

Main Character Synopses

Residents: 344 North Avenue

Wes

- Male
- Caucasian
- Mid-20s
- Neighbour to Jill and Lee
- Describes himself as curious, honest, sensible
- Strong convictions; Green party, anti-corporate farming
- Dislikes pretension (pomos and dot-commies)
- BC Boy, moved to rural northern AB with family at age 6, recently returned to BC as adult
- Sheltered somewhat as youth; church-going family; farm upbringing
- A “non-cowboy” Albertan
- Clean-cut, drinks rye, snowboards rather than horses
- Loves whiskey and women, usually strong enough to handle both well
- Somewhat cynical
- Presently a bit of an outcast; redneck quality to him
- Doesn't swear unless really angry (“fack” instead of “fuck”)
- Very interested in yoga chick; also has thing for Jill, despite her homosexuality

Edith Brennan

- Female
- Caucasian
- Mid-20s
- Lives in bachelor's suite beside Jocasta Smith
- BC girl, moved to Cardigan, PEI, with mother shortly after graduating college in accounting; returned recently to BC, anxious for a fresh start
- Mother was ill, committed suicide, buried St. Andrew's Cemetery, PEI
- Former relationship with Lee
- Introspective, reclusive, avoids old friends and places
- Works for small accounting firm
- Mouselike, shy, fidgety
- Never wears a watch

Jill Hudson

- Female
- Mid-20s
- friend of Lee, Gurpreet and Mark; witness at Gurpreet and Mark's secret elopement

- former friend of Edith Brennan
- Athletic, black and blond hair; hair often different colour every month; rusty voice
- Homosexual
- Rebellious, dangerous temper; enjoys alcohol
- Rides silver '03 Ninja 600 motorbike; armored leathers
- Notoriously broke; behind on rent

Keith Prosser

- Male
- Caucasian
- Building manager for past five years
- Considers himself an optimist
- Generally good natured, rarely surly

Tessa Kinney

- Female
- 31 years old
- Prefers “Tessa” over “Tess”
- Attractive, but thinks otherwise;
- Obsessed with appearance and her weight
- Practices Yoga, tries to be active (rides bike, goes to gym), but constantly finds excuses to avoid and procrastinate
- Overly dramatic when it comes to food, her weight and her eating habits
- Lonely, desperate for attention, passion, and intimacy
- Jacob Seiler delivers to her place of employment; she sometimes dreams of him

Jacob (Kapel) Seiler

- Male
- Jewish heritage
- Roommate/brother to Ezra; sister is Deb, father is Hymie (university professor in Toronto)
- Tried college, but didn't work out; family pressuring him to try again
- Works two jobs: one as bicycle courier, second at La Grande Baguette
- Peddles drugs on the side
- Recently broke up with girlfriend after she had bad drug experience

Ezra Seiler

- Male
- Jewish
- Jacob's brother; roommate
- Vacationing in Israel

Jocasta Smith

- Female
- Semi-elderly woman (65 yrs old) born in Greece
- Emigrated to Canada at age of 4; married much older man when she was 21
- Has three sons (Endre, Linus, Nemo) and one daughter (Delta)
- Immaculate apartment
- Mysteriously missing for three weeks

Veronica (“Ronnie”)

- Female, early to mid-30s
- New to building; moved in after “trial” separation of six-year marriage with husband Mitchell
- Nostalgic, eager to please, doting wife, low self esteem/confidence
- Somewhat obsessed with self-improvement
- Frequently worried about “imposing” or “bothering” people

Additional Characters

Delta Smith

- Female
- Greek mother; European-Canadian ancestry; great grandfather was Metis
- Jocasta’s daughter, resembles mother heavily
- Recent arrival to city, here to search for missing mother
- Impulsive, not tied down; no current salient relationships
- Youngest of four children (three older brothers)
- Endre Smith, oldest brother
 - Vacationing in Italy with wife and children
- Linus Smith
 - Currently in Greece visiting cousin
- Nemo Smith
 - Currently “at sea”

The Barista

- Female
- Early 20s
- Flirtatious, dark eyes, sarcastic, self-confident
- Bitches and complains about work, but secretly loves it
- People watcher; enjoys finicky regulars with character
- Makes just above minimum wage

Lee

- Male
- Mid-20s
- friends of Jill, Gurpreet and Mark; witness at secret wedding
- former relationship with Edith Brennan

Mark Ashworth

- Male
- Early-20s; worked previously as a roofer
- Gurpreet's husband; disliked by her parents; family tension over secret elopement
- Dog Rajah; golden lab
- Friend of Jill; Lee's former roommate
- Old friend of Edith

Gurpreet Ashworth

- Female
- Mid-20s
- Married to Mark after secret elopement; parents dislike Mark
- Friend of Lee, Jill; former friend of Edith
- Has sheltered sisters from details of her relationship with Mark

Tony Tsui

- Building owner, 344 North Avenue
- Keith Prosser's boss

Person on bus

- Gender undefined
- Youthful; possibly teens
- Introspective, anti-social, desperate to avoid people and/or possible conversation/confrontation
- Suspicious, bordering paranoia, worried people thinks he/she is "dirty"
- Deals constantly with anger issues, images of killing someone
- Chastises self for vulgar language; ill thoughts
- Deals with some "inner phantom"
- Possibly delusional; not certain if characters she sees are real or not
- Victim of violence of some kind (possibly at hand of kids/teens)
- Feels unsafe both out of the house and at home
- Usually hungry, steals to eat, never wastes food
- Spends most of time hiding in corners of library

Eason Riley

- Male
- Caucasian
- 20 years old
- works as landscaper for Leo
- spends two days per week maintaining cemetery outside of city (Whitewood Memorial Interment Garden)
- strong, healthy, hardworking, earnest
- dropped out of college after one unsuccessful semester

Mystery Woman from Graveyard

- Female
- Youngish
- Slender, fair-skinned; well dressed
- Lives near or connected with path through forest near cemetery

Leo

- Male
- Short, stout, mid-fifties
- Pear-shaped and terse, gruff
- Runs 20-man landscaping company
- Eason's employer

Detective Stevens

- Male
- Thick, beefy man in forties
- No nonsense type of plainclothes cop
- Responds to Keith Prosser's call about Jocasta Smith

Queen Corey

- Male
- Jamaican
- Short; slim; mid-30s
- Flamboyant, effeminate, "flaming" homosexual
- Former member of National Ballet of Canada
- Now recovering heroin addict pulling tricks to get by
- Bisexual; HIV positive

