

# Skyler

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*This character was designed for the game Derelict*

**Name:** Anna “Skye” Muir

**Role:** Main Character

**Age:** 26

**Gender:** Female (she/her)

**Occupation:** Ground crew

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## Overview:

Skye is the newest member of the crew, often getting teased by the veteran members of the crew. Her optimistic demeanor and hopeful outlook on situations doesn't help her either. Much of the crew sees her as a foolish kid who's inevitably going to get her heart broken and dreams crushed.

Despite the chiding from the crew, Skye is happy to be on the team and doing her job. She was lined up to inherit the family-run elderly care business but found herself turning away from it and leaving home. This has led to a difficult relationship with her family, her parents see her as fleeing her responsibilities. Skye is torn between wanting to be free and wanting to do what she believes is “good.”

While Skye's positive outlook is an irregularity in the coldness of space, it does not stem from naivete. Instead it is a conscious effort and choice. In caring for the elderly with her family, seeing them grow decrepit, helping where she could as they suffered, she developed a strategy in order to live. Joy in the face of the uncaring void is a necessity. The best way she can protect others and herself is through active dismissal of despair.

## Childhood:

More often than not, Skye fell on the side of listening to what she was told and doing the “proper” things in life. She was not a trouble-maker growing up, and was often seen as a

perfect child. Only recently as she has become more of an adult, more independent, has she begun to question her values.

Growing up, her parents did not give Skye a religious or dogmatic moral code. They were less concerned with meaning and more often consumed by the day to day work of living. She did however inherit much from her parents. Her mother worked earnestly as a farmer to provide for Skye and her father. She instilled in Skye a grit and determination to carry on in the face of impossible odds. This grit goes even to a fault, however, and often leads Skye down a path of self denial. Often she pushes herself to complete tasks that are beyond reason, to take risks that are too dangerous, and to deny herself peace and rest, seeing it as wasteful.

From her father, Skye learned a great sense of compassion. Early in his life he was crippled in a terrible accident as farming equipment destroyed his legs. Despite this setback he remained hopeful and loving, always caring for others first. Yet he too took it too far, unable to allow space for himself; He was eager to love, but afraid to be loved. Skye too takes on these faults.

#### **Appearance:**

Skye is a scrappy and creative explorer and her outfit reflects it. She has a well-tanned complexion from the many hours exploring that she eeked out from her busy life. Though she enjoys wearing it, she finds no time to wear makeup in her current job. Instead she decorates her hair with flowers or sprigs in an easy and haphazard style.

She wears a torn and patch-work Environmental Protection Suit that she has quickly made her own, decorating it with chalk-paintings of flowers and trees and the names of her crew-mates. She wears a pack with all sorts of survival and utilitarian pieces, from shovels to geiger counters.

#### **Motivations:**

Skye is torn between many callings and values in her life, often finding they contradict.

- Freedom - Skye learned to love nature and the freedom it gave her. Now as an adult she finds it in the little moments she can find.
- “Offering an open hand” - Skye finds it good, necessary even if she hopes to improve the world, to always be offering help. There are many in need, and she will not pass them by.
- Endurance - She is not going to give up when life kicks her down.
- Bravery - Skye never shies away from a battle when it is necessary. She gladly seeks out difficulty and struggles against it.