Laura characters

Waldo Lydecker

* Age: late 40
* Older mentor and possessive friend of Laura
* Dresses with exaggerated attention to detail
* Inclined to indulge his emotions
* Makes theatrical gestures at every opportunity
* Shows great gusto for everything he enjoys and greater scorn for everything his meticulous taste rejects

Audition pieces: #1, 2, 4, 5

Mark McPherson

* Age: 30s
* Detective
* Smokes
* Shrewd
* Guarded
* Dry sense of humor
* Masculine
* Slight limp

Audition pieces #1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Shelby Carpenter

* Age: 30s
* Laura’s fiancé
* Well bred
* Slight Southern accent
* Manners easy and gracious
* Sincere yet somehow bewildered

Audition pieces #2, 5, 6

Danny Dorgan

* Age: late teens
* Neighbor who has a crush on Laura and loves jazz
* “Carelessly dressed”
* New Yorker with a rough, almost crude manner but sensitive underneath

Audition pieces #1, 4, 7

Olsen

* Plain clothes policeman
* 4 lines… total of 13 words

Laura Hunt

* Age: 30s
* Career woman
* Has a bevy of men in love with her
* Self confident but can be vulnerable

Audition pieces #2-7

Bessie Clarey

* Age: 40s
* Laura’s maid
* New York Irish
* Independent
* Plain-spoken

Audition pieces #2, 4, 7

Mrs. Dorgan

* Age: 40s-60s
* Danny’s mother
* Doesn’t like Laura
* “She is a faded woman of forty-five with a touch of eccentricity in her dress. She wears an air of long-enduring martyrdom. Under her sweet, refined, controlled tones is a suggestion of suppressed hysteria.

Audition piece #5