



## The Feud - "The Nightmare Next Door"

### Character Biographies:

Hilary Linton: The founder and principal of Riverdale Mediation, she offers full-service civil mediation, family mediation and mediation-arbitration services. Her civil mediation practice focuses on defamation cases, life and disability insurance claims, contract and business disputes, and employment-related matters. Her family mediation/arbitration practice focuses on all financial issues arising on separation and divorce, including property disclosure and valuation, property division agreements, determination of income, child and spousal support agreements, and marriage contracts.

Lisa and Bob: This is a second marriage for both Bob and Lisa. They met in a park several years ago and became a couple, despite the differences in their ages and backgrounds. Bob is in his late 40's and has several grown children from his previous relationship. He is also a former police officer who retired after suffering post-traumatic stress disorder on the job. He has a minor brain injury due to work-related incident. As a result, he does not function well with excess noise – or confrontation. Lisa was a 30-something single mother of two girls when she and Bob met. She now works as a nurses' aide. She is somewhat isolated in their new community, which makes her friendship with neighbour Kim all the more important to her. Between the two of them, neither Bob or Lisa are willing or equipped to initiate a potentially explosive conversation with their volatile neighbours, Jeff and Kim.

Jeff and Kim: At first glance, these 20-somethings are totally out of place in a quiet suburban neighbourhood. Covered in tattoos, the heavy metal fans certainly stand out in the crowd of soccer moms and working dads who populate their cul-de-sac. However, both Jeff and Kim are professionally successful and family means a lot to them. Jeff works as an industrial sheet metal worker with his father and brother. Kim has taken her teenage sister into their home, and tries to support her financially on her salary as a photographic re-toucher. Both Jeff and Kim characterize their tattoos as symbols of their lifestyle. Personal freedom means a lot to both of them and at the slightest hint that they're being asked to conform to society's norms (by respecting their neighbour's rights to quiet in the evenings for instance), they react with hostility.