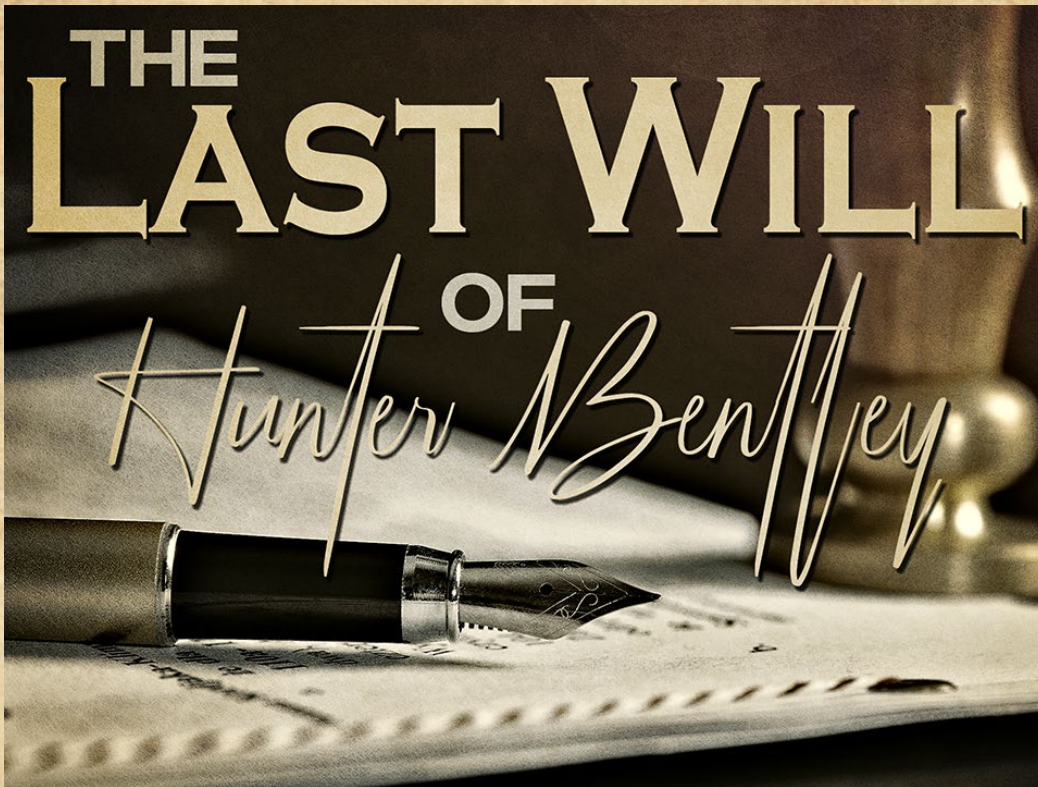


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ATTENDEES OF THE MEETING AT HUNTER BENTLEY'S ESTATE

BILLIE WILLOW

ACTOR

Billie Willow has been trying everything possible in Hollywood to make it as a film star but has only landed small bit parts in mediocre films. Billie befriended Hunter Bentley in college during their first year, and the two have stayed connected, primarily via social media. Maybe Billie hasn't made it as a big star because they speak barely above a whisper and break off into staring sessions into outer space. That, coupled with a problem with narcolepsy, could be why Billie hasn't landed an audition for a leading role and gets lucky if the character they land has one or two lines in the script. Nevertheless, Billie has been asking everyone they know to get strings pulled with casting producers. Alas, Billie hasn't had their break yet. Billie is single but continually gushes about new crushes.

CASPER HYDE

PARANORMAL INVESTIGATOR

Casper Hyde is a self-proclaimed paranormal investigator and hosts a show on social media called Casper's Not-so-Friendly Ghosts. People can hire Casper to exterminate ghosts from their homes or artifacts, and Casper films the act as an episode of the show. Casper is approaching a million followers and has recently monetized their social media accounts. Casper was always different and had imaginary friends since childhood. Casper hangs out with these invisible pals about town, which can be a bit peculiar to witness. Casper overuses hand gestures while speaking and appears to use sign language, but it's a made-up version between Casper and their imaginary friends. Casper has boundless energy and is extremely friendly to everyone. Casper would do anything to help someone in need and is best friends with their sibling, Carrigan Hyde.

CARRIGAN HYDE

PROFESSIONAL LINE STANDER

Carrigan Hyde is the sibling and best friend of Casper Hyde, the paranormal investigator. Carrigan created the business *I'll Wait for You* - a professional line-standing service. You can hire Carrigan to wait in line for events, department store sales, popular restaurants, or other venues with long wait times. This service saves the client time, as everyone has a busy life. Carrigan holds a place, contacting the client as they approach the final stretch to the front of the line. The client shows up, takes over the coveted spot, and Carrigan earns big money. Carrigan is courageous, never passing on a dare or caring what other people think. This line stander is understandably obsessed with checking the time. They refuse to use curse words, as they've created a unique vocabulary to show dissatisfaction, anger, and disdain.

ENBY RIDDLE

MORTICIAN, FANCY FUNERALS

Enby Riddle is the liaison with the county morgue and mortician who prepares the dead bodies for burial at Fancy Funerals, a subdivision of Hemloxx Afterlife. Enby has a knack for appearing busier than they are but is a kind soul who is always willing to lend a hand. However, given their occupation, Enby has a lot of stories about the dead that make most people queasy and uneasy, so be careful how you steer the conversation while chatting with this dead body prepper.

Enby has worked for Fancy Funerals for over a decade and has never missed a day of work or lodged one complaint. But also, Enby hasn't received a raise, either. So maybe Enby should learn to speak up?

JAMIE TORRANCE

TOUR GUIDE, HEMLOXX HQ

Jamie Torrance is a friend of Zene Bentley. Using Zene as a connection, Jamie launched a self-made career as a tour guide of the Hemloxx, Incorporated's headquarters in Bramford Bluff. However, there have been rumors about Jamie taking bribes and allowing corporate spies from Bony, Incorporated to infiltrate areas of the campus that shouldn't be on the tour routes. Still, the internal affairs investigators have unveiled no evidence of this, so Jamie's job is relatively safe. Jamie is overly trusting and will forgive anyone who wrongs them - even the haters who tell lies about them. Jamie is witty and loves to tell jokes, even taking a turn at the microphone at the local comedy club on amateur nights. Jamie often tries out new comedy sets during the Hemloxx tours to ensure their jokes get enough laughs.

LUCIAN BELLADONNA

VOICEOVER ACTOR

Lucian Belladonna's father was best friends with Johnny Bentley, the founder of Hemloxx, Incorporated and Hunter Bentley's father. Lucian grew up in the mansion adjacent to Johnny's and had fond childhood memories of visiting the Bentley home to play with Hunter, Revel, Tru, and Reign. As an adult, Lucian was still living at home eight years ago when Johnny and Lucian's father had a dreadful falling out. After unofficial accusations flew around town about Johnny murdering his wife, Pearl Wreidt-Bentley, the Belladonna family immediately distanced themselves from the Bentleys and built a home across town, moving away from Rumson Waterloo Estates.

After the fallout, Lucian moved to Hollywood to pursue a film acting career but instead landed voice-acting jobs. Eventually, Lucian voiced many well-known characters from shorts, series, and movies. Unfortunately, Lucian is mean-spirited and painfully awkward during social gatherings.

WEST GRIMSHAW

ZOOKEEPER

West Grimshaw is the head zookeeper at the Bramford Bluff Zoo. Contrary to the job description, West doesn't believe that animals should be held as prisoners behind concrete walls. There have been many instances in Bramford Bluff where gorillas to pythons have been found foraging around the city streets. West claims animal rights activists keep targeting the zoo. However, whistleblowers have reported that West is their leader and orchestrates these great escapes in hopes that the animals can break away and escape to the wilderness outside of town. West is a professed vegan who announces as such while entering a room. However, this sneaky carnivore eats meat in private. West has a problem with loving animals *and* the taste of a juicy steak.

RUE HELLEBRE

OPERATIONS MANAGER, PICK-A-PLUCKY CHICKEN

Rue Hellebore is the Pick-a-Plucky Chicken Operations Manager – a fast food chain by Hemloxx Hospitality. Rue landed the lucrative position after witnessing a car accident between Hunter Bentley and a custodian in the corporate headquarters parking lot. Unfortunately, Rue erroneously sided with Hunter in their statements to the police and insurance companies. As a result, Rue was promoted from the kitchen to a plush office at headquarters. Rue has enjoyed the power and authority over their former colleagues of the 105 stores worldwide.

Rue is cunning and calculated and feeds off the negative energy of others. Rue finds reasons to act sad about things, and their favorite pastime is napping during thunderstorms.

ROGAN WILKES

PARK RANGER

Rogan Wilkes is the cruel park ranger at Gravestone Park on the outskirts of Bramford Bluff. Rogan doesn't want visitors in the state park and will do anything to prevent tourists from camping inside the park, even though it is legal to do so if they purchase a camping permit. Rogan claims there are dangerous bears and other wildlife that will endanger the lives of humans. However, there is no record of an animal attack in the park. Rogan keeps a hand on a hip while the other snaps at things to emphasize their points. Rogan has a high level of sass plaguing their facial expressions and tends to intimidate others. Nevertheless, Rogan is a great friend to those in their inner circle. Rogan hosts monthly themed parties with an exclusive guest list. So naturally, most people desire an invitation to Rogan's next bash.

KENDAL MORTE

POLICE DIVER

Kendal Morte is a dedicated diver for the Bramford Bluff Police Department. Kendal has served for almost twenty years and has uncovered many nefarious things, including dead bodies, briefcases holding top secret documents, discarded crime scene evidence, and other items thrown into the bodies of water surrounding the town. Kendal has a peculiar habit of pointing to everything while speaking and has impeccable manners.

Kendal is one of the most inventive people you'll meet and can make anything you need out of everyday household items.

FABEL WOLFE

HAIRSTYLIST

Fabel Wolfe is a simple-minded hairstylist who owns the hair salon *Fan-C Meeting You Hair*. The who's-who of Bramford Bluff all have standing appointments at the salon with one of the three stylists, and it's nearly impossible for anyone else in town to get an appointment. However, Fabel always makes room for any celebrity in the city, staying at Ze Hotel Hemloxx. Fabel walks with a bounce and constantly scratches their head or moves a hand across their face when speaking. Fabel tries to tell jokes to clients to lighten the mood, but the jokes never land. They aren't funny. Not everyone is a comedian, but Fabel doesn't get that concept. If Fabel gets a laugh, it's not because the joke was clever, or the timing of the punchline landed. It's because they are laughing at Fabel.

JAZZ BLAGDEN

AUTHOR

Jazz Blagden is a struggling author who has released over twenty books but has never landed a book deal. Jazz is a romance novelist who authors books about a spy named Teddy Broom. Jazz hasn't found an audience of readers yet, but they hope someone will discover the books soon. Jazz has an extra loud laugh which can be off-putting, so Jazz's friends try not to say anything too funny. Jazz won't be getting any invitations to the local comedy club, that's for sure. Jazz has a habit of giving nicknames to everyone, which is sometimes annoying but can be hilarious. It depends on if *you're* the one getting the pet name. Jazz naps often, as plot ideas for the next novel always pop up in their dreams.

PAREN BRONE

EXECUTIVE CHEF, THE SNEAKY STEAK

Paren Brone is the executive chef of *The Sneaky Steak* - the fine dining restaurant of Hemloxx Hospitality. Paren is absent-minded and refuses to eat or taste food around others – even while preparing dishes during dinner service, as they think they chew weirdly but can't seem to change. But Paren showed everyone how good of a culinary mastermind and restaurant manager they are after being awarded three Michelin stars, the highest honor a restaurant can achieve. Unfortunately, since the steakhouse received the accolades, Paren's ego inflated. This chef has been challenging to deal with, as they've become hyper-critical of others. Alas, there isn't much anyone can do about this behavior change, as Paren's the reason for the success. Also, the executives of Hemloxx Hospitality are studying the recipe for Paren's success so they can open many more locations worldwide.

WIN AGNAR

CRUISE SHIP ENTERTAINER

Win Agnar is a cheesy entertainer for *Friend-Ship Cruise Line*. Win performs magic shows, sings cover songs with a pianist in the lounge, and slips into a clown suit to juggle for the kiddy shows. Win has a wild personality and loves to have fun. But, on another note, Win's brain loves to self-sabotage and triggers hysterical coughing at the most dreadful times, such as in crowded elevators, long lines, movie theaters, or sold-out sporting events. Maybe it's the post-pandemic stigma of people becoming social outcasts if they exude signs of illness. Whatever it is, Win's subconscious has a sick sense of humor and causes Win to be the target of so many dirty looks and exaggerated sighs. But Win's excessive politeness is enough to win anyone's favor if given a chance.

KNOX LIME

EXTREME STUNT ANALYST

Knox Lime has a job that most people would refuse to do but beg to hear about every detail. Knox is an extreme stunt tester for competition reality shows on television. Knox will consume peculiar items, such as enormous flying cockroaches, or sit in a pit of hungry snakes to test the human limits for competitions. If Knox can do it without a problem, that competitive segment will make it to the show. If Knox gets sick or injured by it, the proposed challenge goes to the discard pile. It takes a particular personality to live on the edge and push their body to the limit. In addition to being an intriguing human being, Knox is a close-talker who walks with tiny steps. Nobody knows why this stunt tester does that. Some have proposed theories, but none make sense.

Knox also refuses to use contractions while speaking and is an avid donor to charitable organizations.

LYNX MERULA

WORM FARMER

Lynx Merula has lived in Bramford Bluff their whole life. A child of a fisherman and a cook, Lynx grew up at the Silver Point Marina and knows everything about the Silver Point Lake that surrounds the north side of Bramford Bluff. Lynx's aunt and uncle own and have run the marina for over fifty years.

Lynx founded the *Wiggly Worm Farm* in the mid-eighties and has grown the venture into a semi-successful online business where Lynx ships worm bait across the USA and also sells stock to local fishermen and tourists.

Lynx is forgetful and blinks slower than most people, which is often confused for sarcasm. You have to be around this worm farmer long enough to know it's just what they do, and there's no thought or meaning behind it. But, on the other hand, Lynx thinks almost everything is funny and is constantly snort-laughing.

SAWYER HUXLEY

CHIEF TECHNOLOGY OFFICER

Sawyer Huxley is the Chief Technology Officer of Hemloxx, Incorporated. Sawyer oversees the corporation's technology as a whole, including the leadership of the cybersecurity division at Hemloxx. Nobody truly knows what the cybersecurity group does besides keeping the corporation's data safe and its web presence online without disruption. There have been accusations made by anonymous sources reporting to the media that this group is nothing but a criminal hacking faction. However, the staff has categorically denied all allegations made against them.

Sawyer has a habit of clearing their throat when nervous. On a personal level, Sawyer is socially inept. Once they open their mouth to give an account of what happened to them, the embellishments pour out and worsen until the story is unrecognizable and entirely unbelievable. That is why Sawyer prefers to stay quiet in social situations.

VALEN MANSON

RODEO CLOWN

Valen Manson is a creative rodeo clown who doubles as a party host for hire. Valen's clown character goes by Bubbles McGee and is a fun-loving performer who can sculpt anything out of balloons and make people laugh with contagious snort-filled giggles. However, you should set some time aside if you socialize with Valen outside of clown makeup, as it takes time for this clown to cover the fine points of topics with explanations of every detail. Beware of exhaustion if you get trapped in a lengthy chat. Kirby Manson adopted Valen at the tender age of two years old. Something was amiss in Valen's past, and it took years for Valen to warm up to Kirby as a parent. Nobody knows who Valen's biological parents are and why they gave Valen up for adoption.

TRU BENTLEY

SWIMMING POOL TECHNICIAN

Tru is an estranged younger sibling of Hunter Bentley and a technician for *Clean Water - We Promise*, a swimming pool maintenance company in Bramford Bluff. Tru has been under rapid fire with complaints about the chemicals in the customers' swimming pools. There are rumors that Tru threw human safety concerns out the window and overdosed their clients' pools with chlorine to avoid dealing with algae blooms. After many complaints about hair turning green, eyes and skin burning, and intense chemical aromas, the company's owner hired a water chemist to investigate the pools on Tru's client list. Tru could be fired, or even worse, criminal charges could arise if there is evidence of harmful chemicals in the water. Tru constantly switches to the newest fad diets and talks in an awfully slow, meticulous cadence. And don't try to discern what Tru is thinking through those unreadable expressions. Tru betrayed Johnny and Hunter Bentley by speaking to the tabloid press two years ago, and Johnny Bentley banished Tru from the family.

PORTER DOLION

PERSONAL CHEF

Porter Dolion is the chef for Hunter Bentley's estate. Hunter has employed Porter for over a decade. If you're in the kitchen and see the top of someone's head moving along the counter, searching the floor, cabinets, and drawers – that's Porter. This chef is constantly misplacing items. Porter's an outgoing culinary expert who will be the first in the room to start a quarrel and never passes on the chance to debate. And that's why Porter turns colleagues into foes.

HUDSON ZILLA

GARDENER

Hudson Zilla is a hardworking gardener at the Hunter Bentley Mansion in Rumson Waterloo Estates – a gated, affluent neighborhood in Bramford Bluff. Hudson is exceptionally responsible and continually fishes for flattery and compliments from others. Is this because Hudson never received any positive feedback from Hunter Bentley about the impeccable grounds of the estate? Most would say Hunter's treatment would be mentally damaging to Hudson after many years of enduring no appreciation for going above and beyond with job duties. Even though Hudson poured their heart out onto the perfectly-manicured grass of the courtyards, the year-round blooming rose bushes, and the sculpted boxwoods that line the property – Hunter has never once said *thank you*. Nevertheless, this is a standard train of thought for many of the staff at the mansion. At least the team has had each other to lean on and build self-esteem back up to where it should be.

GREY SAURON

RESEARCH SCIENTIST

Grey Sauron is a workaholic research scientist for Hemloxx Science, Nanotech division. Grey works on many top-secret projects at the lab and refuses to discuss their projects. Grey won't even breathe hints about what the lab is about to release. SymbioTom is the only known project of Hemloxx Science - a collaborative project between the divisions of Hemloxx Science led by Revel Bentley. SymbioTom is an android personal assistant who can aid in all facets of their owner's life. SymbioTom hitting the markets will forever change humanity - or so they say. Grey takes in strays of all kinds. An aspiring 'Doctor Doolittle,' this soft heart has rescued many different species of pets at their home. Unfortunately, Dr. Sauron also has an annoying habit of lightly tapping on the cheek of whoever they speak to while spewing snap judgments about other people. Grey might seem stubborn, but they are easily influenced. Will someone eventually get Grey to squeal about the projects at the lab? Maybe so.

IGGY LESTRANGE

LIVE MANNEQUIN

Hemloxx Records has scoured the busy city streets of tourist hotspots in search of live mannequin performers who can hum original melodies. To date, they have signed a few of these artists. They are placing them in high-end locations with massive salary and benefits packages while promoting them on social media and giving them exposure on *The Daily Snoop* and *Spilling the Tea* – both divisions of Hemloxx Media. This faux mannequin fooled the Hemloxx scouts into believing their statue pose was solid, but Iggy has a terrible habit of fidgeting. Iggy starts at their new position today, but how long will it be before someone complains about the moving mannequin?

Nonetheless, this performer will take the lead role at the flagship property of the Hemloxx hotel chain, Ze Hotel Hemloxx, in Bramford Bluff. During peak check-in hours, they'll pose while humming on a solid gold box at the grand entrance. Personally, Iggy is multi-lingual and speaks seven languages, which is quite impressive. But Iggy isn't friendship material as they severely lack consideration for others.

MARIN JYNX

PROFESSIONAL MOURNER

Marin Jynx is the chief professional mourner at Fancy Funerals, a division of Hemloxx Afterlife. When the dearly departed are short on friends and family, the funeral monarch assigned to them will send several professional mourners to shed crocodile tears, bow their heads, and say kind words at the ceremony.

Marin is awkward in social settings and will halt conversations with a long gaze into the distance. However, Marin is super sneaky and pops up out of thin air when you least expect it. Is Marin spying? Or does this professional boo-hoo'er live as an adrenaline seeker for the thrill of surprise? Marin enjoys skydiving, bungee jumping, and engaging in any activity that puts one's life on the line.

OMBRE DACOIT

BARTENDER

Ombre Dacoit is a bartender at *The Sneaky Steak* fine-dining restaurant, a three-star Michelin establishment owned by Hemloxx Hospitality and planned for expansion to over a hundred global locations. Ombre is vying for a position as a regional manager. Will this cocktail mixer have enough experience for the job? Most would think not, but Ombre's a big dreamer with an inflated ego. Ombre is competitive but a giant sore loser who will cause chaos during pub trivia challenges to friendly tennis games with pals. Ombre is freakishly organized in every part of their life and is a severe hypochondriac. If you have an ailment or illness, do not tell Ombre your symptoms - this barkeep will manifest every last one by the following sunrise. For this reason, Ombre usually misses work simultaneously as coworkers when they get sick.

TRACY VADER
EPIDEMIOLOGIST

Tracy Vader is the nerdy epidemiologist for the city of Bramford Bluff but started their career in the biotechnology lab at Hemloxx Science. Nobody is sure why Tracy left the lab, but now Tracy tracks, traces, analyzes emerging diseases, and makes recommendations to the local government. Tracy incessantly plans their life events to an obsessive amount of detail. Tracy schedules every minute of the day on a mobile phone calendar and refuses to get off course. Overly self-confident, Tracy continually brags about their accomplishments. With that said, Tracy graduated college with top honors, and the former mayor handed the key to the city to Tracy after many reported incidents of helping strangers out of bad situations. Tracy has also won many chess championships, amateur boxing matches, poetry contests, and poker tournaments. Therefore, maybe all the boasting is warranted.

JAGGER FOGARTY
CONCIERGE

Jagger Fogarty is the concierge at the Bramford Bluff flagship property of *Ze Hotel Hemloxx* – a luxury hotel chain and division of Hemloxx Hospitality. Jagger spews apathy from their pores, living life at the most leisurely pace possible for a career-centric professional. Nothing triggers this concierge's sense of urgency. There isn't a situation or crisis to give this lazy service professional the slightest bit of panic or haste. This attitude towards life explains why Jagger delegates their daily tasks to the hotel staff. As a result, some have speculated that Jagger has an exceptionally high IQ and is a mastermind. In addition, Jagger's obsessed with personal hygiene and gives unsolicited advice on how to improve upon other people's routines.

DALLAS PAINE
AUDIO ENGINEER

Dallas Paine is the lead audio engineer at Hemloxx Records. Dallas works seven days a week at the famous Recording Studio A of Hemloxx Headquarters in Bramford Bluff. This audio genius produces chart-topping hits from Hemloxx's talent. Dallas was nicknamed *Sherlock* by close friends, as there isn't a puzzle or problem they can't solve or decipher. This engineer uses logical deduction during normal thought processes, so nothing gets by them. However, Dallas is a bit of a hothead, so stay on their good side. If an eyebrow arches at you – you must escape. Run. Flee the joint *at all costs!* You do not want to be on the wrong side of a Dallas Paine tirade. Nevertheless, with all of the critical thinking whirling around in Dallas's head, it is a bit of a shock to find out that they are highly superstitious.

BAY BUNDY
SUPERMODEL

Bay Bundy is the uncontested top supermodel in the world. So unsurprisingly, the scouts of *Hemloxx Fashion House* noticed this stunner and offered an exclusive deal to serve as the head runway model, print model, and the face of the Hemloxx fashion line. Hemloxx designs are known for luxury, influence, and innovation. Budding fashionistas line up to snag the newest designs as the hangers hit the racks of high-end boutiques and department stores. Bay slays the New York, Paris, Milan, and London runways, setting the high-fashion trends created by the *thread artists*. Bay is terrible with directions and perpetually lost but remains abnormally calm under stress. Many are aware that Bay is a recovering thief. Bay swears they've moved past the life of crime, but there is a clause in Bay's contract to stay out of the headlines unless it's for fashion.

PENN BLOODMAN
CYBERSECURITY SPECIALIST

Penn Bloodman is an introverted ethical hacker with open disdain for society. This computer genius has an exceptionally high IQ and rules the circuit of local trivia competitions in Bramford Bluff, winning against teams of up to ten players. Unfortunately, Penn is often accused of cheating as nobody can fathom that a person could have that much random knowledge. Penn is stubborn and will never reconsider a decision. Penn works for Hemloxx Cyber. The job descriptions are not made public like other divisions in the company, but their group's mission is to provide cybersecurity for Hemloxx. Nevertheless, the trash tabloids accused this stealthy team of network specialists of hacking into competitors' networks, but no solid evidence has emerged. Supposedly, a traitor among them had snitched. The cybersecurity team is currently dealing with the mole among them.

LUCKY BALCOM
CONSTRUCTION MANAGER

Lucky Balcom is the joyful construction manager who hums during any bout of silence. Lucky owns *Balcom Construction*, the busiest construction operation in Bramford Bluff. Clients can hire Lucky for custom construction projects. Lucky turns dreams into reality - from planks of wood to throw pillows. Lucky is messy and a constant hair flipper but a pleasure to be around.

RENNIS GAIN

FOOD CRITIC

Rennis Cain is a pompous foodie and food critic. Rennis reports on food establishments around the globe, releasing segments on demand via Hemloxx Media's streaming platform, *The Daily Snoop*. Some restaurant owners given negative reviews by Rennis have explicitly stated it is a conflict of interest for a person employed by Hemloxx to review competing food establishments. Hemloxx Hospitality has a chain of fast food restaurants, fine dining spots in their hotel chain, and the Michelin three-star *The Sneaky Steak* restaurant, which is soon to be a global chain. Rennis doesn't care what they say and has never addressed the accusations other than to say, 'those on top don't look behind them.' But maybe this is why Rennis is continually stressing over the slightest things. This food critic's nervous energy can be taxing to be around for too long.

CAREY MELVILLE

ROCK STAR

Carey Melville is a talented musician who recently signed on with Hemloxx Records. Carey was a small-town singer, songwriter, and guitarist who took a chance by putting songs on social media. Two of this rock star's tunes became global number-one hits only days after the ink dried on the contract. This rocker has been bathing in the limelight and enjoying every second of overnight fame. Hemloxx Records always fast-tracks its talent, so Carey is already preparing for a global concert tour. The shows will be Carey's first time performing outside the sleepy town of Bojangle Falls, Texas. Carey has been training at the gym with strict meals prepared by a Hemloxx nutritionist and must reach optimal fitness in record time for the hard life on the road.

COVE DRACO

NEWS REPORTER

Cove Draco is a former film star turned news reporter for *The Daily Snoop*, a streaming platform of Hemloxx Media. Cove is in front of the cameras, reporting breaking news via on-demand programming and live streams. The platform was previously accused of spying and using unfair surveillance to get their stories, but Cove adamantly denies engaging in any illegal activities. Cove played a supporting role in over fifty Hollywood movies but can walk down city streets without being recognized. Some say Cove is a failed actor, but they defend that bringing news to the subscribers of *The Daily Snoop* is what they were born to do. That said, be careful trusting in Cove, as they are an unpredictable, compulsive liar. This fibber constantly peers over their shoulder as they have burned many bridges.

REIGN BENTLEY

NEWLY-APPOINTED CEO

People say what Reign Bentley touches turns to hypothetical gold. Reign was born with a mind for business. From the fourth grade until high school graduation, Reign operated a profitable convenience store out of commandeered lockers for fellow students. After college graduation, Reign became the second-in-charge at Hemloxx, serving as the Chief Operations Officer (COO). Upon Hunter's untimely demise, the managing director appointed Reign as the CEO, leaving the critical COO position vacant. Impulsive, Reign claims to be allergic to plans made in advance but still manages to be quite the perfectionist - and a fantastic dancer to boot. Reign is a single parent by choice with four adopted offspring. Unfortunately, three of Reign's adult children still live at home.

ELM SHOCKLEY

SOMMELIER

Elm Shockley is a prim and proper sommelier at The Sneaky Steak restaurant. Elm has worked at the fine-dining establishment that caters to the Bramford Bluff elite since it opened almost a year ago. Elm desires to become the manager, but the opportunity has yet to arise. Elm trained at a top winery and holds a level three certification. Hemloxx Hospitality poached Elm from a celebrity restaurant on the Las Vegas Strip. Elm doesn't miss the neon lights and the hustle and bustle of Sin City and is glad to live in a quiet town. Elm's a bit of a mumble-mouth but does know a lot about wine.

DR. BRILEY NERO

COSMETIC SURGEON

Dr. Briley Nero is a busy board-certified plastic surgeon in Bramford Bluff. You'll find Dr. Nero in pop culture magazines, lifestyle and health and fitness websites, social media posts, airline magazines, and hit cheeky reality shows. A self-professed body artist, this doc's gone to great lengths to keep a tight lid on their top-secret celebrity clients. First, a limo with blacked-out windows transports patients from a private jet to Ze Hotel Hemloxx. Then, they are transported to the famous *Fountain of Beauty Clinic* via underground tunnels to all appointments with the doc. Naturally, a celeb sighting will trigger the town's gossips to guess what procedures they are doing with Dr. Nero. The doc is a mysterious genius who cannot tell a lie and seems to be hiding something. Hmm. What's up, Doc?

RANGER KRUEGER

FINANCIAL MANAGER

Fierce as a hungry lion on the prowl, Ranger is one of the top financial managers at the Union Bank of Gedeon (UBG) – a global firm that provides financial services in over fifty countries. Ranger is an adventurous soul who loves to travel and experience the luxuries that life has to offer. But, for no good reason - Ranger is insanely jealous of others and avoids eye contact at all costs. Many people in Bramford Bluff wonder what Ranger is hiding.

REVEL BENTLEY

ROBOTICS ENGINEER

The nerdy Revel is a robotics engineer for Hemloxx Science. The engineers are a tight-knit, secret group. Gossips speculate that they are trying to create the most human-like robot ever known to humankind. Is this a smart thing to do? The experts pretty much agree it's going to backfire in the long run. Revel has always preferred studying instead of socializing and being alone instead of around others. A tad selfish at times, Revel can be a bit of a shadow lurker from their lack of social skills.

SALEM BENTLEY

COMPLIANCE OFFICER

Salem Bentley is the third youngest child of Reign Bentley. Upon graduation with a master's degree in business administration, Reign secured a job for Salem with the corporate legal team as a compliance specialist. Salem has a photographic memory and loves to boast about the gift to anyone in earshot, hoping to be challenged to prove the skill to anyone with doubts. Unfortunately, Salem has become an infamous credit-stealer of others' work at the office. Salem does have a close group of colleagues but is raking up a list of foes in the short time since joining the Hemloxx team two months ago. If you have the misfortune to work with this backstabber, don't trust or turn your back on them. Salem is the only sibling to have left Reign's nest. But, alas, their wings didn't spread too far, as they reside in their grandfather's mansion less than two blocks away.

DANNER SULLIVAN

REAL ESTATE AGENT

Danner Sullivan owns *Game of Homes*, a premier boutique real estate agency in Bramford Bluff known for luxurious properties and exquisite service. This real estate agent will have you in stitches as the jokes flow from their mouth like water in a raging river. Danner's hilarious, but if you become a member of the exclusive inner circle of friends, you will also be signing up for nonstop nagging. Danner is nitpicky and obsesses over the most delicate details that never even change an outcome.

QUILL BENTLEY

FUNERAL MONARCH, GORGEOUS GRAVES

Quill is the youngest of the Bentley siblings and was doted on immensely by their late mother until her passing only two years ago. When Olive Bentley died, Quill became unemotional and detached from the rest of the family. The town gossips speculate it is because Hunter Bentley was a person of interest in his wife's death and was never charged. Nevertheless, Quill works for Hemloxx Afterlife and manages Gorgeous Graves – a chain of exclusive burial grounds touted as luxury death experiences. All employees of Hemloxx Afterlife are referred to as 'funeral monarchs.' Quill has always had a bizarre arm swing while walking, and this behavior intensified after Olive's death.

ROAN DEVLAND

HOUSEKEEPER

Roan Devland is the friendly housekeeper for Hunter Bentley's estate. But this housekeeper might only be cordial on the surface. Be prepared to greet another side of this mop wielder if you become the topic of the latest juicy house gossip. Roan is an incessant eavesdropper and snooper who is privy to information far above their pay grade. In addition, Roan is constantly stoking fires among the mansion's staff while grinning ear to ear. Roan was born without empathy but, in its place, received the gifts of charm and manipulation.

PAX MORIARTY

HOUSE MANAGER

For a sprawling estate with many needs and moving parts, Hunter Bentley hired the highly-experienced Pax Moriarty about a year ago to manage his property and its staff within the gated neighborhood of Rumson Waterloo Estates. Pax has displayed loyalty and infinite patience with Hunter but treats the estate's team as factory robots.

With constant air quotes, this house manager does nothing but boast about their accomplishments and the successes of their friends and family. Who cares, Pax? Just do your job and get on with it.

BANKS BENTLEY

HOME HEALTH AIDE

After high school graduation, Banks Bentley attended a state-approved nurse's aide training program. After passing the exam, Banks became a certified home nursing assistant specializing in end-of-life care. Banks is a freelancer hired by insurance companies and assigned to terminally-ill patients needing home health care. Surprisingly, Banks chose an occupation in the medical field, as this nursing aide might be the most entitled, selfish human being walking the earth. Banks wastes no time launching complaints about less-than-ideal situations. An utter control freak who must always have things their way, Banks makes whoever blocks their progress pay a steep price. But, with the flaws pushed aside, this medical professional didn't take long to earn a reputation as the best end-of-life caretaker in Bramford Bluff.

KYLER AMON

HOA MANAGER

Kyler Amon is the Homeowner's Association manager for Rumson Waterloo Estates, where four of the Bentley family estates are located in Bramford Bluff. The neighborhood is the most affluent area in town, with powerful and influential people living within the iron gates. Kyler Amon manages with inflexibility and a lack of common sense. Many homeowners have problems with Kyler not living among them, but the board voted five months ago at the biannual meeting to hire Kyler. Alas, they can do nothing about Kyler's tyrannical reign until the next General Assembly. Kyler is obsessed with aliens and is extremely frugal. Some have accused Kyler of being a kleptomaniac, but to date – not one shred of evidence has proven these accusations, so the stigma remains hearsay.

FINN DRYSTAN

HOLLYWOOD ICON, ACTOR

Due to Finn's face being a staple of American television for three decades, everyone from coast to coast knows Finn Drystan. From baby food commercials to long-running hit television sitcoms about aliens among humans on Earth, Finn's a Hollywood icon. The long-term fame has caused Finn to be highly skeptical of everything. Finn lacks a filter and is brutally honest – always saying the wrong thing at the wrong time without social awareness. Finn's a notorious one-upper but has probably done most things bigger and better than everyone. Maybe that's all Finn can contribute to a conversation? Finn is talented, ultra-ambitious, and never turns down a lucrative project.

ALASKA FUSCO

PODCAST HOST

The person with a pen pressed against a notepad staring intently from across the room reading your lips is most likely the notorious Alaska Fusco. Alaska hosts a Bramford Bluff Weekly podcast on the celebrity gossip site *Hemloxx Spilled Tea*. Speaking without a filter and caring less about your feelings than a sick toad, Alaska is a highly resourceful podcast host – even if the execs don't agree. But what's strange is that Alaska speaks with various accents that will change mid-sentence sometimes. Nobody can determine why or how this happens, but podcast viewership is rising, so Alaska isn't changing.

ZENE BENTLEY

GHOSTWRITER

You'll find Zene Bentley standing partially behind drapes or pressed against the wall at any gathering. A ghostwriter for online profiles, Zene could make the Grim Reaper himself look like a prized town bachelor. Zene is timid with a rather dull personality but is likely to be the most unselfish and caring person in Bramford Bluff. Zene is always the first one to stop to help someone in need or rush over to a friend's home who needs assistance with a project.

KIT BENTLEY

MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER PLAYER

Kit Bentley is the second oldest adopted child of Reign Bentley and an all-star athlete. In stark contrast to their creepy, sloth-inspired older sibling (Uمبر), Kit started training with athletic coaches at six months old while gearing up for the Diaper Derby circuit at department stores nationwide. Kit's athletic career didn't stop there, as this superstar has competed in nearly every sport at school, from tennis to basketball. Kit's continually risen to the top and gained notice. Kit's also been a NASCAR driver, horse jockey, archer, and professional golfer. Currently, Kit's a professional MLS soccer player. Kit's hot-blooded and always sweating, so thermostat temperatures get set to the minimum. This leads to constant temperature wars with the staff, siblings, and Reign.

STERLING BENTLEY

BOUNTY HUNTER AND PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR

A bounty hunter who doubles as a private investigator-for-hire, Sterling Bentley is the rough and tough third-born child of Hunter Bentley. Sterling is always honest and takes things seriously. If you want to know the truth about a situation, see Sterling. Unfortunately, Sterling is quick to make decisions and can sometimes be impulsive. This quirk has led Sterling down the wrong path for a time or two. Also, hide the chewing gum, as this gum-smacker will drive you nuts.

UMBER BENTLEY

AMATEUR TAXIDERMIST

Umber Bentley is the oldest adopted child of Reign Bentley. Umber barely skated by in high school and graduated with only a few points to spare. Umber lives with Reign at their family's sprawling estate in Bramford Bluff. To everyone's dismay, Umber has taken an unnatural interest in taxidermy and spends all of their time in the basement practicing this craft with various roadkill found on the highway. This is unsettling for everyone, as amateur taxidermied animals pop up in unexpected places within the estate as *décor*. Umber is continually laughing, and their terrifying giggles carry throughout the estate – especially in the wee hours of the morning. Umber has a hidden culinary genius but no interest in becoming a chef. Would you trust Umber enough to eat their food? Probably not.

KIRBY MANSON

BINGO HALL MANAGER

The Bramford Bluff Bingo Hall is lively and hopping on weekend nights, and Kirby Manson is there to extinguish hypothetical fires from all directions as they ignite. Kirby manages the establishment with impeccable grit, timing, and focus but is inflexible and demanding when dealing with staff matters. Kirby prefers to be the center of attention at any gathering and must always face the door. Why? Nobody knows. Quick escape, maybe?

MORG OLEANDER

POOL TECHNICIAN

Morg Oleander is the hardworking pool technician for *Crystal Clear Pools*. A perfectionist, Morg has maintained the clear, sparkling water of the backyard swimming pool of the Bentley Mansion for nearly three years. Hunter couldn't be happier with Morg's work, as the water is always set at a perfect temperature with spot-on levels of chemicals and not a bug to be found in the water. Morg is the best pool tech in the city. However, don't strike up a chat with this detail-driven water chemist. Morg will turn what should be a quick sentence into a long, rambling lecture about whatever topic you were unfortunate enough to have mentioned.

AUGUST MANSON

CHIEF METEOROLOGIST

No stranger to constant scolding on social media for incorrect weather forecasts, August Manson is the new chief meteorologist and face of Bramford Bluff's weather. August works extremely hard but can't seem to get the predictions right. A bit of a coward, this forecaster dons disguises to avoid the townsfolk's scrutiny. August must realize the importance of meticulously planned outdoor events that depend on the weather. On another note, August has a peculiar urge to sniff everything in sight, which is bizarre to witness.

PALEY BENTLEY

AIRLINE PILOT

Up in the clouds is where you'll find the ultra-ambitious Paley Bentley. A *Sky Travel Airlines* new hire, Paley is one of the youngest co-pilots with the airline. A former high school track star, Paley walks at a superhuman fast pace with abrupt stops. Nonetheless, that's an excellent skill to get around busy airports. Paley is brave and humble but so sensitive and emotional that you must watch what you say or face a flood of tears and dramatics.

FINN DRYSTAN'S ENTOURAGE

Finn Drystan has one of the world's most famous faces, so managing public outings and busy work and personal schedules is a full-time job for a team of over thirty people. Many members of Finn's staff travel with Finn and take care of their every need, keeping the paparazzi at a safe distance. Finn refers to this group as *The Entourage*, but each person has an individual job title and performs a specific function. Finn couldn't possibly manage to go anywhere without this hardworking group.

REIGN BENTLEY'S STAFF

Reign Bentley has always been successful in the business world, and that is due to hard work, dedication, and ambition. Reign has always set goals and hit them with ease. However, since taking the reins for the family's corporation as the Chief Executive Officer, Reign has felt the stress of a thousand worlds and isn't sure if they can pull it off – even though their dream was to run the company. As a result, Reign has relied heavily upon their new administrative staff and refuses to allow them any time off until their workflow is established, and all corporate fires are extinguished. This group of corporate office workers is exhausted.

UMBER BENTLEY'S FRIENDS

Umbert Bentley has a terrifying group of friends that can be about as annoying and nosy as houseflies. Umbert's friends are all high school drop-outs with one goal: to hang out at Umbert's mansion and help with taxidermizing roadkill they find. Unfortunately, they have all adopted the same creepy giggle as Umbert. It's horrifying in the wee hours of the night if they stay up too late.

KIT BENTLEY'S TEAMMATES

Kit Bentley is an all-star athlete and role model for today's youth. Kit's teammates are clones of Kit and always do and say the right thing, no matter the obstacles or hurdles they face. Respectful, kind, and selfless, this group of athletes is always a pleasure to be around. Their coach loves for the team to stay together as much as possible, as the coach believes if they become a family, they play soccer as a family.

SALEM BENTLEY'S COLLEAGUES

Hide the beans, as this group will want to count them all and log them as data. For what? Who knows, but this group of nerdy compliance professionals always over-analyze the situation. They will follow the rules and are not afraid to call out anyone who doesn't. Salem and the staff of the Institutional Compliance division at Hemloxx are nearly inseparable.

BRILEY NERO'S NURSES

Dr. Nero likes to keep the surgical staff close in case of emergencies with one of the many patients at The Fountain of Beauty Clinic. Dr. Nero is one of the country's most famous and busiest plastic surgeons, so this doc never knows when an A-lister will fly in for a rhinoplasty or a high-ranking politician will demand liposuction. Therefore, Dr. Nero is always on call and expects the clinic's nurses to do the same. For this reason, they are almost always together.