

## **Aleister Crowley - Gossip**

There are rumors and gossip about each of the characters at the party. Some is true, some might not be. Below are all of the rumors about your character, plus one or two tidbits about others.

You're being told the rumors about you so that you won't be surprised when someone mentions them. You can decide whether the gossip is true or not (although others may believe it's true regardless); your decision will affect your reaction (you can indignantly deny it, stammer and change the subject, freely admit it...whatever you like).

During the course of the evening, you should try to mention the gossip you know about others. Try to work it casually into the conversation: Don't walk in the door and blurt out, "She's a diabetic, and he's addicted to morphine, and she's having an affair with a circus midget." Instead, you might notice that someone has refused dessert and ask if that's due to her diabetes, or mention an acquaintance of yours that you know is the other fellow's pusher (you're on your own with the circus midget).

Also, please try not to share your clues with others before the party. The puzzle is more fun if everyone has only a few pieces.

### **What Someone Knows About You:**

When you were a hack writer, you were once overheard commenting that if you ever wanted to get rich you'd start your own religion.

You've mentioned plans to establish an occult research center and university, where those interested in your work could congregate. You need to find the right spot, though--preferably, one with a lot of psychic turbulence.

Your stated belief, *Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the Law*, makes many wonder if you're truly evil, just amoral, or perhaps even simply immoral.

### **What You Know About Others:**

Madame LaVeau - So famous and powerful is she in New Orleans, she acclaimed herself the Pope of Voodoo. She is respected and feared by thousands, including the Catholic Church--she's even received permission to hold rituals behind St. Dismus Cathedral.

Joe "Big Fish" Pescado - He owns a small winery which supplies only sacramental wine to churches--which is legal during Prohibition--run by an obscure order of monks (The Brothers of Perpetual Gesticulation). A raid on a speakeasy in New York found a case of his sacramental wine, which tested at 180 proof.

Maximillian Von Blucher - The Count bears a striking resemblance to a con man who was billing himself as Dr. Balsamo, purveyor of medical miracles from the Orient. After the king of Prussia took gravely ill from one of Balsamo's potions, he vanished from the Continent.

General Grant - He was driven to become an outstanding military man by the disgrace of his great-uncle's desertion from the Confederate army. He's dedicated his life to expiating his ancestor's crime by surpassing him as a soldier.

The Help - No one ever sees Cook. She's shy and suspicious of strangers. There are rumors that she spent some time in an asylum, but she's much better now. Really.