

### Character descriptions

Mortimer Brewster: Our main character. A theatre critic. Generally suave and confident, but spends most of the play trying to put multiple fires out at once. (M, large)

Elaine Harper: Mortimer's lovely fiancée. (F, large)

Abby and Martha Brewster: Mortimer's aunts. Adorable, charitable old ladies who lose none of their rosy-cheeked kindness even when confessing to murder. (F, large)

Jonathan Brewster: Mortimer's estranged brother. A cold-hearted serial killer on the run from the police. Looks like Boris Karloff thanks to plastic surgery gone wrong. (M, large)

Dr. Einstein: Jonathan's accomplice, a plastic surgeon and alcoholic. Pathetic but strangely likeable. German. (M, large)

Teddy Brewster: Mortimer's brother. Endearing but eccentric, he thinks he is President Theodore Roosevelt. (M, medium)

Reverend Dr. Harper: Elaine's father. A rector, mistrustful of the theatre and, by extension, Mortimer. (M, small)

Lieutenant Rooney: A tough, no-nonsense police officer. (M, small)

Officer O'Hara: Policeman and amateur playwright, professions about which he is relaxed and wildly enthusiastic, respectively. (M, medium)

Officers Klein and Brophy: Policemen. A well-meaning but incompetent duo. (M, small)

Mr. Gibbs: A lonely old man in need of a room to rent. (M, small)

Mr. Witherspoon: Superintendent of Happy Dale Sanitarium, a psychiatric institution. (M, small)