



THE SUSPECTS

MITZY SAXON

Mitzy is the headlining singer at Bourbon Club, and has been for years. She croons like an angel, but can handle herself when it comes to pushy patrons and doesn't put up with disrespectful men. Despite her feisty personality, she is very agreeable and is well-liked by most of the staff and patrons at "The Bourbon". She has an avid fan base, and the club is always packed on the nights when she's the headlining act. Mitzy wears a long, glamorous lounge dress.

MARILYN COX

There are not many who don't know the name Marilyn Cox. She is one of the most famous actresses of all time, and has been in the spotlight since she was seventeen, after she was "discovered" at a laundromat while folding her delicates. Since then she has starred in over 40 movies, including "The Good and The Gorgeous", "Blue Porpoise Avenue" and "The Milkman Only Rings Once" and has had a string of illustrious men who come and go as though through a revolving door. Wherever she goes, Marilyn oozes glamour, and she can always be found with a circle of men around her, hanging off her every word. Marilyn appreciates nothing but the best, and wears glamorous dresses in the most expensive fabrics – satin, silk and fur are her favourites. Her style is photographed by paparazzi regularly and copied by women the world over.

GERRY GILL

Gerry (Geraldine) is a cocktail waitress at The Bourbon, but like most waitresses these days, she's really an aspiring actress. She pursued the position at The Bourbon because she knew it was *the* place where the big names (and those who knew the big names), come to mix and mingle and be. She has been working in the lounge for six months and has yet to be discovered, but holds out hope that the next star who walks through the door will bring with them her "Big Break". In the meantime, she gets by on the pittance she makes at the club – barely. Gerry wears a skirt or high-waisted trousers and a fashionable shirt with an apron.

BETTE VAN DOREN

Bette is a Hollywood starlet, and her rags-to-riches story of being discovered in an ice cream shop has inspired girls of all ages from around the world to flock to the city, with hopes of their dreams coming true in a similar way. She is elegant and beautiful, and dates Eddie De Luca. Bette wears a long lounge dress and extravagant jewelry.

KATHLEEN BLAKELY

Kathleen Blakely is a screen legend. While she has been in the industry for almost fifteen years, her popularity with her fans has not wavered. She is poised and elegant but also sassy and sharp-witted and is frequently quoted by her fans for some of her more "empowered" comments. Kathleen wears a long, elegant lounge dress and extravagant jewelry.

LORNA HORNE

Lorna Horne is not a star or a singer, but she is often mistaken for one. Her manner of dress and the way she carries herself make those around her think she's a member of the elite, but the truth is that no one is really sure who she is or what she's all about. Lorna wears a long, elegant evening gown.

ALVIN RIZZIO

Alvin is well-known to the police, and is believed to be one of the city's most prominent gangsters. After the recent suspicious death of his five brothers in a warehouse explosion, Alvin surprised everyone in the city's underworld by deciding to take over his family's "affairs". His assumption of leadership has met opposition and disapproval from both his enemies and those within his own "organization". Alvin wears a sharp pin-striped suit, a fedora and carries a pistol.

PHIL PIPER

Phil is *Shhhhh! Magazine's* star reporter, and is never *not* working an angle. *Shhhhh! Magazine* is the city's most popular scandal magazine, keeping its readers up-to-date on everything that's on the strict "QT". If it's scandalous, slanderous or shocking, Phil will be on the scene. Many people have found that the things they have discussed with him in casual conversation end up on the front page of *Shhhhh!* the next day. Those who are smart keep their lips shut tight when Phil is around, but he's very good at his job and has a knack for coaxing the information he wants out of some of the city's most prominent citizens, including the mayor himself! Because of this, Phil's list of enemies is as thick as the phone book, but he considers his infamy a mark of his success. Phil wears a suit, trench coat and fedora hat. He never leaves home without his reporter's notepad and some cash, just in case he needs to bribe someone.

JOHNNY JAMES

Johnny owns *The Bourbon Club* and is a no-nonsense boss. He runs a tight ship, and takes pride in the fact that his club is world-renowned and draws such prestigious celebrity patrons. Johnny can be found at *The Bourbon* every night tending to his patrons and mixing and mingling. He is a self-confessed poker enthusiast, but rarely gets to play because *The Bourbon* keeps him so busy. Johnny wears a sharp suit, silk tie and a fedora hat.

EDDIE DE LUCA

Handsome and charismatic, Eddie De Luca is believed to be the “muscle” - a bodyguard/enforcer for mafia front-man Alvin Rizzio. He is best-known for dating screen starlet Bette Van Doren, and the two are rarely seen apart. There are rumours that Eddie's jealousy keeps him at the starlet's side no matter where she goes. Eddie wears a sharp suit and a fedora hat.

CHICK MARLOW

Chick Marlow is a singer with a voice unlike anyone in the recording industry today. He's considered to be one of the biggest crooners of the era, his fans stretch far and wide and he performs many private shows for stars and politicians alike. While he's already considered one of the greatest singers of all time, he is rumoured to be trying to move to the Silver Screen. Chick wears a smart suit and a fedora hat.

JACK FRENCH

Police detective and pseudo-celebrity Jack French is a fierce detective with a penchant for busting celebrity criminals. He works in partnership with Phil Piper, the gossip newspaper columnist, to ensure the final “act” for these stars following French's arrest involves a smearing write-up and photo in the rag mag “*Shhhhh!*”. Rumour has it that Jack is paid very well for his “tips”. Jack wears a white or vibrant-coloured blazer, slacks and a button-down dress shirt.