scarlet:

me

Willvoy:

And hates the Chief Engineer.

Willvoy:

Short.... I want her to meet my Captain, Taiga.

Willvoy:

So she's dense

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Skoll:

kudos to modelling anything on Kat

Willvoy:

And now has an awesome Avatar and Uniform

Willvoy:

Speaking of which, you have 5 mins

Finchley Kerr:

To what extent?

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Nikki:

oh i love to wait until others have joined and creating compliments in skills and personalities.

Ffion:

Ah Mr Kerr nice to see you again.

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Nikki:

once i had a CO that asked me to XO and he was allergic to cats. so. caitian.

Mimi:

hahaha

Mimi:

that's brilliant

Nikki:

it's obvious

Nikki:

but how can you not

Mimi:

@Nikki Mimi is feline, so she got roomied with the only person on the ship who owned an actual cat. hillarity ensued

Mimi:

especially when said cats supply of catnip was found.

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Scarlet:

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Scarlet:

three strikes counsellor

Mimi:

sounds like he just got collared by the missus

Skoll:

Is it just me or is the voice chat struggling with everyone.

Willvoy:

Nah, thats the teenager.

Scarlet:

Fine

Scarlet:

1..2..1...2

leuPhil:

Yep

Skoll:

Its coming through okay as is Amanda... but a couple of people are coming through muffled.