

## Character Development for Writers Group

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### Natural Enemies Prompts

*Conflict is at the heart of a good story, and some characters seem destined to butt heads. Of course, in some cases, the same characters may also have a lot in common. Some of the pairings on this list could be friends who bicker about a particular issue. Most of them could be true adversaries. They could even be enemies who wind up becoming friends or falling in love. Try writing about one of these pairs.*

1. A vegan and a steakhouse owner
2. Soldiers of opposing armies
3. A celebrity and a tabloid photographer
4. A moderator on a website and an internet troll
5. A neat person and a slob
6. A cat lover and someone who's scared of cats
7. A jock and a nerd
8. Owners of two competing shops or restaurants in a small town
9. A city lover and an outdoorsy type
10. An eternal optimist and a pessimist

Book example: *Zoe Rosenthal is Not Lawful Good* by Nancy Werlin

Different types of characters:





LAWFUL GOOD



NEUTRAL GOOD



CHAOTIC GOOD



LAWFUL NEUTRAL



TRUE NEUTRAL



CHAOTIC NEUTRAL



LAWFUL EVIL



NEUTRAL EVIL



CHAOTIC EVIL

loves following rules and order, from good people for good causes. tries to get others to follow rules too.

LAWFUL GOOD

will follow rules and order, but is just fine doing their own thing sometimes. either way, they just want to do whats best for others

NEUTRAL GOOD

hates rules and order, and will do their own thing, but tries to make sure that what theyre doing makes people happy and helps people out

CHAOTIC GOOD

would follow pretty much any rule, no matter what it is, even if the rule is unjust or evil. theyd be a little reluctant but theyd still do it.

LAWFUL NEUTRAL

kinda just... exists. just wants to be happy.

TRUE NEUTRAL

HATES RULES. loves chaos, good or bad. doesnt really care about what anyone says, and always does their own thing.

CHAOTIC NEUTRAL

love seeing others suffer, but also wants there to be some sort of order. will probably seek out a corrupt ruler, or become that corrupt ruler. not any less evil than chaotic evil, just more organized

LAWFUL EVIL

just likes seeing people suffer. will or wont follow rules, depending on whether those rules cause suffering or not

NEUTRAL EVIL

wont listen to anyone no matter what, and loves watching people die in hilarious, exiting, and creative new ways. just wants the world to become a fiery wasteland of torture and demise.

CHAOTIC EVIL



### LAWFUL GOOD

"Everything you see exists together in a delicate balance. As king, you need to understand that balance and respect all the creatures, from the crawling ant to the leaping antelope."



### NEUTRAL GOOD

"My dad just showed me the whole kingdom. And I'm gonna rule it all! Heheh. "



### CHAOTIC GOOD

"Asante sana Squash banana, Wiwi nugu Mi mi apana!"  
"It means you're a baboon... and I'm not."



### LAWFUL NEUTRAL

"One day, you two are going to be married."  
"Sorry to burst your bubble, but you two turtle-doves have no choice. It's a tradition that goes back generations."



### TRUE NEUTRAL

"Hmm, what do you think, Sarabi?"



### CHAOTIC NEUTRAL

"Luau! If you're hungry for a hunk of fat and juicy meat, eat my buddy Pumbaa here! 'cause he's a tasty treat, come on down and dine, On this tasty swine. All you gott is get in line! Are you achin', for some bacon? He's a big pig! You can be a big pig, too! Oy!"



### LAWFUL EVIL

"Long live the King!"



### NEUTRAL EVIL

\*THUMP! THUMP! THUMP!\*

\*BA DUM DUM!\*

\*THUMP! DUM! THUMP!\*



### CHAOTIC EVIL

"Eh-hee-hee-hee.  
Heh-heheheheheheheheh  
BA-HA-HA-HAAAA!  
HA-AH-AH-AH-AH!  
AH-HA-HO! HO-HO-HO-HO! "



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# Fic Writers Alignment Chart

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<b>Lawful Good</b> writes long fic in full before posting on a regular schedule until finished	<b>Neutral Good</b> long series of non-chronological fics with loose ties to one another, well written and with a largely consistent posting schedule	<b>Chaotic Good</b> just posts short, one-shot stories at random forever- no matter how much the people beg for more
<b>Lawful Neutral</b> has sequel(s) planned out for a series and is still writing, but takes approximately 5 years to finish it before posting	<b>True Neutral</b> comes from obscurity to write a single, mind-blowing fic, then fades back into nothing forever	<b>Chaotic Neutral</b> swans from the void to post updates erratically, but never leaves any real cliffhangers
<b>Lawful Evil</b> begins long angst-fic with inconsistent update schedule before abandoning the fic for good after posting a cliffhanger	<b>Neutral Evil</b> has a compilation post of 'fics I will never write' to tease everyone. Every last one is an amazing idea	<b>Chaotic Evil</b> has 17 different long-fics begun and unfinished, some several years old. will occasionally break from their current work to post a single chapter for one at random leaving a worse cliffhanger than before.
<b>Pure, Unadulterated Evil</b> has several chapters after their latest cliffhanger full of author notes and side tangents before abandoning the story forever and marking it complete without tagging it as an abandoned work		