

Character Profile

Matthew Allen Cooper

Age: 18

Parents: Robert (Bob) & Mary Cooper

Best Friend: Mitchell Adam Johnson

The Character Log-line:

Matthew Allen Cooper, a warm-hearted teen who hides his own doubts behind jokes and easy smiles, finds himself falling for his injured best friend—the boy now living under his roof, and in everyone’s eyes, practically his brother. As love and care blur, Matthew fears not just the judgment of others, but that he’ll get it wrong—cross a line, break trust, or fail the person he’s trying so hard to save.

Problem:

Matthew’s best friend Mitchell has been injured in a car accident that killed Mitchell’s parents.

Solution:

Matthew will take on the role of physical and emotional caregiver.

The Conflict Between:

The commitment required of Matthew as Mitchell’s caregiver will put stress on Matthew, his relationship with his girlfriend Beth and introduce feelings for Mitchell that Matthew didn’t even realize were looming beneath the surface.

Limitations:

While Matthew is openly expressive with his emotions and seeks to

ensure those around them are well cared for, he guards his deeper feelings of insecurity and doubt.

Complications:

1. Matthew may legally be an adult, but still on the edge of being a child taking on a role as difficult as caretaker. His stumbles will cause issues in his relationships.

2. The near-familial connection between Matthew and Mitchell creates a tension as Matthew worries allowing himself closer would be regarded as incestuous or taboo.

Greatest Fear:

Failing Mitchell and the present of strange new feelings.

Description:

18 year old high school senior Matthew Cooper is a well liked and outgoing teen. While not in any particular clique at his school, he is able to freely navigate between them. Matthew is dating Beth, also a 17 year old senior and member of the cheer squad. He is a handsome young man, clean shaved with short brown hair and expressive brown eyes. He can typically be seen laughing and/or smiling, preferring comedy movies and books over drama. He is uncomfortable with conflicts between people, using humor to bridge tension. He is naturally interested in people's wellbeing and would be described by others as a guy that would give the shirt off his back to help someone in need.

Matthew has an athletic build and is quite tall at six foot two inches, but does not play any organized sports. His physique is mostly genetic. He does like to run and allows him to be away from people, out in nature where he feels best when the stresses of those around him become overwhelming. Running gives him time to reflect and recharge his emotional battery.