

# Character Building

## **Basic Information**

*Archetype:* Vigilante Assassin

*Name:* Charlie Noel Levine

*Age:* 34

*Date of Birth:* January 9<sup>th</sup>, 1990

*Ethnicity:* Russian, German & French

*Nationality:* Dual Citizenship-Canada & France

## **Physical Description**

- 5'11" (180cm)
- Medium, muscular build
- Hazel eyes
- Waist-length, warm brown hair
  - Typically kept tied back in a ponytail or French braids
- A large birthmark on her upper back
- A small scar under her right eye, caused by a piece of shrapnel from the explosions
- Full tattoo sleeve on right arm
- Consisting of a large snake and floral design
- Full tattoo sleeve on left arm
  - Consisting of a tribute piece to Marco, Alice, Valorie, Bailey, and Marcus

## **Clothing**

- Everyday Wear
  - Jeans, Dress pants, or Leggings
  - Blouse, Long/Short-sleeved shirts, or Sweatshirts
  - Platform heels, Stilettos, or Sports Shoes
  - Weather appropriate Sweater or Jacket
  - Draw-string bag or Purse
  - Her Wedding Band, Her's, and Valorie's Engagement Rings & Family Ring
  - Small Diamond Encrusted Hoop Earrings(from Valorie for their 5<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary)
- Vigilante & Assassin Work; The gear she uses can vary based on the location of the target she's hunting. However, the basic pieces that are most used consist of:
  - Bulletproof Vest
  - Slice resistant Shirts, Pants, and Gloves
  - Combat Boots or Sports Shoes (depending on the situation)
  - Utility Belt
  - Bulletproof Duffle Bag or Backpack

## **Motivations**

To rid the world of as many people who would harm those who do not deserve it as possible.

To avenge her late wife and daughter, and continue to silently and invisibly defend others and Marcus.

## **Strengths & Weaknesses**

Her biggest weakness is her depression and anxiety. She had suffered from anxiety for years. However, after the incident it got much worse, especially when it came to Marcus. The depression set in after the incident and the deaths of Valorie and Bailey. Though with help, she has grown to manage both.

Her biggest strength is her determination to live by her resolve, and to continue to fight for her son.

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## **Backstory**

Charlie was born and raised in Montreal, Quebec Canada until the age of 13. It was at this time that her parents decided to move them back to her mother's home country of France. She was not happy about the idea at first but grew to love it the more she got to know the maternal side of her family. Their life was quiet there. They lived on the generational property in one of the original houses that had been refurbished by her grandparents only 5 years prior, having been a rental property for travellers wanting a quieter setting.

Charlie's mother, Alice, was born and lived in France for most of her life. This was until after she married Charlie's father, Marco, and became pregnant with Charlie. They decided to move to Canada for more career opportunities so Marco could try and get established in his preferred field of work. Something he had great success in doing after starting his own business, which quickly grew to be one of the biggest companies worldwide. He would eventually sell  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the business for more than 30 million dollars in 1998, and still receives a minimum net income of 10 million dollars a year; much of which he donates to charities on a global scale.

When Charlie was 19, her maternal grandfather passed away. In doing so, she inherited a large sum of money he had put aside for her as his only grandchild. It was money that he had started putting aside for her from the moment they learned Alice was pregnant. He wanted there to be money for Charlie for when she turned 18. However, after her father's success he decided to not give her the money when she did turn 18. Instead, he held onto it wanting to let it continue to grow to be a substantial inheritance. Little did he know he would die merely a year later.

Using the money from her grandfather, Charlie decided to move back to Canada for schooling. Moving to Toronto, ON, she attended the University of Toronto. And this is where she would meet Valorie Bowman, also 19 at the time. She was known as a bit of a wildcard and came from a super rich background of generational wealth. They met their first day of classes and immediately became close and started dating 3-months later. They would date all the way through college, and after graduation, at the age of 23, they would tie the knot.

Two months after the wedding, Charlie announced to the families that she was pregnant. Several months before the wedding, Charlie and Valorie had asked Valorie's brother, Nathaniel, if he would be willing to donate his sperm. They wanted to use one of Charlie's eggs along side his sperm to have a baby that was entirely related to them.

Valorie knew that from a young age that her brother did not want children of his own. But would always claim that he would be the fun uncle. So, it was no surprise to her when he agreed to donate, as they agreed that he would have no legal obligation to any children they had. They started the process before the wedding. This way they could begin trying for a baby as soon as possible after the wedding.

9 months later, Charlie gave birth to their 1<sup>st</sup> child. A girl that they named Bailey in tribute of Valorie and Nathaniel's late sister, who died at the age of 13 from brain cancer. Nobody knew the girls had planned on doing this. So, when the rest of Valorie's family found out, they were ecstatic, and many tears were shed.

3 years later, they would have their 2<sup>nd</sup> child. A boy they named Marcus, in homage to Charlie's father, who had passed away unexpectedly from a brain aneurysm 6 months into the pregnancy.

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A few years later, during a trip to France to visit Charlie's mother. The family was in downtown Paris when tragedy struck. A series of explosions went off, taking out a majority of the downtown core. Charlie and Marcus had been separated from Valorie and Bailey for some time. They had wanted to go to stores that neither Charlie nor Marcus had any interest in going to. So, they had split up so they could do the things they preferred.

Charlie and Marcus had been hit by the shockwave of the blasts, and only received cuts and bruises. Though it did not take long for Charlie to learn that Valorie and Bailey had been near the center of the blast, based on the location of the shops they were going to. However, it wasn't until 4 days later that their bodies were located and identified.

During the investigation, there were many things that did not make sense. There were many inconsistencies from the police, and the entire event was deemed an accident. However, Charlie did not believe that this was an accident, and neither did Valorie's family. This would begin to reveal the side of Valorie's family that she had tried to keep Charlie and the kids out of. The side that ruled the Toronto Underworld.

Over the next 2 years, Charlie would learn about, not only the Toronto Underworld, but the underworlds of every major city in the world. From Toronto to Tokyo, Moscow to Cairo, and many more. She was trained how to perform proper investigations, how to follow clues and facts. How to track down even the most careful and skilled targets. And she learned how to conduct interrogations, to get information out of someone by any means necessary.

Though it was not just information and investigative skills that she learned, but also that she was a very skilled fighter. From hand-to-hand combat to firearms and melee weapons, she picked it all up quickly. She learned to kill without hesitation and leave no trace behind. To be there and not be there. To completely disappear.

Using the skills that she learned, and with the assistance of her family, she learned the truth about what happened the day of the incident. That what happened was no accident. That those investigating were paid off to say nothing of the truth to all the grieving families of those killed. That this was a targeted attack on Valorie by their enemies, and by extension, Charlie, and their kids. The enemies had rigged explosives to the bottoms of several cars across multiple city blocks, and ensured the gas tanks were full. Though they had not counted for the family to go separate ways and had no idea that they had. Essentially, they had no idea they had partially failed, and were surprised when Charlie appeared at their headquarters.

After everything she and Marcus had gone through because of these people, the Abominations, as Charlie had come to view them, and would forever view all her targets. It is safe to say, that by the time she was done with them, nobody could identify them. And nobody outside her family would ever know she was the one to kill them.

Charlie would continue to work alongside her in-laws, working as a vigilante. Though she also became an assassin for hire. Though she was always particular about who she ended up killing. Never wanting to kill those who ended up being people who didn't truly deserve to die. So, before accepting any job, she would investigate the ones wanting to hire her, watching their every move. Every call they made, every other person they targeted, had a thorough search done on them.

If she learned the ones acquiring her services to be respectable and fair, she accepted their job. However, if she learned that these people were not... You can say that they never harmed anyone again.

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## **Reflective Analysis**

When it came to the ideas for building Charlie, that was not too much trouble. However, though the ideas for her came easily, they were also constantly changing. I would get ideas that I liked more or ideas that I couldn't decide which I loved more.

This made keeping track of my thoughts a little difficult, and I actually would up redoing a large portion of her backstory because her character no longer made sense.

Her archetype is actually based off a character idea I have had for a long time and just had no reason or motivation to put it on paper. I love the idea of the secret and silent hero. So being a Vigilante Assassin allowed me to have a lot of fun and freedom with building her character. There were multiple different directions of backstory that I considered before going with this one.

I think it would be fun to continue to build onto her story. To go deeper into the time just after the incident, and how it affected not just her but Marcus, too. To go into her training, and her search for information about what happened.

It would also be interesting to see how her character could be built as she continues to work and raise Marcus. How he could be further incorporated into the story.

I can honestly see the story going in the direction of Charlie taking over from her in-laws, and then eventually training Marcus to be apart of it all. If he wants to be, that is.