

# **CHARACTER OBSERVING**

## **What To Look For**

- **How does a person hold him/herself?**
    - Posture**
    - The way they walk**
  - **Speech Patterns and the way they pronounce things**
  - **Quirks/Idiosyncrasies**
  - **Facial Mannerisms**
  - **Overall Personality**
  - **How are they affected by...**
    - Mood?**
    - Other people?**
    - Surroundings?**
  - **What makes this person unique in some way?**
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It is great to be able to view people over time and in different places or scenarios but sometimes just seeing a person once can give you enough to use when developing a character. Taking a mental note isn't always your best way of keeping track of the people you observe, therefore, you will need to keep an Observation Journal. This way you'll be able to go back and look at your notes from time to time. You may be surprised at what you find.

Remember, the easiest way to create a believable character is to figure out how they walk and how they talk before anything else.

**Constantly observe, imitate and experiment.**