

Character Breakdown

Baltus Van Tassel – a wealthy Dutch-American farmer, one of the richest men in Sleepy Hollow, satisfied with his wealth but not proud

Dame Marta Van Tassel – Baltus Van Tassel's wife

Katrina Van Tassel – the 18-year-old rosy-cheeked daughter of the Van Tassels, known for both her beauty and her riches, has a knack for fashion and is a bit of a flirt. Ichabod wants to marry her.

Hans Van Ripper – an ornery old Dutch-American farmer who has a horse named Gunpowder, he houses Ichabod Crane

Dame Hilda Van Ripper – Hans Van Ripper's wife

Grandmother – Hilda Van Ripper's mother

Margaret – the Van Ripper's elder daughter

Gretchen – the Van Ripper's younger daughter

Peter Vedder – an elderly storekeeper

Abraham Van Brunt a.k.a. Brom Bones – a strong and broad-shouldered young man who is the hero of the countryside. Always ready for a fight or a frolic, he is famous for his horsemanship, his physical strength, and his love of tricks and merriment. He is the leader of a small band of young men who play pranks and get into brawls. He is also a suitor for the hand of Katrina and is jealous when she pays too much attention to Ichabod.

Nicholas – a follower of Brom Bones, one of the Sleepy Hollow Boys

Christian – a follower of Brom Bones, one of the Sleepy Hollow Boys

Diedrich – a schoolboy

Rolf – Diedrich's younger brother

Beatrice – a schoolgirl

Ichabod Crane – The itinerant schoolteacher of Sleepy Hollow, tall and extremely thin, his most basic characteristic is his great hunger. He is a shrewd New Englander in the midst of simple Dutch farmers who wants the land that belongs to Katrina Van Tassel's father. Gullible and afraid, he believes everything about the marvelous and the supernatural.