

Character Breakdown

Larry Weiss: Chief protagonist. Larry had planned to go into business with his father soon after graduating college but at the suggestion of a professor decides to work in the financial industry. Though successful he nevertheless feels guilty about his decision. As a result, he makes every effort to conceal his success from his father. During a discussion with his father about city finances, Larry realizes his father has gotten older and is no longer the shrewd, robust man he has always known him to be.

Marty Weiss: Larry's father. Marty is angry when Larry decides to become a stock broker rather than going into business together. He remains unaware of Larry's success and is thus shocked when informed of Larry's appointment as city budget director. At Larry's office he becomes confused and agitated during a discussion about city finances. This is in marked contrast to when he was able to do complex math problems in his head and thwart a robbery when younger.

Barbara Weiss: Larry's sister. She reluctantly agrees to help Larry conceal news of his success from his father though she finds the entire enterprise wholly unnecessary and ridiculous.

Professor: Impressed by Larry's intelligence during a class discussion about interest rates, he suggests Larry could make better use of his talents in the financial industry rather than going into business with his father.

Jeff Trackman: Former college classmate and advisor to Larry.

Harry Brooks: Former college classmate and advisor to Larry.

Herb: Marty's accountant. He informs Marty about Larry's appointment as city budget director.

Mr. Stevens: Larry's mentor in the financial industry.