**NOBODY'S FRIEND**

MY NAME IS GOSSIP.

I HAVE NO RESPECT FOR JUSTICE. I MAIM WITHOUT KILLING.

I BREAK HEARTS AND RUIN LIVES.

I AM CUNNING AND MALICIOUS AND GATHER STRENGTH WITH AGE.

THE MORE I AM QUOTED, THE MORE I AM BELIEVED.

MY VICTIMS ARE HELPLESS.

THEY CANNOT PROTECT THEMSELVES AGAINST ME BEAUSE I HAVE NO NAME AND NO FACE.

TO TRACK ME DOWN IS IMPOSSIBLE. THE HARDER YOU TRY, THE MORE ELUSIVE I BECOME.

I AM NOBODY'S FRIEND.

ONCE I TARNISH A REPUTATION, IT IS NEVER THE SAME.

I TOPPLE GOVERNMENTS AND WRECK MARRIAGES.

I RUIN CAREERS AND CAUSE SLEEPLESS NIGHTS, HEARTACHE, AND INDIGESTION.

I MAKE INNOCENT PEOPLE CRY IN THEIR PILLOW.

EVEN MY NAME HISSES. I AM CALLED GOSSIP.

I MAKE HEADLINES AND HEADACHES.

BEFORE YOU REPEAT A STORY ASK YOURSELF;

IS IT TRUE? IS IT FAIR? IS IT NECESSARY?

IF NOT, DON'T REPEAT IT!