

Clarence Marrow - 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 were ruthless in your attack on Bryan in the Scopes case, making the well-respected (albeit religious) attorney look like a fool. He never recovered from the experience, and died less than a week after the end of the trial.

Although you're well-born, you have a low taste for the hired help. You've had many affairs with maids and washerwomen.

What You Know About Others:

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.

Madame LaVeau - More than once, she's "pointed the bone" at some enemy, and death or calamity has befallen them a short time later.

Joe "Big Fish" Pescado - He left Chicago rather precipitously and spent a month overseas, claiming a "Continental Tour" for his wife Ruth's act. However, he has studiously avoided Chicago since his return.

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.