

ETHAN WHITAKER

Character Profile — SKATER BOI

PARALLEL STUDIOS UNIVERSE

CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT

OVERVIEW

Ethan Whitaker is a wounded but deeply kind young musician and songwriter. He is cautious because life has taught him not to expect people to see beyond appearances, yet he remains disciplined, funny, vulnerable, and willing to help others without expecting anything in return. Music is not simply a hobby to Ethan—it is the thing he refuses to give up on even when success seems unlikely.

APPEARANCE & PRESENCE

Ethan carries himself with the understated look of a young skater and musician. He is not trying to project wealth, status, or importance. His appeal comes from authenticity: there is more going on beneath the surface than people initially recognize.

PERSONALITY

Kind, disciplined, humorous, observant, cautious, and emotionally vulnerable. Ethan tends to keep painful feelings close to himself. He does not need applause to do the right thing, and he routinely helps people even when there is nothing obvious in it for him.

MUSIC

Ethan is a committed musician and songwriter. Music gives him a place to express the parts of himself he has difficulty saying aloud. Despite financial instability and setbacks, he continues working toward a life built around music.

SCHOOL, WORK & MONEY

Ethan's circumstances are not glamorous. He understands the pressure of ordinary life and the limits that money can place on dreams. Rather than allowing that pressure to erase his ambitions, he keeps working and keeps writing.

SKATEBOARDING

Skateboarding is part of Ethan's identity and everyday world. It represents freedom, movement, friendship, and the culture surrounding him. It is one of the ways the audience sees Ethan being completely himself.

FRIENDS & BANDMATES

Ethan's friendships are grounded in loyalty rather than status. The people around him see the musician, skater, and friend he is becoming, even when others judge him by what he appears to have—or not have.

FAMILY & ROMANCE

Ethan wants connection but is careful about trusting it. His original romantic connection with Claire becomes complicated by her concern with social expectations. Nicole enters his life differently: she sees Ethan as a person first and does not require him to become someone else before she can love him.

INSECURITIES

Ethan worries that people will decide his worth from his circumstances, appearance, or lack of conventional success. A major part of his emotional journey is learning that being overlooked does not mean being unworthy.

STRENGTHS & WEAKNESSES

His greatest strengths are kindness, persistence, loyalty, creativity, humor, and emotional depth. His caution can also become a weakness: because he has been hurt, he can hesitate to believe that someone genuinely sees and chooses him.

FEAR

Ethan fears investing his heart and his dreams only to discover that neither is enough to make people stay.

DREAM

Ethan's dream is to succeed through his music while remaining true to himself—to build a life where the thing he loves is no longer something he has to apologize for.

ESSENCE

Ethan is the heart of SKATER BOI: the person others can overlook until they finally understand what they missed. His story is not about becoming worthy; it is about discovering that he was worthy all along.

CORE THEME

"You didn't want him then; look what you missed."