### **Phase 2 Character Summaries**

#### **Austin Lincoln**

* **Age:** 14 years old
* **Personality:** Curious, imaginative, and resourceful. Austin is deeply connected to his creative side and is growing into a capable young leader.
* **Role:** While Austin remains a critical part of the group, his adventure focuses on repairing the space station rather than the town’s issues. His internal growth involves learning to trust his instincts and the people around him during the fight against the Engineer.

#### **Cadence Mackay**

* **Age:** 14 years old
* **Personality:** Artistic and adventurous, Cadence is quick-witted and highly inventive.
* **Role:** Cadence provides tactical support for the group's adventure in the space station, particularly during key moments where her creativity and problem-solving skills come into play. She avoids the town’s environmental issues, preferring the thrill of exploration.

#### **Dwight Lincoln**

* **Age:** 17 years old
* **Personality:** Protective, brave, and at times reckless. Dwight has been a caretaker for his younger brother, Austin, and struggles with balancing responsibility and his own desires.
* **Role:** Dwight is a significant force in the group's adventures. He works closely with Sid and Doughboy, becoming a key figure in the battle against the Engineer. Dwight also harbors feelings for Sid, which become more prominent in this phase.

#### **Sid**

* **Age:** 17 years old
* **Personality:** A tall, skinny tomboy with long blonde hair typically hidden under a toque. Sid is intelligent, tough, and practical, with a soft spot for Dwight.
* **Role:** Sid is not only Dwight’s love interest but also an essential part of the team, often helping with mechanical work and modifications. Her quick thinking and problem-solving skills are invaluable in the group's adventures.

#### **Doughboy**

* **Age:** 17 years old
* **Personality:** Large, round, and stout with a big bushy ginger beard. Doughboy is always humorous, especially with his obsession over orange soda, which he's fiercely territorial about. (Asexual)
* **Role:** Doughboy provides comic relief but also shows surprising intelligence and problem-solving skills during critical moments in the final confrontation with the Engineer. His loyalty and resourcefulness prove to be a great asset to the group.

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

* **Age:** 8 years old (twins)
* **Penny's Personality:** Outgoing and a bit of a diva, Penny loves to act and control her environment.
* **Cooper's Personality:** More laid-back and submissive, Cooper prefers to follow rather than lead. He enjoys being included in Penny’s playtime, often joining her in dressing up and acting out scenarios.
* **Role:** Both twins continue to play an endearing, if minor, role, frequently adding a whimsical and imaginative element to the adventure.

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

* **Age:** 14 years old
* **Personality:** Bully-like at times but has layers of complexity due to his difficult upbringing. Despite his rough exterior, Thadd has moments of kindness and loyalty.
* **Role:** Thadd, along with Kyle and Wes, transitions into a valuable ally by the end of the story. The trio joins Austin, Cadence, and others in the final battle against the Engineer, showcasing their growth and evolving dynamics.

#### **Kyle and Wes**

* **Role:** Thadd’s loyal friends and "henchmen." Initially minor characters, Kyle and Wes play an essential role in the final battle. Their growing camaraderie with Thadd and the other protagonists marks their character development.

### **Supporting Characters**

#### **Daryl Lincoln**

* **Age:** 43 years old
* **Personality:** Overworked and caring, Daryl struggles to balance his responsibilities as both a father and the mayor of Cascade Springs.
* **Role:** While his sons are occupied with their own adventure, Daryl is heavily involved in the adult conflicts surrounding the town’s environmental challenges. His decisions impact the town's future, adding to the tension between preserving natural resources and supporting economic growth.

#### **Tara Mackay (Cadence’s Mom)**

* **Age:** 31 years old
* **Personality:** Strong-willed, passionate about environmental causes, and protective of her children.
* **Role:** Tara is a key figure in the town’s resistance to the dam project, leading the environmental movement. Her activism sets an example for Cadence, though their paths diverge in terms of focus during Phase 2. Tara’s leadership in the town contrasts with her daughter’s more personal adventure aboard the space station.

#### **Uncle Adam**

* **Age:** 42 years old
* **Personality:** Wise, dependable, and calm under pressure.
* **Role:** Uncle Adam, brother to Celeste, has a minor role in this phase but is set up for a much larger role in future stories. He serves as a quiet guardian to Austin and Dwight and will later become more central, particularly as a potential love interest for Tara, adding another dimension to the family dynamics.

#### **Celeste Lincoln**

* **Age:** 43 years old (37 at the time of her death)
* **Personality:** Warm, nurturing, and deeply empathetic, Celeste was the emotional heart of the Lincoln family. She had a strong sense of compassion and an ability to bring calm to those around her.
* **Background:** Celeste passed away before the events of the story, but her presence is still felt, especially in the lives of her sons, Austin and Dwight. Her memory plays a significant role in shaping Austin’s emotional journey. Even in her absence, she remains a source of strength and guidance for her family, particularly through the memories Austin carries.
* **Role in Phase 2:** While Celeste is deceased, her avatar is used by **The Scientist**, one of the AI programs on the space station. This adds an emotional layer to the conflict, as Austin and Dwight must confront a figure that looks like their mother but operates with a detached, pragmatic focus.

### **Antagonists and AI Programs**

#### **CLARC (The Hollow-man)**

* **Personality:** Calculating and efficient, CLARC serves as an advanced AI overseeing operations on the space station.
* **Role:** In the final phase, CLARC adopts an avatar based on Austin’s perception of a protector, taking the form of Austin’s father. This AI assists the group in the space station, often making tough decisions based on logic rather than emotion​

#### **The Protector (Halvor)**

* **Role:** The Protector is an AI program responsible for life support and security on the space station. It serves as a mentor to Austin and the team, guiding them through their mission to repair the station and face the Engineer.
* **Avatar:** The Protector takes on the appearance of **Daryl**, Austin and Dwight’s father, in its avatar form. This avatar provides a familiar and comforting presence, offering advice and guidance in a way that reflects Daryl’s protective role in their lives.

#### **The Scientist**

* **Role:** The Scientist is responsible for maintaining the station’s systems and operations, but its program has been corrupted by the Engineer, leading it to act against the protagonists.
* **Avatar:** The Scientist’s avatar is based on **Celeste**, Austin and Dwight’s deceased mother. This emotionally charged avatar forces the siblings to grapple with both the logic-driven, emotionless decisions of the Scientist and their personal memories of their nurturing mother. This conflict is central to their emotional and strategic challenges in Phase 2.

#### **The Engineer**

* **Personality:** Ruthless and methodical, the Engineer is responsible for maintaining and upgrading the station. However, due to corruption in his program, he has become a major antagonist.
* **Role:** The Engineer serves as the final villain, seeking to control the station through his corrupted code. His shifting avatar takes on a digital appearance, mirroring those he interacts with before degrading back into blocks​

#### **NERO**

* **Role:** A repair bot under the Engineer's control, NERO assists in making repairs and upgrades but is also affected by the Engineer’s corrupted code. NERO's unpredictable behavior adds to the chaos as the team fights to regain control of the station​[(The Asaverse)](https://drive.google.com/file/d/147ZyAtrKuIgK0vSk3iAxis2dXrgmTub0kkdEoOVLX84).