

Gathering Ideas about a Golden Shovel Character

1. What was your character like 20 years ago? Answer the reporter's questions to summarize the basics.
 - Who are you—what's your name?
 - What are you doing?
 - Where are you?
 - Why are you where you are? Why are you doing what you are?
 - When is partially defined by the assignment, but you can talk about time of day, day of the week, etc.
2. What is your character like now? Again, answer the reporter's questions.
 - Who are you—what's your name? Has it changed?
 - What are you doing?
 - Where are you?
 - Why are you where you are? Why are you doing what you are?
 - When is partially defined by the assignment, but you can talk about time of day, day of the week, etc.
3. How does your character's clothing compare to what was worn in the days of the Golden Shovel? Describe as many details as you can—shirt? shoes? coat? pants? skirt? jewelry? etc.
4. What political positions does your character support, and why? How do these beliefs fit with the character's past? How are all these beliefs shown?
5. What is your character's favorite recreational activities? How often does your person have leisure time? How much does the person enjoy these activities and why? How accomplished is the person at the activity?
6. Is the character employed? What profession or job has the character chosen? What kind of training or education did the person have?
7. Is the character involved with a significant other? Does your person have children? What kind of personal relationships does your person have with these people?
8. Where was the person's family twenty years ago? Where are they now? Did they approve of the character's actions in the days spent at the Golden Shovel? Do they approve of the character now? Why or why not?
9. What, if any, kind of alcohol would the person drink now and why? How often does the person drink? Why does the person drink? How do these habits compare to the past?
10. What is your character's dream? What was it 20 years ago? How has it changed? How close is the person to achieving these dreams?
11. What are the names of the other six people who made up "The Seven at the Golden Shovel"? How are they related to the character you've chosen? Where are they now? What are they doing? Just give some basics, and think through who they are now.
12. If your character were to meet the remaining members of the Seven, where would the group meet? What would bring them together? What would they do when they met? How would they get along now? Would they all have the same relationship and why?