

## **Emily Pillar - 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 have a short fuse, snap routinely and fire your help.

You slept with your publisher to get your first book deal.

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

"Yoo-Hoo" Chanel - She's very interested in helping to promote Josephine Butcher's career, since the more popular she is, the higher the prices the clothing based on her routines fetch. Chanel already has a new "Phantasmique" line coming out to take advantage of Butcher's new routine. She's made vague references to being "inspired" by real hauntings.

Maggie DuBois - She's a society reporter who's aching to become a hard-hitting investigative journalist. She'd do anything to get her break in the business, perhaps even going so far as to stage an event so that she could report on others' reactions.

Lucrezia Von Blucher - The Countess has a very strange and egalitarian habit: She lets the "help" dine with her guests. This is a terrible faux pas, but she seems to have a soft spot for the servants.

The Help - Threnody, the maid, has a seedy reputation. She drinks, smokes, and carouses with the guys who hang around on the corner. No one of any character would hire her.