Literature Circle Archetype Analysis and Prediction Assignment

Science Fiction and Fantasy Literature

* Directions: Get into your literature circle groups. Using the archetypes we’ve discussed today (and a more comprehensive list below), list all of the main archetype(s) five of the main characters in your story fulfill.
* Write these down and then choose one archetype as a group that you would like your character to become. Be creative and have fun with your choice. This should be creative. Write down the archetypal character your group decides upon and then discuss and write a one-paragraph summary that explains where they began as a character (naming their current archetypes) and what happens that changes them. Be prepared to share.

Example: Lakshmi from Sold goes from an “Innocent” and the “Hooker with a Heart” to the “Femme Fatal” when she exacts vengeance on her stepfather who sold her into slavery. She steals a dagger from one of the men who visits the brothel and, with the help of Monica, stabs the mother of Happiness House, Mumtaz, as well as her stepfather who had repeatedly abused her back in Pakistan. She runs away with Harish and reunites with her mother back in Islamabad.

Example: Rey from Star Wars: The Force Awakens goes from an “Orphan” and “Initiate” to the “Chosen One” when her mentor, Luke, and her discover that she is the Jedi that will bring balance back to the Force. She becomes the greatest Jedi ever, faces and destroys the Sith Lord, Snoke, and helps turn his apprentice, Kylo Ren, back to the Light Side. She begins, with Luke’s help, to train a new generation of Jedi and brings balance back to the galaxy.

**Archetypes we have Discussed**: Epic Hero, Reluctant Hero, Flawed Hero, Princess Hero, Maiden Hero, The Chosen One, Sage or Wizard, The Innocent, Devil or Monster, Doppelganger, Gentle Giant, Bully, Underdog, Old Hag or Witch, Temptress, Damsel in Distress, Anti-Hero, Archmage, The Betrayer, Big Fun, Analyst or Intellectual, Blind Seer, The Catalyst, The Chooser of the One, Dumb Muscle, Eccentric Mentor, Enigmatic Empowering Entity, Familiar, Father Neptune, Femme Fatal, Ferryman, The Fool, The Genocidal Maniac, Gossip Girl, The Grotesque, Messenger/Herald, Heroic Wannabe, Higher Self, Holy Child, Hotshot, Ineffectual Loner, The Investigator/Detective, Judge/Mediator, The Klutz, The Knight in Shining Armor, The Contagonist, Fearless Leader, Legacy Hero, Loveable Rogue, Majestic Lady, The Martyr, Messiah Archetype, Orphan, Rebel Leader, Cannon Fodder, Shadow, Shapeshifter, Slave, Southern Belle, The Stupid Superior, Superhero, Threshold Guardians, The Wanderer, Wicked Stepmother

Archetypes We Haven’t Discussed: **The Nerd, The Jock, Granny Classic, Princess Classic, Prince Charming, Tycoon or Millionaire, Initiate, The Penitent, Apprentice, Thrill-seeker, Introvert, Masochist, Masquerader, Perfectionist, Show-off, Thief, Tyrant, Victim, Waif, Sadist, Villain, The Girl Next Door, Average Joe, Mother Figure, Father Figure, The Scapegoat, Sidekick, Storyteller, Commander Contrarian, The Conscience, Corrupter, Dragonslayer, Evil Overlord, Fair Folk, The Good King, The High Queen, The Hunter of Monsters, Keet, The Genki Girl, The Mary Sue, The Modern Major, Obstructive Bureaucrat, Old Soldier, The Paragon, The Paladin, The Rebellious Spirit, The Turncoat, The World’s Most Beautiful Woman, Pervert, Ambulance Chaser, Martial Artist, Agent Mulder, Agent Scully, Amoral Attorney, Antagonistic Governer, Rich Foreigner, Young Maiden, The Barbarian, The Doctor, Battle Butler, The Berserker, Bridezilla, Bumbling Dad, The Caretaker, The Casanova, The Chatty Hairdresser, Chick Magnet, Class Clown, The Confidant, The Control Freak, The Coroner, The Cosmic Plaything, The Cowboy, The Assassin, Death Seeker, The Widow, The Acolyte, The Doting Parent, The Drill Sergeant Nasty, The Erudite Stoner, Farmer’s Daughter, The Fat Southerner, The Ranger, Gold Digger, The Hermit, Mr. Mom, Kid Hero, Landlord, Living Legend, Lust Object, Master Swordsman, Plucky Office Girl, The Reliable One, Rockstar, Rags-to-Riches, The Scrooge, The Shrink, The Bard, The Spirit**