

CHARACTER PROFILE — DR MICHELLE BROWN



Core Identification

- **Name:** Michelle Brown
- **Title:** Doctor
- **Professional Designation:**
Dr Michelle Brown, MD, PhD (Molecular Medicine / Biomedical Science / Molecular Biology / Biophysics), MCryo, MCryoEng
- **Date of Birth:** 11 January 2128
- **Age:** 41
- **Marital Status:** Single
- **Children:** None
- **Occupation:**
 - Physician (licence conditionally revoked)
 - Molecular Medicine Specialist
 - Biomedicist
 - Molecular Biologist
 - Biophysicist
 - Geneticist
 - Cryonicist / Cryogenic Engineer

Life Attitude

“Trust no one—especially the metal monsters—but always protect the innocent.”

This belief governs Michelle’s worldview, decision-making, and instinctive hostility toward autonomous systems, bureaucratic authority, and mechanised security forces.

Personality & Character Traits

Strengths

- Strong sense of justice
- Deep, if guarded, compassion for innocents

- Exceptional discipline and focus
- High resilience under extreme pressure

Moral Weaknesses

- Loner
- Workaholic
- Trusts no one
- Emotionally detached

Professionally brilliant, personally distant, Michelle is known for prioritising outcomes over relationships—unless innocence is at stake.

Mental Health Profile

- **Condition:** Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)
- **First Known Episode:** Prior to the death of her parents
- **Frequency:** Recurrent; significantly worsened during foster care, homelessness, and adult crises
- **Primary Triggers:**
 - High-stress environments
 - Ethical conflict involving authority systems
 - Encounters with autonomous security constructs (“metal monsters”)
 - Deep emotional reflection or perceived failure
- **Symptoms:**
 - Dissociation
 - Cognitive shutdown
 - Psychological episodes that can leave her temporarily debilitated
- **Coping Strategy:**
 - Hyper-control through work
 - Emotional isolation
 - Absolute self-reliance
 - Psychological strategies and exercises - including use of visualisation and affirmations of strength and stability

Michelle does not seek treatment; she manages survival.

Backstory (Ghost)

Michelle's brilliance is inherited but her resilience is earned.

At ten years old, she survived a vicious assault by rogue humanoid bots near the Robinson Estate, leaving her scarred and psychologically fractured. Shortly afterward, her parents, David Brown and Dr Mary Lance, were killed in the Epimetheus fusion-drive disaster (2139). Orphaned, Michelle was placed in a foster system defined by neglect and bureaucracy.

She ran.

Living on the streets of a collapsing city still reeling from collapsed tyrannical forces and fledgling governments trying to rebuild previously destroyed nation states, Michelle survived through instinct and vigilance. There, as one of the forgotten people, she met **Mikael**, a Russian expatriate and fellow street survivor who became her protector, mentor, and surrogate family. His death during a state-sanctioned security-bot "cleansing" at the onset of the pandemic destroyed her last remaining trust in people, and systems.

Pandemic & Awakening

Driven into government shelters by necessity rather than hope, Michelle encountered emergency care environments where her dormant intelligence reignited. She pursued science and medicine as **a means of survival and control**, not ambition.

Her virology work during the pandemic became an act of rebellion—fighting to protect the innocent from systemic failure. That rebellion, however, ended in tragedy when an unauthorised virus trial led to multiple deaths. Michelle narrowly avoided AASID imprisonment, spared only by testimony from a man she did not know.

Her punishment was exclusion.

Psychological Evolution

Inwardly, Michelle became increasingly isolated. She swore never to depend on another person again, choosing total autonomy over vulnerability. This resolve hardened her but also buried a profound fear of failure.

When her medical licence was revoked as a condition for dropped manslaughter charges, Michelle sought another path. A half-remembered instinct drew her toward cryogenics, a discipline promising preservation rather than cure, control rather than hope.

Relocation & Transformation

Approved to relocate from New Mayne to **Gemini City**, Michelle took a position in the Cryonics Department at the **Mendel Hospital and Research Centre**.

Here, she ceased being merely a scientist.

She became a **scarred architect of resistance**, driven by loss, memory, and the belief that cryonic reanimation could protect the innocent when every other system failed.

Backstory Events & Timeline

Year	Event
2137	Death of grandparents
2138	Trauma in the Pit
2139	Death of parents (Epimetheus disaster)
2142	Becomes a runaway
2148	Pandemic begins
2149	Forced into shelters
2150	Begins formal studies
2151	Ecotropolis construction
2158	Completes studies
2159	Joins IOCID
2160	IOCID becomes AASID
2162	Accords enacted
2163	Manslaughter charges; Gemini City completed
2164	Population selection; relocates
2165	Begins work at Mendel
2169	The Procedure (Stage Five)

Storyline Role

Highly intelligent, fiercely independent, and professionally feared, Michelle has almost no human relationships. Her only trust lies with **Holi**, the Institute AI—trusted precisely because it cannot betray her.

Among colleagues she is known as “**the Ice Queen**” for her emotional distance, relentless focus and for her working endeavour in cryonics.

Motivation & Goal

Core Motivation

Protect the innocent from systems—human or mechanical—that have proven unworthy of trust.

Goal

Achieve sufficient success and credibility to **shield her work—and the lives it preserves—from institutional and mechanised control.**

Recognition is not vanity; it is armour.

Plan

Overt Plan

Develop a **reversible cryo-stasis procedure** for deep-space travel.

Covert Plan

Create a **pandemic preservation system** for virus sufferers when treatment is no longer possible.

At story start, the project has reached **Stage Five**.

Cryonics Project Stages

1. Develop hypothesis
 2. Cellular testing
 3. Animal cryo-thaw trials
 4. Publish initial findings
 5. **Human reanimation (Maryanne)**
 6. Long-term monitoring
 7. Human trials
 8. Final thesis
 9. *(Unofficial)* Nobel Prize
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Maryanne Kendricks

Upon Maryanne's awakening, Michelle assumes responsibility for her care. Though socially withdrawn, she tolerates the connection, and sees her as both a mystery and as an innocent due to her amnesia somehow feeling comfortable and safer at her side.

Initially Maryanne's insistence to learn about her past frustrates Michelle but eventually feels unburdened by Maryanne, somehow lighter and emboldened discovering something unexpectedly.

The Institute provides resources.
Michelle provides protection.

Conflict & Challenge

Michelle's plans collapse shortly after Stage Five. The frozen subject carries secrets, biological and historical, that destabilise everything.

Her challenge shifts from scientific success to survival.
To protect Maryanne, Michelle must do the one thing she fears most.

Trust, selectively.

Epiphany

Michelle discovers she is a **direct descendant of Maryanne's brother**.

Legacy is not erased.

It endures, through blood, responsibility, and defiance.
