

Without Regret

Character Profile Breakdowns

Character	Story Significance	Status	Regret
Echo	Main Character	Almost	They wish they had died instead of Chime.
Chime	Guide	Dead	She feels guilty about leaving Echo behind.
Irene	Side Character	Alive	Sad that she couldn't save Penelope from dying.
Penelope	Central Character	Dead	Sad that she left in the middle of the argument between her and Irene.
Reed	Side Character	Alive	He feels guilty that he left Derry behind after the argument.
Derry	Central Character	Dead	Sad that he left Reed behind after the argument.
Mike	Side Quest Character	Dead	He wishes he could have told his father that he is sorry for his behavior, and regrets the life he lived.
Stevey	Side Character	Alive	He just wishes he could join his family.
Lucy	Side Quest Character	Dead	She regrets leaving her family behind while they were still in turmoil, waiting for them to join her so she can move on.

Echo



Personality

A blank slate, Echo's personality is determined by the morality level of the character, as determined by the players' actions.

Background

Growing up in the neighborhood, Echo was raised in a poor household. With parents who weren't significantly present in Echo's life, Echo ventured out often as a child in search of a human connection. In the forest, Echo found Chime, and the two were inseparable from that point forward. One day, they decided to climb to the top of the tallest tree in the forest. Chime lost her footing and plummeted to the base of the tree, dying after several minutes. Guilt rocked Echo, who lost part of the memories of Chime's demise. Haunted by Chime's death, Echo lives life one day at a time, finding solace in their friend Irene as she and Echo both process the losses they've gone through.

Relationships

Character	Relation
Chime	Best Friend, Guide
Irene	Good Friend
Penelope	Friend
Reed	Neighbor
Derry	Stranger
Mike	Stranger
Stevey	Acquaintances
Lucy	Stranger

Chime



Personality

Strong-willed and outspoken, Chime airs out her thoughts as soon as they arise. She tends to insert her own morals into a situation out of the goodness of her heart, but this can often be perceived as being forceful or bossy. She knows what she wants, and she will impose this fact on others as a means of protecting them from their own mistakes. At heart, she is a young girl whose life was cut too short, so she is resentful and often melancholy when it comes to the realities of her position.

Likes/Dislikes

Likes:

- Order
- Justice
- Sweet foods

Dislikes:

- Disorder
- Intimidation
- Fire
- Heights

Background

Growing up in the neighborhood, Chime was raised in a well-off family and a stable household. She met Echo at a very young age as an inhabitant of the neighborhood and a frequent explorer of the forest. Chime and Echo were inseparable, spending every day together. One day, they decided to climb to the top of the tallest tree in the forest. Chime lost her footing and plummeted to the base of the tree, dying as she stared at the sky on the forest floor.

Relationships

Character	Relation
Echo	Best Friend

Assets

- Scribbled framed photo (scratched out image of Echo and Chime)
- Possibly Chime's diary

Irene



Personality

Grumpy, stoic, and careful, Irene takes everything a bit too seriously. She has a good heart and cares for her friends, but her approach often causes conflict in her relationships. She has a hard time expressing her emotions, often speaking bluntly. Irene is very careful in her approach towards situations and would rather carefully consider her options than get hurt because of a lack of understanding of the dangers of a situation. Honest to a fault, Irene would rather tell it like it is than leave room for translation.

Likes/Dislikes

Likes:

- Nonfiction books
- Crochet (embarrassed about it)
- Alone time
- Writing

Dislikes:

- Crowds

- Snakes
- Indirect communication

Background

Growing up in an unstable home, Irene was drawn to isolation as a means of escaping her circumstances. She found Penelope in the forest one day when Irene was reading by a tree, and the two have been inseparable ever since. During her school days, Irene grew more and more wary of the people around her and latched onto Penelope as a means of protecting her own peace.

One day, Penelope was invited to a forest party by Mike, a popular kid and bully at the school that Penelope and Irene attend together. Irene was immediately opposed, trying to communicate the risks that Penelope would be taking, but it fell on deaf ears. They got into a heated argument that ended in Penelope storming off and attending the party. That night, Irene heard on the news that a bad crash had occurred in the lake nearby, but she didn't find out until the next day that it was Penelope.

She spends her time nowadays by frequenting the graveyard and reading alone. She is writing a book mirroring the relationship she had with Penelope. She struggles with depression and anxiety, but Echo helps her as much as they can.

Relationships

Character	Relation
Penelope	Best Friend
Echo	Friend
Mike	Enemy

Assets

- Bookshelves
- Basket of yarn and crochet needles
- Reading corner (Chair, windowsill, etc.)
- Writing desk

Penelope



Personality

Happy and upbeat, Penelope is a ball of sunshine that loves her friends and expresses this fact regularly. Her communication style consists of indirect language, which she uses to avoid conflict, but it often causes more problems than it solves, and she expresses her emotions gently rather than directly. Penelope is impulsive and frequently springs into action the moment an idea pops into her head. A people-pleaser to her core, Penelope would do anything if it meant appeasing others.

Likes/Dislikes

Likes:

- Tulips
- Snakes
- Socializing

Dislikes:

- Reading
- Quiet spaces
- Blunt communication

Background

Growing up in an unstable home, Penelope was drawn to the outside world to escape her circumstances. She found Irene in the forest one day when Penelope was playing, and the two have been inseparable ever since. During her schooldays, Penelope grew more obsessed with connecting with others as a means of tuning out the conflicts in her home

life. She became drawn to influential and popular people but often got hurt in the process of trying to build a large group of friends.

One day, she was invited to a forest party by Mike and Scott, two popular kids at the school that Irene and her attend together. While Irene was opposed to Penelope going, Penelope was insistent and stormed off after a heated argument. Penelope attends the party but dies in a car accident when her car veers into a nearby lake and she drowns in the vehicle.

Relationships

Character	Relation
Irene	Best Friend
Echo	Friend
Mike	Acquaintance

Assets

- Snake tank
- Tulip vase
- Movie posters
- Scrunchies
- Camera

Reed



Personality

Reserved, judgmental, and analytical, Reed struggles to connect with others and to express himself. He is blunt with his delivery but cares deeply about those close to him. He projects his own morality and socializing standards onto others as a means of protecting

them from outside judgment. Reed prefers to stay to himself, but often lets Derry, his stepbrother, tag along on whatever adventure he sets out on. He is independent and looks for escapism in everything that he does.

Likes/Dislikes

Likes:

- Playing the guitar
- Writing music
- Urban exploration

Dislikes:

- Dogs
- Lack of awareness
- Tuba

Background

Growing up without a mother, Reed was often reserved and quiet, not wanting to cause problems for his father. One day, his father met a woman with a son named Derry, and the two were very distant from one another. Once his father married Derry's mother and they became stepbrothers, the two stepsiblings often clashed, and Reed was bewildered over Derry's positive and kind attitude towards the world. Over time, they grew closer, but Reed's own anxieties about Derry's carefree demeanor meant that the two were often found arguing despite their relative closeness. Inseparable, Reed and Derry spent their lives together in peace, but Reed could never fully let go of the need to control Derry's behavior.

One day, Reed and Derry were arguing, and Reed snapped at Derry, expressing that Derry needs to grow up and understand that the world is a cold place. Storming off, Reed goes to the local sawmill for some urban exploration to let off steam. When he returns home, he finds police swarming the house. A home invasion has occurred, and Derry was killed.

Now, Reed spends his time listening to music and frequenting the graveyard. His guilt consumes him, and he is in therapy to learn to express himself and to process the trauma of Derry's passing.

Relationships

Character	Relation
Derry	Stepbrother
Echo	Neighbors

Assets

- Electric Guitar (and stand)
- CDs
- Vinyl Records
- Posters of Album Covers
- Sheet music
- Camera
- Flashlight

Derry



Personality

Derry is a kind soul who doesn't engage with others well due to his more awkward nature. He is extremely nerdy and enjoys anything that includes superheroes, action, or problem-solving. He loves his friends and family, but often struggles to express this in words rather than actions. His version of an apology is a well-thought-out gift rather than an expression of his regret. He is highly intelligent yet struggles to communicate his thoughts clearly.

Likes/Dislikes

Likes:

- Comics
- Video games
- Engineering

Dislikes:

- Dogs
- Strangers
- Overbearing behavior

Background

Growing up in a broken household, Derry often struggled with his anxiety and inability to easily connect with people. When he was young, his mother met a man with a son named Reed. Soon, their parents married, making Derry and Reed stepbrothers. At first Derry was very hesitant about Reed's cold and reserved nature, but as time passed, the two grew closer and eventually inseparable. Despite their familiar closeness, the two brothers often clashed due to their contrasting personalities. Reed often expressed his disapproval and concern over Derry's approach to social interaction, but Derry found this behavior to be suffocating and repressing. Even with this strain on their relationship, their familial bond refused to diminish.

Relationships

Character	Relation
Reed	Stepbrother
Echo	Neighbors

Assets

- Mathematics textbooks
- Video game consoles
- Comic books
- Nerdy posters
- Legos
- Figurines
- Puzzles

Mike



Personality

Rude, abrasive, and condescending, Mike is a bully and a menace to society. He expresses his emotions through anger rather than calm honesty and would prefer to take out his frustrations on the world rather than looking inwards. He is blunt and unkind, often airing out his thoughts on any unsuspecting individual. In life, Mike was a bully and picked on people constantly. In death, he is a guilty but vengeful soul who wants answers to bring meaning to the chaos of his life.

Likes/Dislikes

Likes

- Video games
- Dogs
- Online forums

Dislikes

- The world
- People
- Emotional honesty
- Bugs

Background

The son of Stevey and Lucy, Mike grew up in a stable and loving home. After his mother died, his personality shifted, and he became a cold and callous person with hatred towards the world. The indifferent reaction of his father towards Lucy's death made Mike angrier,

and the two became estranged. In school, Mike was a bully and often kicked others down to make himself feel better. Finding solace in his dog, Benji, Mike learned to love the world again in small ways. In college, Mike moved away from home and brought Benji, severing his relationship with his father to choose a new path. One day, Benji got sick, and Mike reached out to his father for help with the vet bill. Stevey agreed quickly, coming to Mike's aid, but Benji died anyway, and Mike exploded on his dad about everything to do with his mother's death. The two left off in the middle of a bad argument, and Mike took pills to sleep with alcohol every night, dying in his sleep the following week.

Relationships

Character	Relation
Stevey	Father
Lucy	Mother
Benji	Family Dog (owned by Mike)

Assets

- Video games
- Dog toys
- Bug spray

Stevey



Personality

Stevey is a soft-spoken and kind-hearted soul, often sharing his wisdom to anyone willing to listen. Often fishing near the neighborhood graveyard, Stevey is always willing to stop and talk to any people passing by. A subject he loves to repeatedly bring up is that of his family. His son and wife brought him endless joy, and he will clearly express this in his stories.

Likes/Dislikes

Likes

- Fishing
- Sharing stories
- Dogs

Dislikes

- Nothing in particular

Background

Relationships

Character	Relation
Echo	Friend
Lucy	Wife
Mike	Son
Benji	Family Dog (owned by Mike)

Assets

- Bucket/Bait Container
- Small Wooden Boat

Lucy

Personality

Warm and gentle, Lucy is a soft-spoken individual who loves her family and would do anything to make them happy. She is aware of her surroundings and is not air-headed, but she often comes off as ethereal and not present due to her more whimsical demeanor. She finds her truest happiness with her husband, Stevey, and her son, Mike.

Likes/Dislikes

Likes

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Background

Lucy grew up in a large household with many siblings. Often tossed to the side as a younger middle child, she learned to find her happiness in tangible things like books and embroidery. One day by the lake, she met a young man named Stevey, and the two hit it off. Both kind souls, they related to each other's grievances and shared in one another's bright outlook towards existence. Lucy married Stevey when they were young. The two of them were best friends and relied on each other at the end of each hard day. Having one child, she doted on her son Mike and gave him anything he wanted, teaching him the values of warmth and kindness.

The news was sudden, but it was set in stone: Lucy found out she had stage-four cancer. While Stevey was supportive and did everything he could, Mike became angrier and more resentful, often having outbursts. Lucy left letters behind for when she would be gone, hoping she would be able to communicate to Mike that she loved him deeply. One day, Mike found the letters and read them all, ripping them to shreds and running away. Lucy tried to run after him, but she got weak and collapsed. She was admitted to the hospital and never fully recovered. She tasked Stevey with bridging the gap between him and Mike, no matter what it would take. Lucy succumbed to the cancer a month later.

Relationships

Assets

- Books
- Embroidery materials
- Photos of her family