

# 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.

#### JAQUELINE (LIFTON

The head maid at Lively Manor, Jacqueline Clifton has worked for the Livelys since before the Lively children were born. A particular woman, Jacqueline runs the manor as though a tight ship, and heads up all the household staff. After all these years, Jaqueline has become great friends with Mr. And Mrs. Lively, and looks at the whole Lively family as though they were her own flesh and blood. Her loyalty to the Livelys knows no bounds, and the grown Lively children still look to her as though she's a second mother to them.

## 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

A fan of the famous Melody McCoyle, Mack Mason was enthusiastic about meeting Ms. McCoyle in person. Having followed her career for years, when it was announced that Melody McCoyle would be holding a seance at Lively Manor, Mack used his influence to get himself a seat at the table. He is a well-dressed man who does not feel the need to impress everyone by talking about himself, but is clearly happy to be involved, if not a little starstruck.

#### 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.

#### **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.