## Jafar (24, M)

Jafar is a confident and alluring character. He harbors a secret crush on Wax and yearns for a committed relationship with him. Jafar's character is marked by his confidence and charisma, but he also struggles with the complexities of his feelings and desires. His involvement with both Wax and Roman adds layers of conflict to his character.

## Estelle (24, F)

Estelle is an independent and resilient character. She is best friends with Dorcas and has a complex history with Jafar, including a past sexual relationship and a miscarriage. Estelle is characterized by her strength, independence, and her journey of personal growth and healing.

INT. ENCLAVE TABLE - NIGHT

A deflated Roman turns and walks away from the table.

Before Roman could get out of earshot, Estelle focused on Jafar.

ESTELLE

(to Jafar)

I don't appreciate you bringing up our past without my consent.

JAFAR

Open and transparent, as long as it's not your business?

ESTELLE

If it were something worth mentioning, I would have.

JAFAR

We've been fucking for years, and now you say it wasn't shit.

**ESTELLE** 

It was casual.

JAFAR

But it wasn't meaningless.

Estelle locks eyes with Jafar.

ESTELLE

No. It wasn't.

JAFAR

That was the worst loss of my life.

A painful memory resurfaces that ties her heart to Jafar's.

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As the tears roll down Estelle's face, Jafar thoughts began to effortless spill from his heart.

JAFAR (CONT'D)

Just the mere thought of me, ever becoming a father, was something that I, I ah-  $\,$ 

Jafar fades off into deep thought.

ESTELLE

-what?

JAFAR

I didn't feel I had the right to want that, ever.

ESTELLE

Why not? A lot of gay men have children.

JAFAR

I didn't feel I had the right or the freedom to want it.

Estelle allow Jafar a space to continue.

JAFAR (CONT'D)

My wants had faded away.

**ESTELLE** 

It's hard to fathom your disconnect from such a fundamental common right.

**JAFAR** 

I stand proud of who I am. I am very proud. But at my core, I know my mask has done more than cover. It has, in some areas, made me numb.

ESTELLE

Jafar.

JAFAR

It's so fucked up, and I know it's not true, but part of me believes that God didn't want me to have kids.

ESTELLE

That's not true.

JAFAR

It's my punishment for being gay.

**ESTELLE** 

Don't say that.

JAFAR

Only a cruel God would give me hope and take it away.

Jafar pauses for a brief moment.

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ESTELLE

God doesn't give closure.

JAFAR

Why not?!

**ESTELLE** 

Because there's nothing he could say that would give you closure.

JAFAR

So he says nothing.

**ESTELLE** 

He instructs us to take a position of trust and trust Him.

**JAFAR** 

How can I trust anything when I'm just numb?

ESTELLE

Numb or afraid?

JAFAR

(ignoring her question)

It's as if HOPE has lost her voice. And even if she didn't, I wouldn't allow myself to hear her.

**ESTELLE** 

Jafar, you have a wonderful life ahead of you.

Jafar's empty eyes glare at Estelle.

ESTELLE (CONT'D)

You are making leaps. You just passed the bar.

JAFAR

I'm too alive to die and too dead to live.

ESTELLE

Jafar.

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## Character Report for "JAFAR"

JAFAR: Open and transparent, as long as it's not your business?

JAFAR: We've been fucking for years, and now you say it wasn't shit.

JAFAR: (staring at Estelle) But it wasn't meaningless.

JAFAR: That was the worst loss of my life.

JAFAR: Just the mere thought of me, ever becoming a father, was something that I, I ah-  $\,$ 

JAFAR: I didn't feel I had the right to want that, ever.

JAFAR: I didn't feel I had the right or the freedom to want it.

JAFAR: My wants had faded away.

JAFAR: I stand proud of who I am. I am very proud. But at my core, I know my mask has done more than cover. It has, in some areas, made me numb.

JAFAR: It's so fucked up, and I know it's not true, but part of me believes that God didn't want me to have kids.

JAFAR: It's my punishment for being gay.

JAFAR: Only a cruel God would give me hope and take it away.

JAFAR: Why not?!

JAFAR: So he says nothing.

JAFAR: How can I trust anything when I'm just numb?

JAFAR: (ignoring her question)

It's as if HOPE has lost her voice. And even if she didn't, I wouldn't allow myself to hear her.

JAFAR: I'm too alive to die and too dead to live.

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## Character Report for "ESTELLE"

ESTELLE: (to Jafar)

I don't appreciate you bringing up our past without my consent.

ESTELLE: If it were something worth mentioning, I would have.

ESTELLE: It was casual.

ESTELLE: No. It wasn't.

ESTELLE: Losing our baby still hurts.

ESTELLE: -what?

ESTELLE: Why not? A lot of gay men have children.

ESTELLE: It's hard to fathom your disconnect from such a fundamental common right.

ESTELLE: Jafar.

ESTELLE: That's not true.

ESTELLE: Don't say that.

ESTELLE: God doesn't give closure.

ESTELLE: Because there's nothing he could say that would give you

closure.

ESTELLE: He instructs us to take a position of trust and trust Him.

ESTELLE: Numb or afraid?

ESTELLE: Jafar, you have a wonderful life ahead of you.

ESTELLE: You are making leaps. You just passed the bar.

ESTELLE: Jafar.