Counterweight (Template)

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Personality

Ultimately tend towards lawful neutral. They believe in the power of governments and institutions, and when push comes to shove will ultimately choose to do what is lawful over what is right. For lesser things, and especially for younger instances, there is some level of illegal activity they are interested in participating in so long as it does not endanger/harm others or risk serious consequences.

Their primary goal is typically to seek political power. Counterweights are driven to be a part of society, and to influence it. They are more comfortable in cities than in wilderness, and do poorly when separated from people they care about. When they find something they dislike about the society they live in, they would prefer to change it through legal official channels.

Counterweights tend to be straight, though can also be straight-leaning bi. Opinions on sexual exclusivity and such vary based on culture - they will not do anything they expect will cause scandal. Above average interest in kinks, particularly power dynamics such as bondage. Strongly dominant, in d/s worlds. They have the potential to become interested in either sadism or masochism, though not as a requirement and not as far as many glowfic characters.

They take promises and oaths seriously, and care a great deal about loyalty and fealty both as something they wish to have and something they wish to live up to for those above them. Counterweights prefer honesty and will usually choose to tell the truth, but have the skill to lie if necessary and do easily keep secrets.

They can be very competitive. Often interested in sports, dueling, or whatever their culture has as an equivalent. They are often above average fighters.

Nearly all Counterweights care a great deal about fashion. Most have a strong interest in good food, though rarely themselves cook. Gardening and botany are common but not universal hobbies.

They have a strong sense of wanting to look proper when in a large group. In public, they don't like causing scenes and are on their best behavior. When alone, they are more impulsive.

Origin

Originally began as Blue Oak, from the pokemon video game series. The first instance of this template was Azure Oak, who took on the role of the rival for the Nuzlocke FireSoul. While originally only a side character to his twin sister template Alizara, he is more often written.

Name Attractors

Commonly get names that are associated with the color blue or water.

Last names or family name is usually Oak or a synonym or translation of Oak such as Quercus.

Attractors

- They always have another character who they are part of a duo with.

    - Many Counterweight have an identical twin in the Alizara template.
    - Some Counterweight have a Wei Wuxian as a sibling or adopted sibling
- Most often born into wealth, and commonly as nobility. Is provided with a good education and is often encouraged to become a scholar or scientist.
- If they have supernatural abilities, they will likely revolve around themes of fire, electricity, telepathy, or communication.
- As of now, appear to only be cis men.

A common pattern for Counterweights are that they are often their guardian's least-favorite child. This can lead to conflicting emotions in their relationship with their sibling, who they typically look up to but can also resent both at once.

Associated Characters

- Oak family
    - Alizara, twin sister
    - Zaffre, grandfather
        - Zaffre always raise Counterweights who are born into the Oak family
    - Nyanza, mother
        - Dies at some point, typically before her children can form any memories of her.
    - Lazuli, father
        - Usually absent, for various reasons.
- Jiang family
    - Wei Wuxian, adopted brother
    - Jiang Yanli, sister
    - Jiang Fengmian, father
    - Yu Ziyuan, mother

Recommended Threads

- [Thread Title/Link]: commentary
    - Authors: [Name] and [Name]
    - Prerequisites: [If Any]
    - Warnings: [If Any]

Azure-and-Florentho

Setting: Daémon
Species: Human, with Gallade Daémon
Facecast: Kim Hyun Joong

History

Born on the third of Firemoon, on a slower-than-light generational fleet between star systems, to Nyanza (mother) and Lazuli (father), then raised primarily by his grandfather Zaffre along with his identical twin Alizara-and-Salanaya.

Though the fleet has stopped officially recognizing nobility in any capacity, he is a main-line descendant of the noble house of Oak. As such, he was raised among the wealthiest social class of the fleet. The grandson of a respected scientist, he was provided with an excellent education.

Florentho settled as a Ralts relatively early, and quickly evolved into Kirlia, then Gallade. They received their teleportation license at 16. Not long after, they performed the separation process which allowed Azure and Florentho to travel independent from each other. This was important to become an emergency responder, as Florentho can withstand dangers that Azure can not.

As of the point where most threads begin, he is around 19 or 20. He is on-call for emergencies which require use of Florentho's abilities or moves in order to rescue people, and also uses his excess daily casts of Teleport to assist with transporting things between ships. They take part time classes in government, and plan to run for an elected leadership position once they are old enough to have a decent chance at it.

Personality

In general, compared to others of their template Azure-and-Florentho is relatively optimistic and well adjusted. Having a daemon with emotion sensing provided him with a strong awareness of the emotions of others, meaning he is more polite and tactful. Between this and having a daemon at all, this has also made him more emotionally aware and more in-tune with his own feelings.

Zaffre prefers Alizara over Azure, as she shares his interest in science and research. The Fleet as a whole also has a strong interest in anyone who might be able to get them FTL. Azure has mostly come to terms with this favoritism, as he loves his sister. He chooses politics and social influence hoping that he will have synergy with her work.

While he isn't as intelligent as Alizara, he is reasonably clever. In particular, he enjoys learning about how different people live. Though he grew up privileged and rich, he spends a lot of time talking to people from every part of the Fleet. He especially enjoys the different traditions and festivals going back to different places on the dead world, and the various religious celebrations and ceremonies and their variations between ships.

Azure is straight-leaning bisexual. They have an awareness and general familiarity with the various kink clubs of the fleet. Their choice in partners is considered typical for a Fleet citizen - casual sex as an activity between friends. He's never had a romantic interest, and isn't actively looking though he does want one.

They are very interested in competitive battling. Once they finish their education and get a job in politics, Florentho intends to replace some of his emergency responder moveset with Moves that are better in battle.

Media such as video games or movies only interest them insofar as they are fun activities to experience with other people. PvP games or reading things for a book club will interest him, but solo games or books for their own sake do not.

His main hobby is fashion. He also helps get clothing for his sister and any friend who lets him. His preferred style is sharp but cool. He is very aware of how different outfits and styles can imply things, and is careful to pick out fashions which say the correct things.

Abilities

Florentho

Florentho is a daémon, and as such has all of the standard features of that "species". He is unusually durable, having an energy barrier which prevents any damage until it is depleted. Daemons are stronger than species of their size are expected to be, and have much higher endurance than humans. Daémon in physical contact with a human or other non-daemon sapient who is not their bonded physical half experience a complex reaction most typically summarized and interpreted as pain. As Azure and Florentho have undergone the process of separating, they can be any distance apart without danger or discomfort, though being in two rooms at once is mildly unpleasant for other reasons.

Gallade in particular have uncontrollable receptive empathy. He can sense the overall mood of an area within 7 meters, and can more sharply pick out individual emotions within 2 meters. Like many psychic type daémon, if Florentho is touched by a non-daémon he will uncontrollably pick up their surface thoughts.

While Florentho can learn any move a Gallade should be able to learn, his most common set of moves are:

Teleport - The ability to instantly move himself and anything he chooses to within a few meters to another location. Can go up to 100 miles away. Florentho needs to have been to a place and deliberately have chosen to memorize it in order to return to it. Can be done up to 20 times per day. Intersecting anything other than air is very dangerous, and the Fleet has special landing pads with strict rules for their use to limit the danger.

Hypnosis - Can cause another person to fall asleep. Fairly unreliable, and often takes multiple attempts. Can be done 20 times per day.

Life Dew - Creates a healing area a few meters across which restores the barrier of daemons within range. The energy does not do much to heal physical injuries, but studies have shown that injuries also heal slightly faster when exposed to it. Can be used 10 times per day.

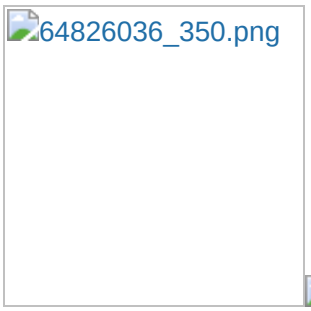
Wide Guard - Creates a large bubble which blocks things from passing through. It lasts for exactly 6 seconds. Can be used 10 times per day. There is a gap of a few seconds in between it falling and being able to be cast again. Works perfectly against wide or large things, such as falling ceilings, but has the quirk of occasionally failing when up against a tightly-aimed danger such as a single bullet.

Appearance

Azure has blonde hair, pale skin, features which on an Earth would be parsed as probably Korean and which the Fleet attributes to strong Kanto/Johto ancestry. 173 cm / 5'08" tall, with a lean build.

Azure focuses a lot of attention on his appearance, and dresses in fancy and expensive outfits. Like everyone on the fleet, his clothing matches the color of his daemon (in his case white and green, with occasional red accents).

Florentho is a standard Gallade. Vaguely human-shaped, 5'03" 1.6 m. White and green, with a red horn on his chest and back.



Associated Characters

- Zaffre - Grandfather
- Nyanza - Mother (desceased)
- Lazuli - Father (absent, not yet written/determined why)
- Alizara-and-Salanaya - Sister, identical twin
- Verity-and-Araeneve - Friend

Recommended Threads

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Jiang Cheng

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Setting: The Untamed
Species: Human Cultivator
Facecast: Wang Zhuocheng

This page is specifically for st753m's version of Jiang Cheng. Others may vary.

Pre-time skip: Jiang Cheng (three-poisons)
Post-time skip: Jiang Cheng (choose-to-offend)

Aliases: Jiang Wanyin, Sandu Shengshou, Sect Leader Jiang / Jiang-zongzhu (post-Sunshot)

History

(This is almost the exact same biography as is found in Jiang Cheng's CQL canon, found in more detail on the MDZS wiki.)

Early Childhood

Jiang Cheng was born on November 5 to Yu Ziyuan and Jiang Fengmian. He had one older sister, Jiang Yanli. As the first-born son of the sect leader, he was the heir of the Jiang Cultivation Sect of Yunmeng. He grew up in Lotus Pier, their home. As a child, he had three pet dogs (Princess, Jasmine, Little-Love). When Wei Wuxian was taken in by Jiang Fengmian after the death of Wei Wuxian's parents, Jiang Cheng's pets are taken away because Wei Wuxian had an intense phobia of dogs. This initially resulted in hostility and resentment, but they eventually reconciled and grew close.

Teenage Years

He attended lectures at Cloud Recesses along with Wei Wuxian, Lan Wangji, Nie Huaisang, and the other people in his generation. Afterwards, when the Wen clan insisted that the clan heirs and disciples travel to Nightless City for indoctrination, he joined them there as well. While there, Wen Chao took his hostages into a cave where a monster called the Tortoise of Slaughter resided. Using his skill at swimming he helps lead a majority of the hostages out of the cave through an underwater tunnel, then brings a rescue team to retrieve Wei Wuxian and Lan Wangji along with Jin Zixuan.

In retribution for the escape of the hostages, Lotus Pier is attacked. After the fighting breaks out, Jiang Cheng, Jiang Yanli, and Wei Wuxian are sent off to safety, and Jiang Cheng receives Zidian as a final gift from his mother. They attempt to hide, but one day in a market Wei Wuxian is nearly spotted by a patrol of Wen cultivators. Jiang Cheng creates a distraction and is captured and taken back to Lotus Pier as a prisoner where his golden core is destroyed by Wen Zhuliu and he receives a permanant mark with a discipline whip.

With the assistance of Wen Ning, Wei Wuxian rescues Jiang Cheng and hides him in the Yiling Advisory Office. Jiang Cheng did not take the loss of his core well. Fearing that his brother had lost the will to live, Wei Wuxian searches for a solution and finds one. Wei Wuxian creates a false story which claims that his mother's master Baoshan Sanren can repair broken golden cores and uses this as a cover for the real method - Wen Qing transfers Wei Wuxian's golden core into Jiang Cheng's body.

Jiang Cheng fights in the Sunshot Campaign - a rebellion of the other four great clans against the Wen. He rebuilds his sect, retrieves his sword, and searches for Wei Wuxian (who had vanished after the supposed trip to Baoshan Sanren - captured by Wen Chao while in Yiling). Jiang Cheng and Lan Wangji work together in the war, and find Wei Wuxian together after Wei Wuxian's three month stay in the burial mounds.

[Fallout with Wei Wuxian over the Wen Remnants]

[Wei Wuxian's death]

Adulthood

During the 13 years when Wei Wuxian was dead, Jiang Cheng continued to build Lotus Pier into a successful and powerful sect, as well as played a large role in the raising of Jin Ling. To prevent the dangers of demonic cultivation from spreading and to seek out any information regarding his brother, he hunted down demonic cultivators.

[Discovering Wei Wuxian alive]

[Stuff with Jin Guangyao]

[Finale and post-canon]

Personality

Compared to others of his template, he has a much shorter temper. He lacks awareness of other's emotions, and isn't very good at introspective understanding of his own, either. He tends to take things personally, and is unusually sensitive to anything he perceives as an insult or rejection.

Because Wei Wuxians are much more chaotic than Alizaras, Jiang Cheng more often found himself in the role of restraint and caution. Jiang Cheng understands the responsibility of his station; while his personal life has many issues, Lotus Pier under his command is a powerful and well-run sect.

Pre Time Skip

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Post Time Skip

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Abilities

He is a cultivator of high skill, though not on the level of prodigies such as Wei Wuxian or Lan Wangji. This means he has access to the standard abilities of any cultivator, including the ability to fly on his sword.

His sword is named Sandu.

Shortly before the death of his parents, he was bequeathed Zidian (also called Purple Lightning), a cultivation tool which can take the shape of a piece of jewelry or a whip. It is a powerful attack, and can also be used to tie someone up in such a way that no one but another person keyed to controlling Zidian will be able to remove it. Its attack has the property of driving out possessing spirits, though only ones which have taken a body by force.

Associated Characters

- Jiang Fengmian - Father

    - Their relationship is distant. Jiang Fengmian always preferred Wei Wuxian, and did not believe that Jiang Cheng properly lived up to their clan motto.
- Yu Ziyuan - Mother
    - Jiang Cheng closely resembles his mother.
- Wei Wuxian - ~Adoptive Brother
- Jiang Yanli - Sister (older)
- Jin Ling - Nephew
    - Jiang Cheng had a major role in raising Jin Ling after the death of his sister and brother in law.

- Nie Huaisang - school friend
- Lan Wangji - fought together in the Sunshot Campaign, later became bitter enemies

Recommended Threads

- never too far to look back: (wiki link)
    - Jiang Cheng is sent back in time from after the golden core reveal of episode 46 to a war camp in the early days of the Sunshot Campaign. He works together with Lan Wangji (also sent back in time to that point, from years earlier) to rescue Wei Wuxian from the Burial Mounds early.
    - Authors: argona and st753m
    - Prerequisites: none
    - Warnings: spoilers for the untamed
- Rewoven continuity: (wiki link)
    - Jiang Cheng wakes up in the past in Wei Wuxian's body (from the point where Wei Wuxian ought to have been revived, to the beginning of the Cloud Recesses study arc).
    - Authors: st753m
    - Prerequisites: none
    - Warnings: spoilers for the untamed, angst