

ARSENIC AND OLD LACE
CHARACTER LIST

THE BREWSTER FAMILY

ABBY BREWSTER	The spinster matriarchs of the Brewster family
MARTHA BREWSTER	Approximate ages – 50s or older, but could be played by younger actresses
MORTIMER BREWSTER	The melancholy nephew of the Brewster sisters He is engaged to Elaine Harper and is a theater critic for the local newspaper, though he hates the theater. Approximate age – 20s or 30s
TEDDY BREWSTER	The eccentric nephew of the Brewster sisters He believes he is Teddy Roosevelt. Approximate age – 30s or 40s (or older)
JONATHAN BREWSTER	The sinister nephew of the Brewster sisters After a absence for many years, he reappears at an inopportune time. Approximate age – 30s or 40s (or older)

THE HARPERS

THE REV. DR. HARPER	The Brewster sisters' new neighbor and the pastor of the local church Approximate age – 40s or 50s (or older)
ELAINE HARPER	Daughter of Dr. Harper and fiancée of Mortimer Brewster She is younger and love-struck but not a pushover. Approximate age – 20s, possibly 30s

THE POLICE

OFFICER BROPHY	The local constabulary, who love the Brewster sisters
OFFICER KLEIN	The police officers are all male roles of indeterminate age.
OFFICER O'HARA	However, they could also be played by women, depending on the actors that are available.
LIEUTENANT ROONEY	

OTHER CHARACTERS

DR. EINSTEIN	Jonathan Brewster's sidekick with an unusual accent and background Approximate age – 30s or 40s (or older)
MR. GIBBS	A gentleman who nearly falls prey to "help" from the Brewster sisters Approximate age – 50s or older
MR. WITHERSPOON	The director of the nearby insane asylum Approximate age – 40s or older
TWO DEAD BODIES	Two male victims of the Brewsters Both must be able to "play dead" effectively while being hauled around by various other actors. Approximate age – one 50s or older, one flexible