Character Arc Template

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The engine

Character:

Arc type (positive / negative / flat):

The Lie they believe (one sentence, in their voice):

The Truth (one sentence):

The ghost / wound behind the Lie:

Protective habit (how the Lie looks in action):

Foil (who embodies the Lie or the Truth):

Want (outside goal + deadline):

Need (what would actually fix their life):

The nine stages (% of the book · chapter)

1. Starting state, Lie in action (0–10% · ch. __):

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2. Inciting incident (~10% · ch. __):

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3. First plot point, commits with the Lie intact (~25% · ch. __):

4. Lie challenged (~37% · ch. __):

5. Midpoint truth (~50% · ch. __):

6. Backslide (~62% · ch. __):

7. Low point / third plot point (~75% · ch. __):

8. Climax choice (~90% · ch. __):

9. Ending state (95–100% · ch. __):

Proof on the page

Opening mirror scene:

Closing mirror scene:

Who notices the change:

Negative arc: swap these in

Type (disillusionment / fall / corruption):

Truth they start with or are offered:

Lie they end up living by:

The choice that seals it (~90%):

What it costs them and others:

Flat arc: swap these in

The Truth they already hold:

The Lie the world around them believes:

Who changes because of them:

The moment the Truth is tested hardest (~75%):

How the world looks different at the end:
