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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.

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”.

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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.

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”.

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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.

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.

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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.

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.

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silla coyle

Skeptic Silla Coyle runs a website, along with her boyfriend, Ron, 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 and Ron”. 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.

ron abbot

Boyfriend of Silla Coyle, Ron introduces himself as a “Professional Skeptic”, and even has business cards stating this as his job title. Together with Silla, Ron runs a website dedicated to debunking phenomenon and things he believes are nothing more than people trying to 'pull one over' on other people. He has a specialization on secret societies and government conspiracies. He claims that these types of people prey on the “stupid” people in the world, and as a person whose intelligence matches the members of these societies and government agencies, Ron is a rare voice for those who would otherwise fall prey. Ron was happy to take a break from his usual focus to team up with Silla to target Olivier Venesse and, as he put it, expose him for the charlatan he is.

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solange molière

Sister of Andreas 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 while her parents disappeared on an expedition when she was just young and never returned, she and her brother are still very close. Solange now lives in Paris, and has flown in especially for Olivier Venesse's retirement party.

andreas molière

Brother of Solange Moliere, Andreas is the son of the famed explorers and prehistoric researchers, Manon and Louis Moliere. Their fame came less from their discoveries and more from their famous disappearance when the Moliere children were young. Andreas is tough and guarded, albeit very successful, and currently runs a successful chain of high-end hotels in the South of France. Andreas flew into town with his younger sister last night especially for Olivier Venesse's party.

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ivan barlow

Ivan Barlow is one of the administrative/support staff that Olivier hired when he was preparing for his journey here to throw his retirement party. Ivan worked closely with Saskia to get the house in order and ready for the arrival of Olivier, Gizele and the rest of the group. While he knows that his job ends tomorrow, Ivan is enjoying the party with all of the other guests. He is young, impetuous and slightly entitled, but he is the embodiment of enthusiasm, and posts practically everything that happens on social media.

nick murdoch

Singer songwriter Nick Murdoch is one of the country's hottest talents, and wherever he goes, a crowd of screaming fans appears. When Nick found out that the renowned Olivier Venesse was coming to town for his final group of sessions before his retirement, he had his people try to get him an invitation. Nick is good-looking, confident and always makes time for his fans if he can, but he has been a bit of a shut-in over the past few weeks after the very public breakup of he and another Apple Saxon, his long-time girlfriend, who is also an international star. Regardless, Nick has come out tonight in style, and even those used to celebrity being around Olivier Venesse feel a bit star struck.