

Maggie DuBois - 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:

You're a society reporter who's aching to become a hard-hitting investigative journalist. You'll do anything to get your break in the business, perhaps even going so far as to stage an event so that you can report on others' reactions.

You sometimes do daft undercover stuff--like pretending to be a patient--in order to get a story.

What You Know About Others:

Emily Pillar - She has a short fuse, snaps routinely and fires her help.

Sigmund Fraud - He's been criticized by his peers for running "blind experiments"--introducing unsuspecting subjects into test situations in order to study their behavior.

Lucrezia Von Blucher - The Countess is actually an ex-prostitute who has taken to social climbing with some gusto.

The Help - A few years ago, Worthington, the butler, was arrested for murdering a former employer. He was released for lack of evidence (they didn't find enough of the body to make a case), but no one would hire him after the trial.