



**-Premiere Season-**

## **CHARACTER DESCRIPTIONS**

### **WALTER BLUNT (Patrick Stewart)**

Walter is a British ex-pat and Falklands War veteran, who currently finds himself riding the tumultuous waves of American cable news. Through his show "Blunt Talk," he delivers hard-hitting truths to his American audience, while often struggling with his life behind the scenes.

### **ROSALIE WINTER (Jacki Weaver)**

Rosalie is Walter's executive producer. She oversees Walter and his eccentric staff with a mix of ferocity and tenderness. On the surface she is a bastion of strength, but underneath she's a vulnerable romantic who is becoming increasingly alarmed by the rapid changes in her home life.

### **HARRY CHANDLER (Adrian Scarborough)**

Harry is Walter's manservant, confidant, brother-in-arms, and best friend. He loves drinking and gambling, but neither of these match his unflinching loyalty to Walter.

### **CELIA HAVEMEYER (Dolly Wells)**

Celia is a senior producer of "Blunt Talk" keen on impressing Walter, whom she has admired for many years. However, to the detriment of her career, her impulsive spirit comes a chaotic personal life.

### **JIM STONE (Timm Sharp)**

Jim is a senior producer of "Blunt Talk." He is an intellectual who does great work behind the camera, while hoping one day to be in front of it. As his dreams and desires emerge, so do a laundry list of neuroses that he must struggle to overcome.

### **SHELLY FORBES (Mary Holland)**

Despite only being a segment producer, Shelly is an eager firecracker, hell-bent on making her mark in the news world. She is aggressive in her professional life, constantly angling for an opportunity to move up the ladder, and equally aggressive in her sexually adventurous private life.

**MARTIN BASSI**  
**(Karan Soni)**

Martin, the runt of the litter, is a segment producer still struggling to fit in. As the daunting age of 28 looms over him, he seeks solace in the motherly embraces of Rosalie.

**DR. WEISS**  
**(Richard Lewis)**

Dr. Weiss is a therapist who purports to be a Freudian. He delves deep into the psyches of “Blunt Talk’s” staff and is less than discreet with his findings.

**TEDDY WINTER**  
**(Ed Begley Jr.)**

Teddy, a retired architect, is Rosalie’s husband and a free-spirited aesthete with a deep love of poetry and nudity.

**BOB GARDNER**  
**(Romany Malco)**

Bob Gardner is Walter’s boss and the current President of UBS Network. Although he’s supportive of Walter, the only thing that matters to Gardner is ratings.