

**Iweala, Uzodinma: \*1982**

**Speak No Evil, 2018 – Characters**

**Niru** – The protagonist, a Nigerian–American high school senior living in Washington D.C.

**Meredith** – Niru's best friend, a white girl from a prominent Washington family.

**Niru's Father** – A strict, authoritarian figure who adheres to traditional Nigerian Christian values.

**Niru's Mother** – More tolerant than Niru's father, she eventually also rejects Niru's sexuality due to her cultural beliefs.

**Damien** – A romantic interest Niru meets later in the novel.