

Society of Gentlemen by KJ Charles

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Names in *italics* are dead. Names in **bold** are main characters . Names underlined are real people.

The Ricardians

Lord Richard Vane. Younger brother of the Marquess of Cirencester, leader of the Ricardians.

Dominic Frey. Lord Richard's childhood friend and once-lover. Gentleman who works in the Home Office, pursuing radicals.

Julius Norreys. An exquisite.

Lord Gabriel Ashleigh (Ash). Son of the Duke of Warminster, younger brother of Lord Maltravers

Francis Webster. An extremely rich gentleman, son of a weaver-turned industrialist. A gambler.

Sir Absalom Lockwood. A Whig lawyer.

Peter Arlett. A Tory lawyer.

The Vanes

Philip, Marquess of Cirencester. Richard's older brother.

Eustacia, Marchioness of Cirencester. Philip's wife.

Lord Gideon Vane. Philip and Richard's uncle.

Paul Vane. Gideon's older son, who died in a fire.

Matthew Vane. Paul's son, who also died in the fire.

Verona Vane. Paul's daughter (and Harry's cousin), now Gideon's ward.

Alexander Vane. Gideon's disgraced second son, married to Euphemia Gordon.

Society at large

Lord Alvanley. A good friend of the Prince Regent.

Freddy Deluthe. Ash's best friend.

Joseph Higham. One of Ash's set.

Sir James Cairns. A gossip and literary patron.

Lord Maltravers. Ash's older brother. Strongly anti-Radical with political aspirations.

Lord Bunbury. A society host.

Mrs Martindale. A hostess of birth and fortune. Julius's cousin.

Laura Martindale. Mrs Martindale's older daughter, becoming engaged to Lord Maltravers.

Lady Beaufort. A fashionable widow who likes handsome young men.

Lord Liverpool. The Tory Prime Minister.

Lord Sidmouth. The Tory Home Secretary.

The Radicals

Silas Mason. Bookseller, radical pamphleteer.

George Charkin. Silas's bookshop assistant.

Euphemia Gordon. Radical feminist and rabble-rousing demagogue, married Alexander Vane.

Harry Vane. Euphemia and Alexander's son, brought up in poverty as Harry Gordon.

Arthur Thistlewood. A radical Spencean Philanthropist, ex-soldier.

Richard Tidd }

Robert Adams }

George Edwards } Spencean Philanthropists

William Davidson }

John Thomas Brunt }

James Ings }

The Servants

David Cyprian. Lord Richard's valet and fixer.

Mr. Tallant. Trainee valet in Lord Richard's employ.

Mr. Standish. Lord Maltravers' valet.

Mr. Schooler. Lord Richard's butler.

William Quex. Proprietor of Quex's gentleman's club / gambling hell

Jonathan Shakespeare. Major-domo of Quex's.

Zoë Shakespeare. Jon's sister, madam of Millay's assignation house.

And the Rest

Thaddeus Skelton. Home Office man, pursuer of radicals.

Sergeant Edward Rawling. A poor ex-soldier.

Ellie Fleming. David Cyprian's mother.

The Reverend Fleming. Her husband.

Martha Charkin. George's mother.

George Ruthven. A constable.

Locations

Quex's. Gentleman's club and gambling hell, with the Ricardians' private rooms upstairs.

White's. Tory gentleman's club.

Millay's. Assignation house where men can meet for sex.

Albemarle Street. Richard's address.

Mount Street. Dominic's address

Great Ryder Street. Julius's address.

New Burlington Street. Gideon's address.

Cirencester House. Philip's London residence.

Cato Street. Small innocuous street of no importance.

Theobald's Bookshop. Silas's bookshop in Paternoster Street, Ludgate.

Tarlton March. The Marquess of Cirencester's country seat.

Arrandene. Richard's country house, near Edgware, north of London.

Pronunciation

Cirencester = SIGH-ren-sester

Cyprian = SIP-ree-an