Matthew Montgomery

Age: 31

Sex: Male

Occupation: Actor

Hometown: Hollywood, CA

Characteristics: Handsome, Sophisticated, Private, Mysterious

Notes

* Has a speech impediment (Essential to the plot, can be a lisp, stutter, squeaky or nasally voice or any kind of voice pattern out of the ordinary)
  + As a result of his attempts to hide this, he is generally regarded as aloof and mysterious
* Has starred in silent movies such as Times and Seasons, Destiny takes a Hand, and Flying Aces
* Served in the Great War
* Was having an affair with up and coming starlet Betty Sue Wilson, until McCutcheon threatened to end her career unless Montgomery stopped

**Kathleen O’Shea**

Age: 28

Sex: Female

Occupation: Actress

Hometown: New York City, NY

Characteristics: Prima Donna, Prideful, Strong desire to perform

Notes

* Daughter of Irish Immigrants
* Gained a love of song and dance from Father
* Started out entertaining, and eventually saved enough money for acting lessons
* Started making films in New York, eventually moved to Hollywood
* Close ties to Matt Montgomery, paired multiple times in the past in movies and had major success
* Willingness to do anything to entertain, you have even performed some burlesque shows in the past
* You’ll lie when your pride is on the line
* You have somewhat of a checkered past
* Born a brunette, but you’ve died your hair red

**Betty Sue Wilson**

Age: 22

Sex: Female

Occupation: Actress

Hometown: Sibley, Iowa

Characteristics: Down to Earth, Loving, Humble, Hardworking

Notes

* Youngest of 12 children
* Took singing and dancing lessons
* Hopes of becoming a great actress one day and travelling to Europe
* Very strong connection to family
* Your real name is Ramona Simpson
* Farm-Raised

*(Ramona Simpson)*

Age: 24

Sex: Female

Occupation: Unknown

Hometown: Seattle, WA

Characteristics: Compulsive Liar, Tenacious, Bold

Notes

* Only Child
* Illegitimate daughter of Dolores Simpson and Arthur James McCutcheon (Victim) the timber magnate
* Your mother and by association you both have a great hatred for Arthur who dumped your mother upon learning she was pregnant with you.
* You’ve been scheming and working your way to Superior Studios with plans of Arthur J. McCutcheon’s downfall
* You’ve been purposely having an affair with Matt Montgomery in order to infiltrate your way into Superior Studios and get close to McCutcheon
* You don’t think Matt suspects the affair is fake, but you don’t really care either

**Olaf Hendrikssen**

Age: 41

Sex: Male

Occupation: Director

Hometown: Copenhagen, Denmark

Characteristics: Work is his Passion, Attractive, Artistic, Excessive drinking and gambling habits

Notes

* Excessive drinker and compulsive gambler
* Fired from your previous 3 studios due to said drinking habits
* You’ve been in an insurance fraud scheme with Clyde Willoughby
  + You’ve faked being drunk and brought movies in over budget to skim money off the top
  + You need the money to pay off your gambling debts
* Having found out about your scheme, Alice Chatterly has been blackmailing you for her silence
* As a result you’ve begun to drink again for real
  + This cause McCutcheon to fire you from the Move “Let Them Eat Cake” but you kept coming back
  + The day of his murder he fired you again and this time you suspect he meant it…
* Do your best Scandinavian accent!

**Wilbur Andrews**

Age: 32

Sex: Male

Occupation: Inventor

Hometown: Philadelphia, PA

Characteristics: Introverted, Especially shy with women, Thinker

Notes

* Socially awkward around women
* Loves to talk about his inventions
* You have a crush on Irma Meyers
  + You’re shyness and the fact Irma was involved romantically with McCutcheon shot your chances with her
* You were assigned to the private infantry during the great war
  + You were injured at Argonne whilst trying to run from battle and sent home on medical discharge with a medal
  + This was only known to your squad, but McCutcheon had somehow known about your embarrassing history as well
    - He was blackmailing you to keep working for him or he’d release your military history to the world.
* You made a fortune off your radio patents but lost it all when an inspector discovered your cooked books for your television company Videola
* McCutcheon took advantage of your inventions and registered patents in his name
  + You didn’t see a dime from the huge royalties he was making.

**Irma Meyers**

Age: 30

Sex: Female

Occupation: Hairdresser, Actress

Hometown: Phoenix, AZ

Characteristics: Conservative, Creative, Driven, Proud, Self-Sufficient, Possesive

Notes

* You came from lower class family
* Learned to take care of yourself at a young age
* You vowed to never earn a living having to do someone else’s chores for them
* You made your way to Hollywood and got into the industry through hairdressing at a famous salon
* You were in a rocky love affair with McCutcheon
  + He had eyes for any young actress on the set, especially Betty Sue Wilson
  + This had cooled down your affair and you were afraid he was going to break it off soon
  + The jealousy drove you mad
* Several years ago you murdered an unfaithful lover when you found him in bed with another woman
  + The studio you were working for at the time covered it up and arranged for you to work at another studio
* McCutcheon had you act as his secretary after the old one quit suddenly
  + You weren’t paid any extra, but thought it good to use the position to keep an eye on McCutcheon

**Alice Chatterly**

Age: 31 (Eternally….)

Sex: Female

Status: Single and Not Interested

Occupation: Columnist and self-titled Reporter

Hometown: Burbank, CA

Characteristics: Driven, Doesn’t play by the rules, Loves stories and gossip, Flamboyant

Notes

* Previously you ran stories under the moniker “Al Chapman” due to the restrictive nature of the female work place in the 1920’s
  + You were eventually found out and fired, but your efforts resulted in a new need for the controversial in the news papers
* You had an idea for a column about the film industry and went to the Los Angeles Messenger
  + Your column took off and was adopted by 52 newspapers
* You and McCutcheon have a deal to keep secret about some of the happenings within Superior Studios for a steady stream of other juicy info on the studio
  + **Your Dirt**
    - You know about Matt Montgomery’s speech impediment
    - You know about Irma Meyers’ murderous past
    - You know about Olaf Hedrikssen’s and Clyde Willoughby’s embezzlement scheme

**Clyde Willoughby**

Age: 38

Sex: Male

Status: Single

Occupation: Adjuster for National Professional Underwriters

Hometown: New York City, NY

Characteristics: Sociable and Gregarious, Extroverted, Numbers Wiz, Careful and Conscientious

Notes

* Likes working with numbers, but can’t resist the charm of working with people
* Not technically employed by Superior Studios, but is considered a part of the family
* You’re currently working with the director Olaf Hedrikssen to embezzle money from your business and Superior Studios
  + By having McCutcheon’s films come in behind schedule and over budget you and Olaf have been able to skim the extra pay outs
  + If the embezzlement comes up in conversation you may lie about is as necessary
* You had once been caught embezzling in the past and were sent to prison because of it
* You’re being blackmailed by Alice Chatterly to keep quiet about the embezzlement and are paying her for her silence
* You suspect McCutcheon was on to your scheme as well

**Andrew J McCutcheon**

Age: 45

Sex: Male

Status: Single

Occupation: Chief Executive of Superior Studios

Hometown: Seattle, WA

Characteristics: Womanizer, Opportunist, Tyrant, Eccentric, Grade-A Asshole

Notes

* McCutcheon was murdered last Tuesday, August 2nd 1927 at sometime between 7:00 and 9:00 pm.
* Came from a wealthy inheritance from his Father, but would have you think he made it in Hollywood without a dime in his pocket
* Started out with a small theater which would show the typically Hollywood “trash” as he would call it, but the public ate it up.

**Rules**

Welcome to

There are 8 supporting players in this murder mystery however the roles you’ll be playing are quite different.

7 of you will be attempting to unearth the truth of Andrew J McCutcheon’s murder, while 1 of you who shall remain un-named, will attempt to disguise that truth and escape the clutches of justice!

Each of you will take on the role of a character working in close relation to McCutcheon, all of you are suspects in this most heinous of murders.

The night will be sectioned into rounds, during each round clues will begin to be revealed which point you in the direction of the real murderer!

The object of this night of mystery is to bring the murder or murderers to justice. At some point during the night before the end of the 4th round, the murder(s) will be told who he/she/they are.

Remember YOU ARE GUILTY UNTIL PROVEN INNOCENT!

**Links**

[Women's 1920's Formal Wear](https://vintagedancer.com/1920s/1920s-formal-cocktail-party-evening/)

[Men's 1920's Suits](https://vintagedancer.com/1920s/1920s-mens-fashion-the-suit/)

**Props/Decorations ($35 budget)**

<https://www.partycheap.com/Gangster-Party-s/614.htm>

<https://www.partycheap.com/Hollywood-Party-Theme-s/43.htm>

<https://www.partycheap.com/3D-Great-20-s-Wall-Sconces-p/59904.htm>

<https://www.partycheap.com/Jointed-Great-20-s-Column-Pull-Down-Cutout-p/59906.htm>

<https://www.partycheap.com/Lights-Camera-Action-Cutouts-3-pkg-p/54328.htm>

<https://www.amazon.com/Lunarable-Tapestry-Fashioned-Theatrical-Bedspread/dp/B07FTN86W2/ref=sr_1_31?ie=UTF8&qid=1544575684&sr=8-31&keywords=1920+backdrop>

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<https://www.amazon.com/Lansian-Metallic-Curtain-Decorations-Backdrop/dp/B078NRMN2D/ref=sr_1_38?ie=UTF8&qid=1544576145&sr=8-38&keywords=hollywood+backdrop>