

# THE SUSPECTS

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## MELODY MCOYLE

World-renowned psychic medium Melody McCoyle's reputation precedes her. She has become the face of psychic phenomenon, and is touring the globe spreading awareness for mediumship and spiritualism in both large events and small gatherings. To sit with Melody McCoyle for a seance is a true honour, and her waiting list is large – as are her fees. Melody is confident, assertive and knows how to command a room.

#### **EFFIE BAIRD**

Assistant to the world-famous Melody McCoyle, Effie Baird helps Ms. McCoyle with anything she may need. While traveling with Melody McCoyle, Effie has seen many things she can not explain, and any skepticism she had when she first began working for the famous psychic has since disappeared. Effie is compensated well for her efforts, and is traveling the world as she works – something she always dreamed of doing but never thought she could achieve. Effie is timid and slightly skittish, clearly used to working behind the scenes.



The youngest daughter of the Lively family, Asha is vivacious and creative. A published author, Asha's career has taken off over the years thanks to a series of books she wrote when she was still in boarding school. This series was recently picked up by a publishing house, and readers went crazy for her series. Asha now has a dedicated fan base and large royalty cheques. In spite of her new wealth and celebrity, Asha chooses to live at her family home of Lively Manor, because she says that Lively Manor, and the grounds, are the birthplace of her inspiration.

## **(RYSTAL (ANDLE**

A young woman, Crystal is quiet and timid, and clearly uncomfortable being at this seance. Her pale complexion only adds to the spooky atmosphere of the seance, but she asks questions with an assertiveness that seems to go against her soft voice and mild mannerisms. While she doesn't say much unless asked, Crystal is clearly taking in everything and everyone around her, as though she learns far more by watching what the others do than she ever would by hearing their words alone.

## MORIAH ASHBEE

The head maid at Lively Manor for over ten years, Moriah Ashbee is neat, tidy, and meticulous about having things be right and proper. For Moriah, cleanliness is an obsession, and when she's not straightening the bedspreads or fluffing the throw pillows, she can be found straightening the mens' ties, or lint rolling anyone who passes her in the foyer. Moriah is passionate about her work, and is considered family to all Livelys.

#### MADELEINE THRACE

An avid fan of Melody McCoyle's, Madeleine was thrilled to be one of the lucky few to sit for Melody's seance at Lively Manor tonight. A young woman, Madeleine is clearly well-educated and comes from wealth – one can tell by the way she speaks and her high-end clothing. Madeleine is polite and soft-spoken, but when she does speak, it's with an assertiveness that only the most confident of people can convey.

## LYDIA LIVELY

Vivacious and a bit over-the-top, Lydia loves to be the centre of attention. She is a very social person, and is happy to welcome everyone into Lively Manor for a seance this evening. She recently began renting out some of the unused rooms at the manor as a Bed and Breakfast, and enjoys entertaining those who stay, regaling stories of the ghosts of Lively Manor and the surrounding forest – and she weaves a fantastic tale, ensuring everyone who stays goes to sleep thinking they hear the ghost of Gerald Lively walking the halls at night.

#### NADINE BURKSON

A guest at Lively Manor, Nadine has taken the "Sleep and Seance" Bed and Breakfast package, and has been staying at Lively Manor for the past two days. An adventurous woman, Nadine loves to travel and explore new places, but is specifically excited by all things spiritual and supernatural. She is friendly and outgoing, and enjoys walking the grounds around Lively Manor and chatting with her hosts.

## FELIX FERNSBY

Felix Fernsby was the husband of the victim, Lula Fernsby (nee: Lively). Felix and Lula were approaching their five year wedding anniversary, and the two were planning to take a trip abroad to celebrate. A skeptic of Ms. McCoyle and the paranormal as a whole, Felix tried to dissuade the Lively family from letting Ms. McCoyle host a seance at Lively Manor, but his complaints fell on deaf ears. Felix is a practical man who loved his wife very much, and only agreed to attend tonight to support the Lively family, who are receiving much-needed financial compensation from Ms. McCoyle to use the manor.

## MACK MASON

Born and raised in the big city, about a 45 minute drive from Lively Manor, Mack Mason was skeptical about meeting Ms. McCoyle in person, or attending a seance. Having never heard of Melody McCoyle until recently, Mack was surprised to be one of the ones to receive an invitation. He is a well-dressed man who does not feel the need to impress everyone by talking about himself, and tends to keep a lot about himself 'close to his chest'.

#### MILES (ULPEPPER

A fan of Melody McCoyle, Miles is a single man of high society who enjoys the notoriety of things that are more "off-beat" as much as the experience itself. While not known around these parts, Miles is clearly a man of great confidence, and obviously used to being in command of a room of people. Miles has a way of setting everyone at ease, and his smile and welcoming persona make those who don't know him instantly feel as though they have been friends for years.

#### JACOB (LIFTON

The Butler at Lively Manor, Jacob Clifton has worked for the Livelys since before the Lively children were born. A particular man, Clifton runs the manor as though a tight ship, and heads up all the household staff. After all these years, Jacob has become great friends with Mr. Lively, and looks at the whole Lively family as though they were his own flesh and blood. His loyalty to the Livelys knows no bounds, and the grown Lively children still look to him as though he's a second father to them.

## **(OLEMAN KUSE**

A long-time fan of Melody McCoyle, Coleman Kuse was excited to get a seat for the Seance at Lively Manor. A clearly well-educated man, Coleman is polite, affable and genuinely interested in others. Those who arrived as strangers tonight at Lively Manor now consider themselves having a new friend in Coleman Kuse simply after mingling in the foyer before the seance began. Still, those same people look back on their conversation with Coleman Kuse realizing that they did all the talking, answering his many questions about themselves, and that they learned nothing about him in the process.

## **MOTHY LIVELY**

The head of Lively Manor, Timothy is a gruff man who doesn't suffer fools. A man of routine, Timothy likes his peace and quiet, and is renowned for being entirely anti-social. He only has a few friends, and spends his days running a successful mining company from behind the thick oak door of his study. Practical to a fault, it's a rare occasion that Timothy joins any sort of social function, so the fact that he has sat for this seance has mystified those who know him best.

#### SHANE RYCKE

Shane Rycke is a guest staying at Lively Manor. Recently, the owners of Lively Manor have begun renting out some of the unused rooms as a Bed and Breakfast for travellers. Shane is staying in the "Most Haunted Room in the Country" the room of Gerald Lively, the ghost of Lively Manor. A spiritual enthusiast, Shane jumped at the opportunity to stay in the most haunted room in Lively Manor while attending a seance, hosted by the most famous psychic medium in the world, Melody McCoyle. He is staying in Gerald Lively's old study in the manor, under what the Livelys refer to as the "Sleep and Seance Package". Shane is excited to be in attendance, and he makes sure everyone knows it.

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## (ROSBY STARK

A fan of the world-famous Melody McCoyle, Crosby is attending this seance as a guest, and feels honoured to be here. He received an invitation, just like most others here, from Melody McCoyle herself, and he is enthusiastic about seeing the renowned psychic in a smaller setting after attending so many of her large-scale events. Crosby is distinguished and well-spoken, and argues for spiritualism with a poise and reasoning held only by the well-educated.