

## Arne Rayburn

You are Arne Rayburn, a gentleman thief who is becoming less and less gentlemanly. Your grandfather was one of the early landowners in San Francisco, setting you up as the heir for a modest fortune. You grew up among the idle rich, and your idle hands soon turned to art theft to alleviate your boredom. You made headlines through several high-profile heists, but you were never caught.

Recently though, you've been on hard times. Some of your properties were damaged in the Earthquake and even years later are needing repairs. Some of your land was seized by the City through eminent domain in order to make room for a park. It's been harder and harder to pay the bills, and your thefts have turned from idle amusements to business decisions.

You were invited to this party based on your former significance, but you're attending for different reasons altogether.

### Secret:

Your criminal past and even more criminal present

### Goal:

Steal the Hearst Jewel when guests are distracted.

## Zelda Philomena

You are Zelda Philomena, a San Francisco stage actress who has won audience's hearts with your dramatic performances, from Shakespeare to some of the newer musicals. You have considered breaking into the new film industry down in Los Angeles, but it seems that they have their eyes set on young starlets, not serious actresses like yourself. Recently, one of William Randolph Hearst's newspapers, the San Francisco Examiner, published a scathing review of your performance of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, saying that you weren't convincing as Titania, the fairy queen.

### Secret:

You overheard from a chatty understudy that another guest, Doctor Madison, has a laudanum addiction.

### Goal:

Stir up attention for your next play.

## John Bradford

You are the master of the house and the gracious host for tonight's party. As the owner of an orchard in San Jose, you're supplying fruit to the rest of the country. This makes you one of the important people in the wealthy and important social circles of the Bay Area. You've invited most of the important figures in the Bay to your party tonight. This is a very important event for you, because it will cement you as a popular figure among the right people.

### Secret:

You tried to invite newspaper magnate William Randolph Hearst to your party, but he declined, sending his heir in his place. You now have to pretend that the young Hearst was your intended special guest all along.

### Goal:

Make sure that your party goes off without a hitch.