

# Character Profiles

## Six Weeks With You

### Vicki Meyers

**Age:** 24

**Occupation:** Waitress, then Art Store Clerk

**Residence:** Small apartment in a house

**Relationship Status:** Single / Couple / Single again

**Family:** Estranged from mother, no father

### Personality Snapshot

- Quietly resilient, observant, and deeply empathetic
- Self-deprecating humor used as emotional armor
- Creative, intuitive, and emotionally intelligent—despite believing she is “less than”
- Conflict-averse but capable of fierce clarity once she finds her voice
- Nurturing by instinct, even when she denies her own needs

She tends to minimize herself in social situations but possesses a strong internal moral compass and a profound capacity for loyalty and love.

### Background

Vicki grew up in poverty with an addicted mother, shouldering adult responsibilities far too young. Emotional neglect, instability, and shame shaped her sense of worth. As a young adult, she fell into a controlling relationship with Kent, mistaking control for safety and validation.

After leaving him, she relocates to Montreal to disappear and start over—without a phone, furniture, or emotional safety net. Her past leaves her hyper-vigilant, deeply cautious with connection, and unsure of her own identity beyond survival.

### Story Function

Vicki embodies the “**found family**” theme at the core of the series. Through her bond with Gunner, her tentative friendships, and her relationship with Daniel, the story explores how healing often happens indirectly—through care, routine, creativity, and being truly seen.

She is the lens through which the reader experiences:

- Recovery after emotional abuse
- Reclaiming identity after being reshaped by others
- Learning that love does not require earning

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**Beginning:**

Emotionally closed off, fearful of attachment, defining her worth through usefulness and compliance.

**Middle:**

Learns to trust through caring for Gunner, allowing herself creative expression, and slowly accepting support from others—especially Daniel.

**End:**

Claims her autonomy and voice. Chooses herself without bitterness. Adopts Gunner. Establishes stability, meaningful work, and emotional independence. She no longer disappears—she belongs.

Her growth is quiet but radical: she stops asking for permission to exist.

## Quirks

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- Draws instead of journaling; art is her emotional language
- Doesn't own a phone for most of the story
- Uses baking and decorating as a grounding ritual
- Notices architecture, texture, and light instinctively
- Apologizes reflexively—even when not at fault

## Series Notes

Vicki is the catalyst for the found family that forms via living in apartments in the same house. Her story bookends the series.

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## Daniel Ho

**Age:** 26

**Occupation:** Forensic Accountant

**Residence:** Currently living with parents before move to Hong Kong

**Relationship Status:** Divorced / With Vicki / Single again

**Family:** Mother, Father, 3 brothers (Daniel is second youngest)

## Personality Snapshot

- Warm, emotionally articulate, and quietly confident
- Observant and perceptive—he sees people as they are, not as they perform
- Gentle humor, affectionate, and expressive
- Comfortable with vulnerability and honest conversation
- Values depth over appearances

He is steady rather than dramatic, offering safety through consistency rather than grand gestures.

## Background

Daniel comes from a loving, stable, close-knit family. Recently divorced after realizing his marriage was emotionally hollow, he is grappling with grief, disappointment, and the disorientation of starting over. Professionally successful and preparing for a major international move, he is at a transitional point—unmoored but open.

## Story Function

Daniel is not a rescuer—he is a **mirror**.

Through him, Vicki sees:

- What respect looks like
- What choice looks like
- What love without conditions feels like

He challenges her assumptions gently, never forcing change, only offering space.

## Arc

### Beginning:

Emotionally adrift after divorce, unsure what he wants but certain of what he won't accept again.

### Middle:

Finds unexpected intimacy and emotional truth with Vicki, allowing himself to be fully present despite impermanence.

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**End:**

Chooses growth without abandoning connection. Leaves without breaking what they built. His love is not possession—it's permission.

Daniel's arc reinforces that love can be real even if it is not permanent.

## Quirks

- Chronic encourager (“You’re brave,” “You gave me a chance”)
- Uses humor to defuse emotional heaviness
- Over-plans when he cares (furniture, jogging, logistics)
- Comfortable with silence and emotional pauses
- Has a habit of guiding others gently rather than directing the

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## Gunner

### Role

Emotional anchor and catalyst.

Gunner is not just a dog—he is the embodiment of unconditional love, presence, and healing. Through him, the story explores how care can flow *both* ways, and how love often arrives disguised as responsibility.

### Age

Approximately 2–3 years old at the start of the story.

### Personality

- Gentle, intuitive, and emotionally attuned
- Calm rather than excitable; steady rather than needy
- Deeply loyal once trust is established
- Sensitive to emotional shifts in people
- Brave in a quiet, enduring way

Gunner doesn't demand affection—he *offers* it, patiently and without expectation.

### Background

Gunner comes from an unstable early life, marked by neglect and abandonment. While the specifics are only partially known, it's clear he has learned to be cautious, observant, and self-contained.

When Vicki takes responsibility for him, he is wary but hopeful—mirroring her own emotional state. Their bond forms through routine, consistency, and mutual gentleness rather than instant attachment.

### Story Function

Gunner functions as:

- A **mirror** to Vicki's emotional journey
- A **bridge** between Vicki and the outside world
- A tangible representation of “found family”

He gives Vicki something to care for that does not manipulate, judge, or abandon her. In doing so, he helps her relearn trust—not just in others, but in herself.

He also softens Daniel's role: moments with Gunner reveal Daniel's emotional openness and reinforce his suitability as a healthy partner.

### Arc

#### Beginning:

Cautious, observant, quietly anxious. Unsure if safety is permanent.

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**Middle:**

Begins to relax into routine and affection. Forms secure attachment with Vicki. Becomes a grounding presence in her daily life.

**End:**

Fully claimed and fully home. Adopted by Vicki—not as a replacement for human connection, but as a permanent part of her chosen family.

Gunner's arc reinforces that healing doesn't require transformation—sometimes it simply requires *staying*.

## Quirks

- Presses his body against Vicki's legs when she's anxious
- Sleeps lightly, always aware of where she is
- Tilts his head as if listening closely during conversations
- Responds more to tone than commands
- Walks slightly ahead, then checks back to be sure she's still there
- Has a calming presence that changes the emotional temperature of a room