

# Remember Me?

My name is gossip.  
I have no respect for justice.  
I maim without killing.  
I break hearts and ruin lives.  
I am cunning, malicious and gather strength with age.  
The more I am quoted, the more I am believed.  
I flourish at every level of society.  
My victims are helpless.  
They cannot protect themselves against me because 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, heartaches and  
indigestion.  
I spawn suspicion and generate grief.  
I make innocent people cry in their pillows.  
Even my name hisses.

I am called GOSSIP.  
Office gossip - Shop gossip - Party gossip - Telephone gossip.  
I make headlines and headaches.  
REMEMBER, before you repeat a story, ask yourself:  
Is it true? Is it fair? Is it necessary?  
If not, do not repeat it.  
KEEP QUIET.

GREAT minds discuss ideas...  
Average minds discuss events...  
Shallow minds discuss people...  
Which are you?