



MAIN CHARACTER NEEDS!

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A FABBA FILMS ORIGINAL SERIES – ACTED, CREWED, AND TOLD BY STUDENTS



THE CONCEPT FOR LIFE AT YOUR SCHOOL IS RICH WITH VISUAL AND EMOTIONAL LAYERS. BELOW IS A BREAKDOWN OF THE FIVE MAIN STUDENT CHARACTERS, INCLUDING:

- **ARCHETYPE**
- **MENTAL HEALTH ISSUE (HIDDEN BENEATH THE SURFACE)**
- **COLOR GRADING / AESTHETIC LOOK**
- **CHARACTER NEEDS (EMOTIONAL, RELATIONAL, PSYCHOLOGICAL)**

PREMISE

FIVE STUDENTS IN SUMMER SCHOOL, EACH HIDING
A MENTAL HEALTH STRUGGLE. BRIGHT, RAW,
OVEREXPOSED SCHOOL SCENES CONTRASTED WITH
PERSONALIZED COLOR GRADING FOR EACH
STUDENT'S INTERNAL WORLD.

THE JOCK



Name: TBD

Mental Health Issue: Performance Anxiety / Panic Disorder

Color Grading: Rich golds and bold blues vs Strobing reds and flickering whites

Character Needs:

- Permission to fail without losing identity
- Vulnerability without shame
- Genuine friendships not based on performance
- Escape from toxic expectations

Notes: Outside, they look like they have it all, strength, confidence, swagger, but internally, they're crumbling under the weight of expectations. Their panic attacks come silently, in locker rooms and empty hallways.

THE POPULAR ONE



Name: TBD

Mental Health Issue: Body Dysmorphia

Color Grading: Warm and soft peach tones vs Cold whites and gray undertones

Character Needs:

- To be seen for who they are, not just how they look
- A safe space where appearance is irrelevant
- To express anger and sadness without being labeled “dramatic”
- Validation that doesn’t feed the disorder

Notes: Their online life is flawless, but in the mirror is a battlefield. They're always smiling in public, but behind every outfit is a ritual of self-hate.

THE PUNK



Name: TBD

Mental Health Issue: Unprocessed Trauma / PTSD

Color Grading: Dusty magenta and faded cyan vs Dark purples and gritty browns

Character Needs:

- To not be punished for surviving
- Adults who care instead of control
- To unlearn the idea that violence is the only language
- Forgiveness, especially from themselves
- Comfortable with singing, bonus if you can play the acoustic guitar

Notes: This character acts out. They curse and start fights, but it's all a scream for someone to see they are hurting. Their scenes flicker, skip frames, distort. There are moments where sound drops out completely.

THE NERD

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Name: TBD

Mental Health Issue: High-Functioning Depression

Color Grading: Clean greens and pale blues vs Desaturated grays and faded blues

Character Needs:

- Emotional connection beyond intellect
- Permission to rest, cry, break
- To feel understood without needing to explain
- Rescue from the idea that achievement equals worth

Notes: They ace every test but can't get out of bed most mornings. They speak in facts to mask feelings. The color of their world is cold and clinical until moments of connection introduce warmer light.



THE OUTCAST

Name: TBD

Mental Health Issue: OCD (Intrusive / Obsessive Thoughts)

Color Grading: Dusky purples and muted yellows vs High-contrast black & white or sepia tones

Character Needs:

- Control that doesn't consume
- Relief from thoughts that feel urgent, loud, and non-negotiable
- To be taken seriously, not dismissed as "quirky"
- Space to talk about her intrusive thoughts

Notes: This character isn't "quirky" or eccentric, they are managing a brain that constantly raises false alarms. Their compulsions aren't about liking order; they're about preventing catastrophe, even when the threat is invisible to everyone else.