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Melodrama
and Murder

Notes for the Host:

If you opt for the “characters can die” choice, let your guests know that the Dead are still in the Game. They do, however, has special rules. 1) They can play any part they want, but only for a few moments at a time; 2) They can learn 3 secrets (total) from the other characters (that is, one secret from three people, 3 secrets from one person, et cetera); 3) They must tell the truth when asked a direct question. However, they can refuse to respond one out of every three times!
Have fun—these characters are drawn in broad strokes. For finish-upper, film a final take of a scene!

Sample Characters

Wee Nellie Featherlight:
“Simp'ring and sweet, Happy and Bright, Such is Nellie Featherlight. Dainty feet, hair of black. But be careful when you turn your back!” Nellie has aspirations to turn a career on the Burlesque circuit into a shining success as a new film star. Second best would be becoming a powerful producer in this new form of entertainment. She has been “26” for a long time now!

Stony Bonerattle:
“Have you seen long Stony Bonerattle? He's left his corn and pigs and cattle! Off to share his 'youthful' bloom, his gestures lively as a tomb.”
Leading man wanna-be. Sadly, usually cast as the ghost or villain in the school pageants of his youth. Finally, tonight represents an opportunity to make his dreams come true!

Engelbert Gherkinshtout:
“What a wonderful man is our Gherky! He's everso playful and perky! His own self-opinion/ he holds in dominion,. I person'ly find him a 'jerky'.
Leading man wanna-be, he tries to be cool and debonair, although he often has a spill on his shirt and foul cologne. Fond of telling pretty young things he can get them a job. Usually realizes the script is no good after not being cast.

Felicity Chastity Horsefeathers:
“Kind as mustard, sweet as hide, she is patience personified”.
Originally “from the Continent”, Miss Horsefeathers speaks both Italian and French, and reveals her knowledge with such interjections as, “How very 'tray'!” and “'Kell' Frommage!” She has impeccable manners, is way ahead of NYC in terms of fashion, and calls everyone “dahling”. She has offered to produce and star in this picture—she'd like to play the hero, either as the heroine or as a trouser role, perhaps tearing off her mustache in the final frame, and boldly sweeping the unfortunate but saved young studmuffin into her arms and kissing him. She's settle for the ingenue.

Murgatroyd Pennysworth:
“Not suave but swave, not knight but knave. His taped-on hair's a certain shade-it matches his eyebrow pommade.”
Experienced producer with 2 silents and a 'talkie' to his name, he'd like to get into directing. Maybe starring AND directing. He'd like to know your sign. His is “Resume Speed”.