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### **The Lowry Family**

Linda Lowry: Six-year-old daughter of Rosalyn and Myles. Object of parents' custody battle

Rosalyn Lowry: (*aka* Roz Young in youth and college days) Mother of Linda. Former wife of Myles

Myles Lowry: Father of Linda. Former husband of Rosalyn

### **Mellon Law Firm**

Godfrey Mellon: Attorney for Rosalyn Lowry

Miss Hayes: Executive Assistant to Godfrey Mellon

Godfrey Mellon, Sr: Lawyer and father of Godfrey Mellon

Charles Spada: (*aka* Charlie, to Ned Hegerman and colleagues) Intern at two law firms.

### **Hegerman Law Firm**

Ned Hegerman: Attorney for Myles Lowry

Eleanor Quatrane: Executive Assistant to Ned Hegerman

Karidja Soro: Conflict Resolutionist and Attorney with Ned Hegerman

Gabriella Costa: (*aka Gaby or Gabs*) Stenographer and Records Manager for Ned Hegerman

Sally Norris: Young associate in Advanced Directives department at Ned Hegerman's firm

Thomas Bruce: Attorney and Managing Partner at Hegerman's (unnamed) law firm

Gladys: Administrative assistant to Thomas Bruce

Tom: Security guard at law firm

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### The Courts

Eoin McCarver: Family Court Judge hearing the Lowry case

Ramona: Court Clerk for Judge McCarver

Benjamin Venticelli: Judge for Aello hearings

### Next of Kin

Marie Aello: Illegitimate daughter of Ned Hegerman

### Medical Professionals

Dr. Isidore Aronsen: Cardiologist/Surgeon, Hospital Physician for Ned Hegerman

Dr. Denison LeClerc: (aka Dennis Clark until 18<sup>th</sup> birthday) Oncologist / Clinic Founder and Director

Dr. Françoise Ouellette: Psychiatrist / Psychologist / Therapist

### Riverdale Retirement Home

Missie: Intake specialist and Mellon Niece

Joshua Winston: Retired SEC specialist and Mellon Cousin

Angelique: (aka Angel) Staff aide, and caretaker for Joshua Winston

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### Various Workplace Employees

Itzel Cocom: Work associate of Myles Lowry at Easton International, of Mayan heritage and wife of Bembe

Bembe Cocom: Artisanal jewelry artist, of Mayan heritage and husband of Itzel

Mrs. DeWitt: Archivist in S.E.C. New York Region

Mrs. Reading: Veteran librarian at the public library near Happydale

April Smith: Librarian/archivist in Myles Lowry's and Roz Young's childhood hometown; eventual caretaker for Myles after car crash

Petey: Developmentally challenged business district newspaper delivery and errand runner

Kelly Rocco: Criminal, Front man for illegal money-laundering and bond-trading operation

Yvonne: Retired restaurateur, part-time bartender/caterer, Beatriz Grey's lover

### Happydale Residential School Staff

Beatriz Grey: Head Administrator

Mrs. Steadman: Linda Lowry's second grade teacher

Alexandria: (*aka* Miss Alex) Teacher's Aide and Tutor

Valerie McKinley: (*aka* Woman with Heterochromia) Teacher, College Friend of Rosalyn, Rosalyn's Sponsor to Happydale, Mother of Taylor

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### Linda's Second Grade Classmates - Happydale

#### Beginning of Day Color Guard and Announcements

Betty: Announces Day of the Week

Laura: Announces Month of the Year

Amanda: Announces the Year

#### Posse

*Deirdre: (aka Dee) The class bully, survivor of abuse, parental assaulter*

#### Non-Readers (group of four)

Clementine: (aka 'Red') Feisty red head

Denise: Consensus leader of group

Portia: Thin girl, named for Shakespeare character

Ashleigh: Tallest girl, wears Winnie the Pooh shirts

#### Relatives

Rachel: Ashleigh's mother

Rebecca: Ashleigh's sister

### School Friends and Neighbors - Happydale

Taylor: Senior High Schooler, Daughter of Valerie, Companion to Linda

Margie: Senior member of school moms, acquaintance of Rosalyn, Mother of Katie

Katie: Mid-level High Schooler, Daughter of Margie, Companion to Linda

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### The Investigators and Law Enforcers

Danny Hart: (*aka Dan*) Private investigator, first for Mellon, then for Hegerman and later for Soro

Mike Riley: Former US Army Commando in Vietnam, Dog owner, Apartment Neighbor to Linda

Angie Flynn: Private investigator, hired by Attorney Mellon to replace Danny Hart, who knows her

Detective Howe: Local police detective in charge of investigating Linda Lowry's disappearance

Dominic Corredor: (*aka Linda's 'Gentleman Caller' and Rail Rider, Dom*) NYPD Detective on medical leave, specialist in discovery and rescue of missing persons

Maura Hammersmith: Long Island patrolwoman who discovered Myles Lowry's abandoned rental car and great-aunt of Sylvia Hammersmith, rescued from sex traffickers years before by Dominic Corredor

Frances: Policewoman researching Lowry's library microfilm file use, for fellow officer, Maura.

### Friends and Supporters

Annie Meadows: Friend and Classmate to Linda, living near Jersey apartment

Paul Meadows: Father of Annie and Friend of Rosalyn, living near Jersey apartment

The Flash: Neighbor/tenant of Danny Hart, Remodeler, Entrepreneur, Chevy Suburban Driver

### Unnamed Supportive Players

Court Reporter: For Family Court Judge McCarver

Bailiffs: For Family Court Judge McCarver and for Aello's Judge

The Dog: Mike Riley's dog

Posse: Two classmate followers of Deirdre

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### Unnamed Supportive Players - continued

The Cocom's: Itzel Cocom's mother maintains intergenerational home & three granddaughters.

Police captain: Long Island police station, captain to Maura Hammersmith and Frances

The Corredor family: Dominic Corredor's wife and two daughters

Bankers & Federal Treasury Employees & Security Personnel & Eccentric Bond owner

Newspaper delivery truck driver

Medical staff and maintenance persons at LeClerc's clinic and for other hospitalizations

Railroad commuters, pedestrians, drivers, shoppers, shopkeepers in Myles' childhood village

### Fictional Places

#### Named & Unnamed:

Easton International Medical Supplies: Business where Myles Lowry is an executive

Happydale Residential School: Academic private school where Rosalyn and Linda seek refuge

Ned Hegerman's law firm

Godfrey Mellon's law firm

Singles Bar near Happydale school

Local Town Library near Happydale school

Local Village Library in Myles Lowry's boyhood hometown

Doctor LeClerc's Oncological Clinic

Doctor Ouellette's Rehab and Recovery Center

LIRR Railroad Station, Bank, Church, and Assorted Businesses in Myles's boyhood hometown