So, all of the defenders of crystal had been friends for years and knew each other before the events of the story started.

Cole then reveals the house that he lives in, used to belong to his grandparents that lived out of state.

It's also revealed that the "vacation home" was the actual home of the Gryphons, as the Gryphon's estate in New Stone City New York State was the actual vacation home just to keep the family safe.

Lastly the Gryphon family is one of those rich families that aren't that visible among the general public.