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Jackson

Pioneer Survivors,

Town of the Next Big Thing,

The Next Memphis,

Arms wide open,

Always calm and peaceful, forgiving and grateful.

Genuine smiles and giving graciously

God-fearing but not afraid.

This small town is

Growing,

Striving,

Reaching,

But not quite grasping it.

Slowly succumbing to greed,

Soon becoming cold and calculating, mean and manipulating.

Fake smiles and a façade of friendliness,

Fear freely festering.

Alarm of those hiding in the dark shadows spikes,

Waiting for when they will strike next.

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Bigger isn't always better.