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THE SUSPECTS



Maria Stratford

Maria loves hosting parties, and especially loves the phone calls she receives the following day from her guests telling her what a fantastic time they had. She is a neat-freak with an unnatural attention to detail. Not surprisingly, she is a party planner by day, and after a decade in her vocation, she still loves her job. She is married to Victor Stratford, and they celebrate their 10th anniversary the day after Halloween.

CHARACTER COMPLEXITY RATING: 3



Goldie Mahoney

With brains, beauty and a fantastic personality, Goldie is a triple treat. She is tall, blond, has great cheek bones and is often mistaken for a model – which is far from her actual profession; Goldie is an astronaut. Her life is very high profile, and she is in demand for interviews from Scientific Weekly as well as Maxim.

CHARACTER COMPLEXITY RATING: 4





Gloria Reid

The wife of Jack Reid, Gloria is a housewife, and she spends her days running after four diabolical children and cleaning up toys, clothes and other random messes. The only time she finds refuge from her devilish children is on Wednesday afternoons, when her mother-in-law looks after the kids so Gloria can attend yoga class. Her favorite movie of all time is Fatal Attraction and she enjoys scrap booking in her spare time.

CHARACTER COMPLEXITY RATING: 5



Sarah Bamber

Sarah is a vivacious, bubbly exercise instructor whose energy never seems to cease. She gets a high off exercise, and loves all athletics. Sarah has been Maria's fitness instructor for four years, and is a bit fanatical about health and physical appearance.

CHARACTER COMPLEXITY RATING: 4





Victor Stratford

Husband of Maria Stratford, Victor is an entrepreneur who owns his own home-based accounting company. He has many clients, most of which are women, thanks to his devilish good looks. He wears suits and ties even when he's not meeting clients, and takes a great amount of pride in his appearance. Victor *always* smells incredible.

CHARACTER COMPLEXITY RATING: 5



Jack Reid

In any situation, Jack needs to be right. He is highly intelligent and usually is right, but on the rare occasion he is caught being wrong, he will never admit it. On a good day he is gruff and disagreeable, and on a bad day he's a down-right misery guts. Most times he crosses his arms and shrinks into himself. His wife is Gloria Reid.

CHARACTER COMPLEXITY RATING: 4





Logan Naracott

Logan is the most laid-back guy one could meet. He and Maria have been friends since college, and before Maria married Victor they hung out often. Logan is well-read, cares about the environment and enjoys making his friends laugh. Logan works as a photographer for a small free weekly newspaper.

CHARACTER COMPLEXITY RATING: 3



Samule Roxboro

Samule is a mystery on the guest list. Most people in this social circle tend to avoid Samule, who tries very hard to be dignified. Recently he changed his name from Samuel to Samule, and he corrects anyone who calls him "Samuel". He has short, spiky hair with yellow highlights, and wears pin-striped suits with runners - except tonight, when he dare not arrive without a costume. Previously he attended the Stratford Halloween Party without a costume and was not invited back for three years!

CHARACTER COMPLEXITY RATING: 4

