



THE SUSPECTS

SASKIA SPENDLOVE

Assistant to the great, and now late, Olivier Venesse, Saskia has been working for the “Alchemist of Chocolate” for two years now. She loves her job and, while The Venesses are demanding and expect perfection, she has never enjoyed a job as much as she has working with Olivier. When she got the job with Olivier, she had been working as a waitress trying to save up to go to school. Saskia is a hard worker and was fiercely devoted to Olivier and the continued success of his brand after his retirement.

ALLIE EYDEN

Eternal optimist Allie Eyden has flown in from across the country to see Olivier Venesse in person – for the second time! Her first session with Olivier was a dream come true for Allie, and she travelled all the way to Switzerland to have a session with him. That was twelve years ago, and she is excited to meet with Olivier again. Allie is soft-spoken and friendly, and is attending the event tonight alone. She is single, and has been for most of her life.

GIZELE VENESSE

Wife of the victim, Olivier Venesse, Gizele is French, but has travelled all over the world with her husband. While they are based in Switzerland, she has flown with him here as he set up a make-shift chocolate factory in this old house and started producing small batches of his world-renowned chocolate. Gizele is a confident, yet at times, prickly woman who knows what she wants and will settle for nothing less. While her disdain for this event this evening is apparent, she is still attending with her own personal group of staff dedicated to catering to her every whim.

MICHELLE COZENS

Wife of Alex Cozens, Michelle is a socialite whose charitable work and active role in the community are largely connected to her desire to appear charitable and active in the community. When it comes down to it, she's the first to sling gossip, condemnation and judgment within her social circle. Years ago, when they were first married, Michelle had her father give Alex a job at his company, and that job has provided Michelle a very comfortable life. She wants for nothing, but is also very concerned with appearances. Wherever Alex goes, she goes, hence her attendance at the party tonight. Michelle received an invitation at Alex's request, and was granted, much to everyone's surprise, a coveted private session with Olivier himself.

SILLA COYLE

Skeptic Silla Coyle runs a website, debunking people and phenomenon she believes are nothing more than scams. Silla has a huge internet following, and even has her own online television show called "The Truth with Silla". Silla is hard-hitting and very intelligent, and makes her points with well-thought-out arguments, not to mention a few undeniable "zingers". Silla is opinionated and quick to give those opinions to anyone, even in casual conversation, and she loves nothing more than a good debate, regardless of the topic.

SOLANGE MOLIERE

Solange is the daughter of the famous adventurers, Manon and Louis Moliere. A native of France, she grew up in a small town called Les Eyzies in the Vezere Valley, so she grew up amid a wealth of prehistoric cave systems and other archaeological intrigues. Her parents were involved in research in the area, and her parents disappeared on an expedition when she was just young and never returned. Solange now lives in Paris, and has flown in especially for Olivier Venesse's retirement party.

OSCAR DIBBLE

Oscar Dibble is a professional – an executive in the airline industry. He has a large career, a large bank account and an ego bigger than both. Oscar is condescending, especially when he thinks he's being funny, and genuinely thinks he is smarter than everyone else in any room. And while he believes that he is well-liked and respected, more often than not, those around him are enduring his company, not enjoying it. Oscar is loud and boisterous and has a penchant for slapping people on the back and calling them things like “Sport”, “Pal”, and “Honey”.

LAURENT VINCENT

Laurent is Gizele Venesse's personal assistant and he travels with her everywhere she goes. While he is Gizele's assistant, however, Laurent is technically employed by the victim, Olivier Venesse, and is a member of his support staff. Laurent is obedient and efficient, and because of him, Gizele is never without a beverage in her hand and is always on time for her appointments. Laurent generally keeps quiet unless Gizele asks him for something, in which case his conversation is limited to “Yes Ma'am” and “Thank You, Ma'am”.

LUCA FROST

An up-and-comer in the chocolate industry, Luca Frost has been the apprentice to the victim, Olivier Venesse, for over five years, and has been working hard to learn all of Olivier's techniques – and more importantly, his secrets. He has made his desire to take over Olivier's company no secret and has wasted no time introducing himself to Olivier's suppliers, contacts and friends. In Switzerland, he lived on-site with Olivier, Gizele and the rest of their staff. He has travelled here with the group to celebrate Olivier's retirement, no doubt in anticipation of being named Olivier's successor.

ALEX COZENS

Husband of Michelle Cozens, Alex is a hard worker and dutiful husband. Before their marriage, he was one of the city's most eligible bachelors. His demeanour, looks, business acumen and family connections made him a 'catch', and he was considered quite the 'prize' when Michelle managed to turn his head. He works at his wife's father's company, and remains a well-respected man in the city's social circles. The two are never seen apart, as Michelle insists upon accompanying him wherever he goes, and when he received his invitation to the party, he requested his wife also be invited. While people joke that Alex is Michelle's best accessory, Alex shrugs off the attention and throws himself into his work.