

Ruth Edding - 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:

Your husband is involved in some shady dealings, and you're more than an innocent victim.

Your sultry voice once even attracted the attention of Al Capone; when you broke off your affair, you decided it would be wise for you and Joe to leave Chicago.

Your interlude with Al also had another unfortunate side-effect: you're addicted to codeine.

What You Know About Others:

Emily Pillar - She slept with her publisher to get her first book deal.

Josephine Butcher - She is very interested in PR, and will go to some lengths for self-promotion, even staging fake events as publicity for her stage routines. When she introduced her famous "fruit bowl" dance, she circulated a rumor that all shipments of fruit into France were being halted at the border. The ensuing publicity was a perfect springboard for advertising her new routine.

Sigmund Fraud - It's rumored that he has had affairs with some of his patients.

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