

# Act 1 Outline

**Scene:** Ilana has just finished talking to Vivian's spirit and is downstairs, beginning to question/talk to the residents.

## Player Choice Reference:

- **Three different types of responses:**
  - **Emotional, Empathetic, Understanding**
    - Ilana really does her best to empathize with the characters and respond to their emotions. She wants to learn more about what problems the characters are experiencing.
  - **Cold, Stern, Blunt**
    - Ilana shuts herself off from connecting with characters emotionally, yielding more brash responses. Resents when characters try to pull her from the objective.
  - **Neutral, Silent, Professional**
    - Ilana is focused on the mission at hand - finding out how Vivian died. These responses tend to be more objective, but not harsh.

## Conversations

Ilana x **Damon**

- **Objective (What does each character want):**
  - **Damon:** Damon is in shock due to his overwhelming emotions of the death of his wife that he loved very much. In his mind he grieves (a little bitterly) over the loss of a potential family, and wants desperately to find closure for Vivian's death.
  - **Ilana:** Ilana notices that there might have been a disconnect between Damon and Vivian when she learns that Damon was obsessive with his playing. She wants to find out more about how dedicated he was to his music craft, and see if Vivian was in support of him.
- **Clues:**
  - **Saxophone:** Damon expresses his love for playing the saxophone. When asked further about it, it is obvious that he is uber-passionate about music. He seems as though he could talk all day about playing the saxophone, and it's the only thing that can temporarily take his mind off of Vivian.
  - **Pill bottle with label ripped off:** Damon has no clue about who the medication belongs to.
  - **Bank statement:** To Damon, it looks like a regular old bank statement for Lorraine's account, nothing weird about this. He knows she takes out some large chunks from time to time.
- **What information does the player need to learn?:**
  - 1.) Damon's passionate love for music.
  - 2.) That Vivian always supported him and stuck by his side through the years of his music career. It was how she fell in love with him.

- 3.) That recently, since they settled down into their father's estate, Vivian had been making leaps and bounds in her career as a florist. Because she wasn't following Damon everywhere his music took him, she's had this time to further her own ambitions. This contrasts from Damon, as his career has started to slow down after all the years of playing saxophone gigs in many different places has taken a toll on him. He's not as young and fiery as he used to be. Now that he is settled into his father's estate and has inherited plenty of resources, he wants to start a family in good faith knowing that he pursued his passion for many years.

## Ilana x Oswald

- **Objective (What does each character want):**
  - **Oswald:** Oswald wants to sell a natural version of Vivian's death. One that involves a new medication she had just recently started taking that had a deadly side effect. For now though, he just wants to play dumb and keep quiet about that unless he's asked.
  - **Ilana:** Ilana wants to learn more about the dynamics between Oswald and Damon's relationship.
- **Clues:**
  - **Saxophone:** Oswald informs that he has always seen Damon playing the sax growing up. Their father always adored him for it, because Damon was the first ever in their family to be musically talented. Oswald is annoyed while recalling this.
  - **Pill bottle with label ripped off:** Oswald says he heard from Lorraine that Vivian had started taking new medication for some sort of ailment.
  - **Bank statement:** Looks like a regular old bank statement for Lorraine's account. He knows that Lorraine likes to burn her trash in the fireplace, saying that she is a very clean lady.
- **What information does the player need to learn?:**
  - 1.) Since Oswald wants to cover his ass, he plays dumb and follows the plan he and Lorraine had, which was to push a narrative that points to Vivian's new meds being the cause of death.
  - 2.) Player will start to learn about how Oswald is jealous about Damon being able to follow his passion of music.
  - 3.) Player will start to learn about how Oswald is jealous of his father's intense love for Damon.

## How will this act end?

- After Vivian's body is found, the second séance will be triggered by virtue of Vivian's necklace. Vivian's spirit will act as a sounding board for the evidence pieced together, and give the player an idea of mystery completion. Upon seeing her body, she will voice a memory that has now been unlocked; she remembers seeing somebody's shadow before her death. Now that the murder is revealed, the **stakes are raised** and the **objective redefined for the player**.

