Bronx Pace (18, M, Black)

Bronx Pace, an outspoken 18-year-old Black male, is Brooklyn's younger brother. Expressing passionate skepticism about Josiah's situation, he fiercely protects his sister and holds strong opinions about the unfolding events.

Character Traits: Outspoken, Skeptical, Protective, Opinionated

Brooklyn Pace (22, F, Black)

Brooklyn Pace, a 22-year-old Black woman, is Josiah's compassionate and intelligent fiancée. She serves as his emotional anchor, fiercely dedicated to uncovering the truth behind Josiah's traumatic experiences. Her nurturing and protective nature makes her a pillar of strength in his life.

Character Traits: Compassionate, Intelligent, Protective, Dedicated

INT. BROOKLYN'S APARTMENT - EVENING

Brooklyn's apartment is filled with tension as her younger brother, Bronx, confronts her about Josiah.

BRONX

(nonchalantly)

So, how's the little ninja holding it down?

 ${\tt BROOKLYN}$ 

(resigned)

He's still foggy from the head wound.

BRONX

(frustrated)

That's that shady government bullshit.

BROOKLYN

(dismissing)

Let's not dive into another one of your conspiracy theories.

BRONX

(passionate)

That nigga's in bed with the government. He's sold his soul, killed -

BROOKLYN

(interrupting)

- Bronx, please, not right now.

BRONX

And you're still gonna marry that tool?

BROOKLYN

(resolute)

Yes, that's the plan.

BRONX

Why?

BROOKLYN

Because I love him.

BRONX

Naw. You're not in love.

BROOKLYN

I'm not?

BRONX

You're just in love with the concept of marriage.

BROOKLYN

I am.

BRONX

Marriage is just an instrument of manipulation where men convince women that they are not complete without it.

BROOKLYN

Josiah completes me.

BRONX

He's controlling you. You don't see men walking with that marriage void!

BROOKLYN

(displaying her ring)

We're in covenant.

BRONX

It's not a ring. It's a leash that claims ownership. And he even gets to change your last name just like the master did on the plantation.

BROOKLYN

Bronx, I'm marrying Josiah.

BRONX

Why? We can raise that baby without him.

BROOKLYN

That's not an option.

BRONX

I don't like that nigga!