

Nice name!

Burch Everdeen strode down the street with joy that was not normal for District 12 but his reason for smiling was because there was a new member of the Everdeen family waiting for him at home, his three week old ray of sunshine, Katniss. His smile attracted attention as the coal miners of 12 are not normally wearing a smile as bright as the sun. His face blackened with coal dust, lit up as he saw his wife standing outside his home with his bundle of joy held in her arms. [great details describing his appearance](#)

“Katniss Evedeen, you make my life, normally dark with coal, light with your smile,” he said joyfully, taking her into his arms and lifting her above his head then kissing his wife on the cheek. [lovely action and speech, showing he is a loving father](#)

Eleven years later as Burch was going out to work he kissed his 11 and 7 years old daughters and hefted his pickaxe and left. When he made it to the mine he saw the other miners filling into the dark, dank depths of the mines. As he began to work away at the stone he found a huge cavern with black coal lining the walls.

“Quick, come quick,” he called to the peacekeepers that were patrolling the mine “this coal vein could last for years but I think that we should check if the cave is safe before we mine here otherwise there might be a cave that would crush us all!”

“You will mine all this now whether or not it is safe,” grunted the head peacekeeper, a big brute of a man, before muttering to his comrades in a low voice “This could get us an extreme pay raise that would benefit us a lot,” [What description of him could you add here?](#) All miners left their other mining project and went to the big cave to start mining the shining black coal that lined the walls. Big chunks of it fell off the walls and landed on the rough, stone floor with resounding thuds that echoed in the enormous cavern.

“This cave is potentially dangerous and if we keep mining in this way the roof will definitely fall on us,” said Burch while tapping the wall with the handle of his pickaxe to check if it was solid.

“Then why are we mining this then?” Said Rigg Commonwing, a miner who was not the sharpest tool in the tool box.

“Because the Peacekeepers want more money,” said Burch patiently.

“But why?” Said Rigg staring at the piece of green snot on the tip of his finger.

“Because they want a pay raise,” said Burch, getting more and more exasperated by the minute.

“But why though?” said Rigg, now trying to pick the chips of coal out of his nails.

“Because they are greedy pigs, now stop with the questions and listen to me already,” whisper-screamed Burch in frustration at the miner’s incompetence “If we lure them in here by stopping mining and then collapse the cave on them it will kill them and we can blame it on a mining accident,”

The miners nodded their agreement and went to the walls and initiated the first stage of their plan, to sit down and stop work so that the guards would come and get them to start working at the coal again. Just as Burch predicted, all the peacekeepers rushed in, pulling their whips out as they ran and slashing at the nearest miner - who was Rigg - who then fell over in pain. The other miners clustered around their fallen comrade who was moaning in pain at a deep gash on his shoulder.

“Get up or what happened to that guy on the floor will be a reality for the rest of you too,” commanded the Head Peacekeeper in a loud voice.

“Ok, me gettin up now,” said Rigg while crashing his pickaxe at the wall.

“Alright men, enough of a break c’mon let’s get back to work now,” said Burch, a sly grin creeping across his face.

Don't rely too much on speech. Describe his appearance, his actions, their reactions - all of that will add to his character.

The miners hacked at the walls as hard as they could in order to get the roof to cave in. Soon enough there were signs all over the place that the miners could see that the place was about to cave in. As soon as the cave was one hit from caving in Burch called to the miners,

“Come on one more hit, I'll keep them here and make the final hit and you'll go to the surface, go,go,go!”

All the miners legged it to the surface while Burch made the final hit to the wall just as the peacekeepers processed what he had said and the last miner got through the entrance. With a crash the roof fell onto the remaining people in the mine crushing the life out of them. Rigg was the last one to make it to the surface and he saw Burch slowly being crushed under the weight. At the top of the mine Katniss, Prim and their mother were waiting for Burch to come out, they knew he would but minutes passed, hours passed with still no sign that their beloved Burch was alive. Eventually the miners who went back to find him came up without Burch. Katniss, her sister and her mother never forgot him and neither did the miners that he gave up his life for.

This starts really well - try to include some of those great descriptive details throughout.