

Secret Hiding Places 1

Scenario

Your character has something she needs to hide. It is something that is very important to her.

Questions

Write the answer to these questions. You don't have to use complete sentences. If possible, write the answers as part of a scene that may be in your finished story. As you write these snippets, always consider why your character makes these choices. What compels her to make this choice, as opposed to another? What is going on in her life or her past history that drives her to make these choices or take these actions? What colors her interpretation of the events?

What is it?

What does it look like?

What color is it?

Is it big or small?

Is it valuable?

Why is it important to her?

What memories are associated with it?

Why does she want to hide it?

Why does she find it necessary to hide it?

What emotion is associated with it?

What would happen if someone else found it?

Is anyone else likely to even look for it? If so, who? Why?

How would she feel if someone else found it?

How would she feel if someone else took it?

If the house was on fire, would she run back inside to rescue it?

Where does she hide it? Why there?

Is there anywhere else she could hide it? If so, why doesn't she hide it there?

Does she hide it in the house?

Does she hide it outside?

- If so, what is the weather doing?

- How does that make her feel?

Is she worried about a neighbor spying on her while she's hiding it? Why?

Finally

What does this experience bring up for your character? What *specific* memory or emotion? Does it change anything for your character?

Choices

Your character always has choices. What choices does she make at each junction and why?

Think of your current story

How can you use this in your story?

Next

Do this exercise for the each of your characters.