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We take turns, clockwise. In turn, pick a card and read it aloud.

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The dean is up for promotion to university chancellor. You are all members of a college committee to consider his/her fitness for the job. You were placed on the committee because the dean trusts you, your colleagues trust you.

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But do you trust them?

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By answering questions about the dean, you will tell a story about who you are (which can be anyone) and how you relate to others. You might be a professor, a chair, an adjunct, a grad student, it's up to you. Read each card aloud and answer the question asked.

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Other players can ask you questions or make suggestions. But they can't answer for you and it's up to you to decide whether or not to take them into account. You can also refer to other players in answering your question.

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If there is a card, or an answer, that you do not want to include in the story, type X in the chat. This content is removed from the game. You may also defer and give a card to another player.

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When the final "Do you recommend the dean?" card is shown, all players answer the question and explain why. This ends the game.

It is the all college meeting. Do you recommend the dean for the job of chancellor?

You saw another member of the committee with the dean in odd circumstances. Who was it, what happened, and have you kept it a secret?

The dean embarrassed you at an all college meeting. What happened, and what did you do afterwards?

You once had coffee with one of the dean's co-authors at a conference, who told you revealing information about their research. What was it, and have you told anyone else?

The last performance review you received from the dean was poor, despite your good record. What did the dean say, and could you correct the assessment?

The dean published a book two years ago. What was it about, and what sort of Amazon review did you leave anonymously?

Another member of the committee told you a secret about the dean. Who told you, and what was the secret?

To you, the dean showed great leadership in the face of a budget crisis. What did they do, and why did it raise your confidence?

The dean greatly disappointed you with a graduate student last year. What happened?

What kind of office did the dean assign to you? Did you deserve it?

Another member of the committee stopped working with you because of something the dean said. What was it, and how did it change how you felt about that person?

The current chancellor expressed doubts to you about the dean. What were they, and how did you defend the dean?

What did the dean do earlier in your respective careers to help you along?

You once saw the dean speak up to the governor about the college. What did they say, and how did you feel?

What privately worries you about the dean, that you are afraid to say to the other committee members?

The dean once made you feel enormously proud of the college. What happened?

What did the dean change about the college that you privately opposed but had to publicly support, and why the difference?

The dean gave a valuable travel grant to another member of the committee. Where was it to, and why weren't you chosen?

What makes the dean look so professional?

The dean had concerns over something you published recently. Why was the dean concerned?

You met the dean when first interviewing to join the college, and another member of the committee was there. What happened at that meeting?

The dean once mis-introduced you to some visiting scholars- how did the dean introduce you wrongly, and did the dean notice?

Another school gave you an offer to leave the college. What did the dean do to make you stay?

Your computer equipment is badly out of date, and some people blame the dean. Is that true?

The dean has one habit you find really annoying. What is it?

The dean helped you cover up a major mistake you made in your work. What was it, and why did the dean help?

There was a rumor that another member of the committee had an affair with the dean. Who was it, and did you believe the rumor?

You once accidentally sent an email to the committee about the dean. What did it say and why was it a mistake?

What about the dean makes you want to become more professional?

You overheard someone else saying something shocking about the dean. What was it, and why was it upsetting?

The dean embodies the spirit of the university. Why is that?

What about the dean's field of study do you find the most interesting?

How did the dean react to the pandemic?

The dean was once accused of being too political on campus. What happened, and did you support the dean?

The dean recently took you and one other committee member out to lunch. Who was it, and what surprised you?

What about the dean's career have you most admired?

How have you seen the dean treat women in the college?

What department did the dean recommend to be cut in the budget?

You once saw the dean at the airport boarding a flight. Where was it to, and why did it surprise you?

The dean once invited you out to a college sports event. Why did you decline?

There is someone on the committee only voting to promote the dean so they can become dean themselves. Who is it?