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Introductions from your Gossip Girl Dais

Hey Upper East Siders, Maya Dunayer here.

Spotted: Some of Constance Billard-St. Jude's best and brightest students learning that nothing stays hidden for long.

Gossip Girl is back, and she's out for blood. But who is she? That's the one secret she'll never tell. But it'll be your job to find out, working together with other delegates (or not) to uncover the identity of the infamous internet persona that has stalked the halls of Constance Billard- St. Jude's for years.

To give you a bit of background about myself, though this is my fourth year being involved in StuyMUN, I've been involved with Model UN since the seventh grade, for a total of six years of MUN experience. Through MUN, I've learned the power of leadership and diplomacy, how to speak in front of a crowd with confidence, and stay informed and engaged with the world around me. Since my very first conference in the seventh grade, I've fallen in love with Model UN, and I'm so excited to be able to give you all an incredible MUN experience!

Crisis committees have always held a special place in my heart, and I hope that this committee will be full of scandal and secrets, romance and heartbreak, and, of course, juicy gossip. If this is your first crisis committee, don't worry! The biggest advice I can give you is to be bold, and to be creative. Think outside of the box, and make your crisis arcs and notes as specific and detailed as possible in order to make the most of the committee. Feel free to reach out to me with any questions.

So, delegates, don your favorite pair of designer heels, grab your school uniform, and I'll meet you on the Met steps for StuyMUNC 2022!

XOXO,

Maya Dunayer

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Lina here... and I have the biggest news ever. One of my many sources sends us this: Spotted at Stuyvesant High School, gavels in hand: Delegates from all over New York and afar! When was the last time we were all together?!

As I will be deciding your fate in committee, I feel obliged to tell you a bit about myself (but not too much of course, for that's a secret I'll never tell). I am a senior at Stuyvesant and I joined StuyMUN in my freshman year of high school. My interest in the club was fueled by my bicultural upbringing: a mix of Russian-Jew and Lebanese. In an effort to gain a greater understanding of global issues and intersections of different cultures and political climates across the world, I joined this club and consequently encountered formational experiences. I will be attending Tulane University in the fall, where I plan on double majoring in International Affairs & Mathematics with a concentration in Statistics. Despite my original expectation of Model UN being a strictly diplomatic event, I discovered my love of crisis committees, which merge the critical thinking of a general committee and the fast-paced, high energy environment of real life, foreign crises.

This particular committee is unlike any other that I have delegated, directed, or chaired. I hope we can merge the glitz and glamor we all know and love with the scandals and secrets of each delegate and decide the fate of each of the Upper East Siders. Through risks, betrayal, and possible alliances, I hope we are able to finally uncover the alias of the ever-elusive Gossip Girl.

Feel free to reach out to me at any time (I religiously check my email) with any questions or concerns at lkhamze20@stuy.edu and remember, as Gossip Girl said, "One thing about being on the top of the world? It gives you a long, long way to fall."

But what exactly will happen during the committee? That's one secret I'll never tell.

We know you love me, XOXO

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Hey Upper East Siders. Gossip Girl Here.

Spotted: Kyle H. Chan writing what appears to be a “Gossip Girl Crisis Committee Dias Letter” at 1 AM in the morning. Here’s what it says:

“Hi! I’m Kyle and I’m the crisis director for this committee! This is my first time staffing a committee, although I have had my fair share in actually participating in them. Crisis has always held a special place in my heart, especially after almost quitting Model UN because of how boring I thought it was. I had just finished a GA committee on Zoom and felt like I just wasted a day. The flow of the committee was bad and it was barely engaging. I had a good nap during that third unmod though.

Anyways, here’s more about me! I’m a sophomore at Stuyvesant and I’ve been an active member on Stuy MUN for the past two years. Additionally, I’m a Student Leadership Team representative, Music and Band Director for SING!, and a writer for the Spectator.

Other than my bad luck at Zoom conferences, I’ve really enjoyed MUN because of the chance to express yourself through public speaking. You get to speak out on topics that you’re passionate about, and involve yourself in fantastical universes like this one! My favorite crisis committees were the ones I had the opportunity to do crazy stuff in, like the Marvel Cinematic Universe committee where I successfully killed off my enemy by making alliances, passed a TON of crisis notes, and backstabbed my closest allies. Let your imagination run wild. If there’s one thing you need to know about me: interesting crisis notes will be rewarded. :P

I hope you all enjoy this committee and I look forward to reading every single one of your crisis notes - filled with juicy gossip I hope. I guess it’s back to brainstorming crisis arcs for me! You can always contact me at kchan42@stuy.edu. Make sure to reach out with any questions you may have! Best of luck on finding the ever elusive Gossip Girl, and I can’t wait to meet you all!”

How scandalous! And lame. I hope he at least writes some good crisis arcs for this committee. I have to sit in it...uh. Also, you’ll never find me.

You know you love me,

XOXO

Gossip Girl

Committee Information

This committee will follow the functions of a standard crisis committee. Unlike specialized or GA committees, this means that there will be no speaker's list. Debate will alter between moderated and unmoderated caucuses. Delegates can also use tools to further their agendas, such as directives, which are generally a shorter and more direct rendition of a resolution found in a GA committee, and "crisis notes," which are sent to the chair to be given to the back room— crisis notes contain an action that an individual wants to take part in without the entire committee knowing.

Delegates should have a general understanding of parliamentary procedure before going to the committee, however the committee will be conducted a bit differently from a GA, and procedures may be elaborated on on the day of the committee.

Portfolio Powers

Every delegate will be assigned a specific character with "portfolio powers" that dictate the extent of their ability to make certain actions throughout the committee. These portfolio powers play a part in limiting

or enabling a person's ability to perform an action that is usually found in a crisis note.

A Note on Tips to Gossip Girl

Similar to in the show, delegates will be able to send tips to Gossip Girl, which will be posted to an online platform that will be used to deliver crisis updates. Delegates who wish to send a "tip" to Gossip Girl may do so by sending a note to the crisis staff and addressing it to "tips@gossipgirl.net" at the top.

Position Papers

Even though StuyMUNC does not require position papers, they are **highly recommended**. Position papers are an amazing way to continue and drive research, and to record any information or stances that a delegate wishes to take with them into a committee. If anyone is to do so, make sure to submit the paper to mdunayer20@stuy.edu before May 1st at 11:59PM EST. Although position papers are still accepted until the first committee session, we cannot guarantee that we will have feedback if submitted after the deadline.

Finally, if there are any further questions about this committee or any more specific assignments, feel free to email the chair (mdunayer20@stuy.edu)

Committee Background

Welcome to the Upper East Side

“On the Upper East Side it’s easy to think the world is exactly as it appears. Refined. Elegant. Imposing. But sometimes all it takes is a little key to open the door to the wild side.”

The Upper East Side is truly the heart of Manhattan, and everyone knows it. Home to some of the most famous socialites, all of the best parties, and, of course, Gossip Girl, most of the students at Constance Billard-St. Jude’s have grown up here. They’ve gone to the same clubs and restaurants (dinner at Butter, anyone?), attended the same galas and charity events, and spent their entire lives living only mere blocks from each other. Whether it’s the Waldorf family’s fabulous penthouse or the Archibald family townhouse, living on the Upper

Constance Billard-St. Jude’s

“Guess what, boys and girls. Looks like school’s back in session. The question is, have you learned your lessons? I hope not. ‘Cause I’m in the mood to see someone fail.”

Powerful Upper East Side parents want to give their children the best possible

or the directors (kchan42@stuy.edu) and (lkhamze20@stuy.edu).

East Side would make any girl feel like a princess.

But behind closed doors and behind the glitz and glamour of the life of the ultra rich lie some deep rooted issues. Families do not always get along, friends may feud, and relationships could get messy. With so much money to throw around, our Upper East Siders sure do know how to get wild, and Gossip Girl is here to report on it.

For those of you who aren’t privileged enough to be born with a silver spoon in your mouth, the Upper East Side may seem like a faraway dream. But don’t worry, there’s always ways to become one of the coveted social elite, if you come up with an elaborate enough scheme.

education, and Constance Billard-St. Jude’s is the place to be. A K-12 private school famous for its Ivy League bound alumni, the school is split into two separate divisions: the Constance Billard School for Girls and the St. Jude’s School for Boys. The two schools share a courtyard and front steps, but inside the school, have separate hallways for each division of the larger school.

Gossip Girl blasts originally focused on other schools, including Horace Mann and Dalton, but soon switched to centering around the students at Constance Billard-St Jude's. Many of the delegates represented in this committee attend the school. Serena, Blair, Jenny, Penelope, and Nelly are all current students at Constance Billard, while Nate, Chuck, Eric and Dan all currently attend St. Jude's. Headmistress Queller serves as the headmistress for both divisions of the school.

The school is well known for its traditional approach to college applications and admissions, including an Ivy League mixer hosted by the ***Gossip Girl***

"You wanted to meet Gossip Girl? Well, look around. I'm nothing without you."

No one knows who the anonymous online blogger is, but you can bet that she knows each and every one of your secrets, and isn't afraid to use them. The online blog first appeared when Constance Billard-St. Jude's current juniors (Serena, Blair, Chuck, Nate, Dan, Penelope, and Nelly) were in the 9th grade, and has grown a cult-like following since.

Your deepest secret, the worst thing you've ever done, and the thing you never thought anyone would find out about can now conveniently be found on the Gossip Girl blog. The site features a

school. At this event, representatives from all eight Ivy League schools come to mingle with potential applicants. At this mixer, eight St. Jude's students are selected to be ushers for each representative, giving them a chance to showcase their accomplishments and perhaps increase their chances of acceptance at one of these prestigious institutions. The Constance Billard girls are responsible for selecting one charity to honor at the event. As Blair heads the Community Outreach Committee at Constance Billard, she will be responsible for announcing the charity of the night.

"Spotted" map that gives real-time information about the whereabouts of some of the most influential people on the Upper East Side. In addition to her own uncanny ability to discover secrets, Gossip Girl is reliant on tips from other Upper East Siders and Constance Billard-St. Jude's students in order to keep posting new information. So watch your back, because you never know who's watching, just waiting to push send on the newest piece of hot gossip.

Note From The Chair: For the purposes of this committee, Gossip Girl will be controlled by the dais. Though Dan Humphrey is revealed to be Gossip Girl at the end of the series (spoiler alert!), the delegate representing Dan will not be able to control posts and tips sent to Gossip Girl. That being said, delegates

may attempt to hack into Gossip Girl to view tips and posts. And, of course, every delegate will be able to send in tips

College Applications

“Super successful parents expect nothing less from their offspring. And when it comes to college, that means the Ivys. It’s more than just getting into college, it’s setting a course for the rest of your life. And for those few who aren’t legacies, the pressures are no less. When parents have sacrificed for their children’s futures, what kid would want to let them down?

Every Upper East Side kid dreams of the day that they’ll receive that golden ticket to success: an acceptance letter to one of the coveted Ivy League schools. Most of the students at Constance Billard-St. Jude’s are legacy students: Blair’s father went to Yale, Serena’s mother went to Brown, and Nate’s father went to Dartmouth. However, for those unlucky

Family Relationships

“Everyone knows you can’t choose your family but you can choose your friends. And in a world ruled by blood lines and bank accounts, it pays to have a pal. As much as a BFF can make you go WTF, there’s no denying we’d be a little less rich without them.”

There’s only one group of people wilder than our favorite Constance Billard-St. Jude’s students: their parents. These

to be posted, though it is up to the dais to decide which tips are post-worthy.

few who don’t have the alumni connections or wealth to grease the path to acceptance, hard work, determination, and a lot of luck are key. To say nothing of the price tag associated with Ivy League tuition. Not all of the students applying are trust fund babies, and 80K a year is a lot of money, especially if you don’t qualify for financial aid.

Regardless of how many connections a student has, Constance Billard-St. Jude’s is a small school, and not everyone will be able to get in. Students must duke it out to guarantee their academic success, armed with killer GPAs, perfect test scores, and a polished resume.

wealthy individuals want to make sure that their children have nothing but the best, whether it’s the top Ivy League school or the hottest new clothes, and they don’t care what means they have to use to do it. Whether through blackmail, shady business deals, or family connections, our Upper East Side parents have plenty of means to get what they want.

However, these lofty expectations may bring them into conflict with their children. Children on the Upper East

Side are expected to uphold their family legacy, but not every kid fits the mold. Shouldering the weight of their parents' expectations may prove too much for some Constance Billard-St. Jude's students, and they may choose to make their own way in the world.

Climbing the Social Ladder

"Upper East Side Queens aren't born at the top. They climb their way up in heels, no matter who they have to tread on to do it."

Constance Billard is nothing without its rules, and Blair Waldorf enforces them with an iron fist. You can't sit higher than the Queen on the Met Steps, wear anything that's last season designer, and don't be caught dead in anything off the sale rack. Becoming one of Blair's minions is one way to make your way to the top, and we hear little Jenny Humphrey might be on the fast track to social success. If she manages to survive Blair's initiation, that is.

Blair isn't the only Upper East Side girl poised to rule the school, though -- Serena van der Woodsen is back from boarding school, and if she puts her mind to it, Queen B might not be queen for much longer. As the school struggles to figure out who is behind the Gossip Girl blog, Blair and Serena's frenemy situation might take a turn for the worse. If there's a catfight, you bet Gossip Girl will be streaming it live.

Whether you're a born and bred Upper East Sider or from an outer borough, there's always room to move up the social hierarchy, or maintain your place at the top. Who's willing to sacrifice their morals and values for a chance to sit at the top of the Met steps?

Committee Positions

Serena van der Woodsen

“Spotted at Grand Central, bags in hand: Serena van der Woodsen. Was it only a year ago our It-Girl mysteriously disappeared for quote 'boarding school'? And just as suddenly, she's back.”

Serena van der Woodsen is a girl who seems like she has it all: she's beautiful, wealthy, and has the most packed social calendar in the five boroughs. But, a year ago, she mysteriously disappeared off Gossip Girl's radar, leaving New York City to wonder what happened to their Golden Girl.

Her return may be thrilling to most Upper East Siders, but one Constance Billard Girl might not be so happy. Will B and S go back to being the best of friends, or will these two Upper East Side queens wage war?

Serena's family connections, as well as her network across Manhattan, may be useful in her time of need. However, Gossip Girl is always watching...

Blair Waldorf

“Ain't karma a bitch? We know Blair Waldorf is.”

Blair Waldorf is the Upper East Side's Queen Bee, and she'll make sure you know it. With her dreamboat boyfriend Nate, famous fashion designer mother, and army of loyal minions, Blair is

definitely a force to be reckoned with. Cross her, and you'll find yourself in the middle of one of her infamous schemes.

B and S have an on and off relationship. Now that S is back, will the two reconcile, or will S find herself a social pariah, thanks to B?

With her loyal followers by her side, family ties, and all of Constance Billard under her polished designer heel, Blair is definitely equipped to figure out who the infamous Gossip Girl is. But being known and connected is a two way street, and Blair might find herself as the subject of more than a few Gossip Girl blasts...

Dan Humphrey

“Spotted: Lonely Boy on the Upper East Side. Learning the lesson that nothing stays missing forever.”

Ever since Serena said hello to him at a ninth grade birthday party, Dan Humphrey has been unable to get the blonde bombshell out of his head. Join the club, Lonely Boy. She probably doesn't even know you exist.

An aspiring writer from an outer borough (where even is Brooklyn, anyway?), Dan is an outsider swept up into the glamorous world of the Upper East Side. Without the immense wealth or famous family of his peers, he

struggles to find his place in the school, and has few friends. But the pen is mightier than the sword, and Dan's poison pen can definitely be a dangerous weapon, if wielded correctly.

Chuck Bass

“Spotted: Chuck Bass losing something nobody even knew he had — his heart.”

Charles Bass is the Upper East Side's bad boy. A hedonistic womanizer whose apparent only goal in life is to maximize pleasure and self-gratification, he is often found out at clubs and bars, with plenty of beautiful women in tow.

Unlike many of his peers, Chuck's immense wealth is not generational. His father, Bart, is a self-made billionaire, and the two have a rocky relationship, to say the least.

Chuck's business connections through his father, immense resources, and private investigator contacts make him a great asset to anyone looking to expose the true identity of Gossip Girl. However, like Blair, Chuck is known for his schemes, so anyone wishing to work with him should exercise caution.

Nate Archibald

“Spotted: Nate Archibald learning you don't know a good thing until it's gone... and found someone else.”

If Serena van der Woodsen is the Upper East Side's “golden girl”, Nathaniel

Archibald is the male equivalent. The son of Howard “The Captain” Archibald and Anne Vanderbilt Archibald, Nate is old money to the core. His grandfather, William Vanderbilt, will stop at nothing to make sure his family is successful, and is known to engage in more than a few behind-the-scenes schemes.

With the beautiful Blair Waldorf by his side, it seems that Nate is destined to live a life of power and prestige, just like his parents. Nate is expected to head to Dartmouth, his father's alma mater, in the fall, though he might have some other ideas. Will Nate be able to live up to his family's expectations, or will he go rogue, ditching the family legacy to make his own way in the world?

Jenny Humphrey

“Here's an inside tip, Little J: the faster you rise, the harder you fall. Hope that Hello Kitty sleeping bag doubles as a parachute.”

Little Jenny Humphrey from Brooklyn wants nothing more than to be a part of the inner circle. She greatly looks up to Blair Waldorf, and is willing to do what it takes to live the glamorous life of the Upper East Side.

An aspiring fashion designer, Jenny is able to use her sewing skills to create beautiful designs that can rival any designer label. Without the connections and wealth of her Constance Billard peers, Jenny must find another way to

climb to the top, with Gossip Girl watching her every move.

Vanessa Abrams

“Poor V. Didn’t she know that in love and war, a friend in need is willing to do most any deed.”

Having recently moved back to Brooklyn from Vermont, Vanessa Abrams is Dan Humphrey’s childhood best friend and a budding filmmaker. Though she’s known the Humphreys for years, Dan, Jenny and Rufus have definitely changed since the last time she saw them, and the Upper East Side definitely has something to do with it.

Vanessa does not plan to attend college, as she plans to follow her family’s tradition of being in the arts. Filming the inner workings of the Upper East Side might just be the perfect documentary opportunity for V, but can she avoid getting swept up in the drama of Constance Billard and St. Jude’s?

Lily van der Woodsen

“You didn’t hear it from us, but in every girl’s life there comes a moment when she realizes that her mother just might be more messed up than she is.”

With a list of ex-husbands that has long been splashed across Page 6, Lily van der Woodsen is no stranger to the drama and scandal that characterizes the Upper East Side. She is the mother to Eric and Serena van der Woodsen, and has plenty

of experience helping Serena get out of tight corners. She’s lived through Serena’s “party girl” phase, and hopes that the “new Serena” who has just returned from boarding school is a changed woman.

Lily is a Brown University alum, and hopes that Serena will follow in her footsteps. However, she knows better than anyone that Serena marches to the beat of her own drummer, and the relationship between the two has often been rocky.

With plenty of potential suitors, Lily’s love exploits are definitely Gossip Girl material. Will she choose another wealthy billionaire for her next husband (Bart Bass, we’re looking at you), or will she return to her rockstar girlfriend roots with Rufus Humphrey?

Rufus Humphrey

“You think you’re so cute. Washed-up band. Crappy so-called art gallery.”

The former lead singer of Lincoln Hawk, a 90s rock band, Rufus Humphrey is no longer a rock star. He now lives in a loft in Brooklyn with his two children, Dan and Jenny Humphrey. His wife, Allison, has spent the summer in Hudson, and Rufus has been trying everything to get her to come back.

But Rufus Humphrey still carries a torch for Lily van der Woodsen, as the two were lovers back in Rufus’s rockstar

days. The two are from different sides of the Brooklyn Bridge these days, but they seem to keep crossing paths.

Without the wealth of other Upper East Side parents, Rufus owns an art gallery in Brooklyn as a way to try and help his two children through school. Always ready with waffles and fatherly advice, Rufus must do his best to help his two kids navigate the complexities of the Upper East Side, while attempting to find his own place in that world.

Eleanor Waldorf

“They say the clothes make the man. But who makes the clothes? On the Upper East Side, it’s Eleanor Waldorf. And we hear her new line is to die for.”

No Upper East Side queen is complete without a killer wardrobe, and Eleanor Waldorf is here to ensure that these “it girls” have the best of the best.

A fashionista with an immensely successful fashion line, Eleanor is known for her beautiful, high-fashion pieces. Her daughter, Blair, is known to be seen strutting around in the newest Waldorf Designs pieces.

Blair and Eleanor have somewhat of a rocky relationship, as Blair has always thought that Eleanor preferred her best friend, Serena. Nonetheless, Blair and Eleanor could make a powerful team, if they can get past their mother-daughter differences.

Eric van Der Woodsen

“Do you know how many times I was listening in on your conversations when you thought I wasn’t?”

The younger child of Lily van der Woodsen, Eric has often found himself in the shadow of his “it girl” older sister Serena. He’s always been the more tame sibling: he gets good grades at St. Jude’s, doesn’t party too much, and has few friends.

But every Upper East Sider has skeletons in their closet, and Eric is no exception. Though his secrets haven’t been exposed on Gossip Girl just yet, no one is truly safe. Eric will stop at nothing to make sure that he finds the true identity of Gossip Girl, but will he compromise his moral code to do so?

Bart Bass

“More towers than Trump, more bucks than Bloomberg. Bart Bass definitely made his mark on Manhattan.”

Bartholomew Bass is a self-made billionaire who has reportedly built half the Manhattan skyline. Unlike many of his Upper East Side colleagues, Bart does not have the generational family legacy that comes with being old money -- his only relatives are his son, Chuck, and his brother, Jack.

But with that much stone-cold cash comes a stone-cold heart, making the relationship between Bart and his son

an incredibly tumultuous one. Bart has long thought that Chuck is too weak to be a businessman, and that his heart is too soft.

A powerful man and the head of Bass Industries, Bart Bass is no stranger to dealing in secrets, lies, and shady business endeavors. His connections, including a Private Investigator, may be useful to anyone who wishes to discover the true identity of Gossip Girl.

Dorota Kishlovsky

"Don't forget, God always watching, Miss Blair."

Born and raised in Poland as a countess, Dorota now lives in an Upper East Side penthouse, serving as the maid for the Waldorf family. She has become a motherly figure to Blair, and the two are inseparable, whether they can be found feeding ducks in the park or shopping at Bendel's.

As such a big part of Blair's life, Dorota has become a close confidant, and is often privy to many of Blair's secrets and schemes, as well as those of the other Constance Billard and St. Jude's students. This wealth of information is a two edged sword: it makes Dorota and Blair a powerful team, but may also lead to the downfall of the Upper East Side, if Dorota decides to use her power in nefarious ways.

Carter Baizen

"Let me guess. Carter Baizen. As usual you're a step behind."

Though everyone wishes they could live the lifestyle of the Upper East Side, some of the spawn of the fabulously wealthy choose their own path. Carter Baizen, the inventor of the infamous Lost Weekend party, claims that he left his family legacy to try and make the world a better place. Having recently returned from aiding in the post Hurricane Katrina clean up, helping to rebuild Maccu Picchu, and filming everything for his documentary, Carter's sudden return is sure to raise some eyebrows.

Chuck Bass doesn't seem to have given Carter the warmest welcome, as he feels that Upper East Siders have it all, and that Carter is a fool for leaving the lifestyle behind. However, Carter might find an ally in Nate Archibald, who is definitely feeling the strain of upholding his family's legacy. As the search for Gossip Girl continues, will Carter Baizen be an asset, or will he be an impediment?

Penelope Shafai

"Penelope, this isn't the Congress. Accomplish something!"

Out of all of Blair Waldorf's minions at Constance Billard, one could argue that Penelope Shafai is the most powerful of

them all. Armed with a thirst for power, Penelope will follow anyone if it means being at the top of the social ladder. And, at Constance Billard, that means being Blair's right-hand woman when it comes to secrets and schemes.

Penelope has plenty of nasty tricks up her sleeve, including her signature "Nair-Tini" -- a martini glass filled with Nair hair removal cream, which can cause victims to lose their hair.

But Blair's throne at Constance Billard isn't necessarily guaranteed, and Penelope and the other minions may choose to follow a different queen instead.

Georgina Sparks

"Well, you can tell 'Jesus' that the bitch is back."

If Serena van der Woodsen had a devil on one shoulder and an angel on the other, Georgina Sparks would most definitely be the devil. With the sudden disappearance of Serena a year ago, Georgina is determined to figure out what made her former best friend leave so quickly, and will do anything to become Serena's best friend again.

Georgina's ability to scheme, lie, and manipulate would definitely give Blair Waldorf a run for her money. But, as she tries to bring the old Serena back, Georgina needs to be careful. Chuck, Blair, and Nate are always there to

protect their best friend, and Gossip Girl is always watching...

Nelly Yuki

"Nelly Yuki must be destroyed!"

Nelly Yuki is top of the class at Constance Billard, and perfect Yale material. She's a National Merit Scholar, a Peabody Scholar and an Intel Science Talent Search Finalist, and Itzhak Perlman himself gave her very first violin. With a miles-long list of extracurriculars and a killer transcript, all Nelly needs is a perfect SAT score to top off her application.

Though she may seem like she's destined to be New Haven bound in the fall, Blair and her army of minions may do anything in their power to ensure that doesn't happen. After all, Yale only takes one girl from Constance Billard each year.

CeCe Rhodes

"Whoever thought monarchy was dead didn't realize it just changed ZIP codes."

Mother to Lily van der Woodsen and Carol Rhodes and grandmother to Eric and Serena van der Woodsen, CeCe Rhodes is determined to keep her family together and at the top of the Upper East Side social ladder. Having been the chairwoman of debutante balls for 15

years, she knows better than anyone how to maintain old traditions.

Unfortunately, it seems that Lily, Eric, and Serena might have other ideas, and CeCe's had to cover up her fair share of family drama. With Gossip Girl out on the prowl yet again, and Serena's life often being splashed across the blog pages, CeCe will definitely have her hands full with putting scandals to rest as she helps her family and friends uncover the true identity of Gossip Girl.

Howard Archibald

"Whoever said you can't have it all must have known the Archibald's."

Howard "The Captain" Archibald is the quintessential Upper East Side father. Married to Anne Vanderbilt Archibald, Howard has the Vanderbilt connections at his disposal, though these may come with strings attached.

Howard has a difficult relationship with his son, Nate, as Nate begins the college application process. Howard strongly feels that Nate should attend Dartmouth, his alma mater, though Nate may not necessarily agree with the expectations of his family legacy.

Howard is a wealthy businessman who has long sought to help take Eleanor Waldorf Designs public. With Nate and Blair in a long, committed relationship

(or so it seems?), it appears that the stars have aligned themselves for the Archibalds. However, Howard might be susceptible to the pressures of the Upper East Side in more ways than one. We sense a scandal brewing...

Headmistress Queller

"We own this school. They work for us."

Q: What do you get when you put dozens of the city's most fabulously wealthy offspring in one school building?

A: Drama, scandals, and all around utter chaos.

Headmistress Queller, head of both Constance Billard and St. Jude's, definitely has her hands full. Many of these students have never been told "no" in their lives, and have a difficult time listening to authority. After all, it seems that almost every problem can be solved by making a call to one of their wealthy parents, who can then swoop in to save the day.

With Gossip Girl lurking in the shadows and Ivy League applications looming, Headmistress Queller must do her best to slow the tide of gossip before word gets back to the best colleges in the nation.

Note from the Chair: This committee is primarily set in Season 1 of *Gossip Girl*, as we focus on the pre-college years. However, researching the future seasons may prove helpful when developing character arcs and analyzing what portfolio powers a character might have. For timeline purposes, we will begin committee at the start of the first season, with Serena's return from boarding school. For any questions about the timeline, please contact the chair (mdunayer20@stuy.edu).

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