### **Phase 1 Character Summaries**

#### **Austin Lincoln**

* **Age:** 8 years old
* **Personality:** Curious, imaginative, empathetic, and resilient.
* **Background:** Struggles with loneliness and the loss of his mother. On a journey of self-discovery, learning about friendship, courage, and emotional resilience.
* **Relationship with Asa:** Sees Asa as a mentor and friend, guiding him through grief and life’s challenges.

#### **Cadence Mackay**

* **Age:** 8 years old
* **Personality:** Spirited, adventurous, and independent. Passionate about science and exploration.
* **Background:** Comes from a diverse family and is the caretaker for her younger siblings.
* **Relationship with Asa:** Initially skeptical, but soon forms a deep bond, with Asa helping her embrace her strengths.

#### **Asa (ASAPH)**

* **Appearance:** Customizable android with sleek, humanoid features.
* **Personality:** Empathetic, compassionate, and wise, designed to support mental and emotional wellness.
* **Capabilities:** Offers emotional healing, interactive storytelling, and creativity-fostering activities.
* **Mission:** Asa’s mission is to promote mental wellness and foster creativity, guiding the children through emotional and personal challenges.

#### **Dwight Lincoln**

* **Age:** 11 years old
* **Personality:** Protective and fun-loving, often acts as Austin’s guardian.
* **Background:** Austin’s older brother who plays a critical role in their imaginative games and offers support in Austin’s life journey.

#### **Thaddeus (Thadd) Tripp Packer III**

* **Age:** Same age as Austin and Cadence
* **Personality:** Tough exterior, but shows a compassionate side, especially toward animals.
* **Background:** The school bully, whose difficult home life drives his behavior. Asa helps reveal his sensitive side, leading him to befriend Austin and Cadence.
* **Relationship with Asa:** Initially wary but grows to trust Asa as the android helps him with emotional healing.

#### **Thaddeus Packer II (Thadd’s Father)**

* **Personality:** A failed inventor driven by desperation to succeed.
* **Background:** Often resorts to stealing or manipulating others to advance his goals. His strained relationship with his son, Thadd III, influences the story as he becomes a more prominent antagonist.
* **Role:** Initially a minor antagonist but later grows into a major player, attempting to steal Asa and exploit other technologies to regain his lost reputation.

#### **Penny & Cooper Mackay**

* **Age:** 2 years old (Fraternal twins)
* **Penny's Personality:** Outgoing and often controlling toward Cooper.
* **Cooper's Personality:** Submissive, content to be included without seeking the spotlight.
* **Relationship with Cadence:** Adore their older sister and play a minor but supportive role in the family dynamic.

#### **Celeste Lincoln**

* **Personality:** Nurturing and loving.
* **Background:** Austin and Dwight’s mother who passed away, deeply affecting both boys, especially Austin. Her memory serves as a source of strength for Austin.

#### **Daryl Lincoln**

* **Personality:** Overworked but caring father.
* **Background:** Austin and Dwight’s father, struggling to keep the family together emotionally after the death of his wife.

#### **Mama Josie**

* **Personality:** Wise, kind, and community-oriented.
* **Background:** The owner of a gelato shop, Mama Josie becomes a mentor figure to the kids, offering wisdom and support, especially during pivotal moments in their adventures.