

Character Slogan: Elder Joseph Barlow

Character Description: “Old Joe,” recently returned to the Hill District where he was born in 1918.

Speech:

A perfect day is the saddest day. You know why? 'Cause it has to come to an end. I've had many perfect days. I thought they were going to last forever. But they all come to an end. The only problem is you never know if you're going to have another one. I had a nice little old ride on that hundred and sixty-eight dollars till I ended up broke and in the poorhouse. I been in the poorhouse ever since. ...America is a giant slot machine. You walk up and put in your coin and it spits it back out. You look at your coin. You think maybe it's a Canadian quarter. It's the only coin you got. If this coin ain't no good then you out of luck. You look at it and sure enough it's an American quarter. But it don't spend for you. It spend for everybody else but it don't spend for you. The machine spits it right back out. Is the problem with the quarter or with the machine? Do you know? Somebody running for mayor ought to know that.

Platform:

Slogan:

Reasoning:

