

Something's Afoot Information

Synopsis: Something's Afoot is a musical spoof that takes a satirical jab at the Agatha Christie "whodunit?" murder mysteries. Ten people are stranded in an isolated English country estate during a raging thunderstorm. One by one they are killed in mysterious (and hilarious) ways as they try to discover the murderer's identity. The situation is complicated by rising floodwaters, power failures and suspicious behaviors carefully noted by Miss Tweed, an elderly amateur detective.

Cast of Characters:	Gender:	Voice Type:
Miss Tweed	Female	Mezzo-Soprano/Contralto
Hope Langdon	Female	Soprano
Geoffrey	Male	Tenor
Lettie	Female	Mezzo-Soprano
Flint	Male	Tenor
Nigel Rancour	Male	Tenor
Lady Manly Prowe	Female	Mezzo-Soprano
Colonel Gillweather	Male	Baritone
Dr. Grayburn	Male/Female	Baritone/Mezzo-Soprano
Clive	Male	Any

Character details:

Miss Tweed- An older woman who has come to the mansion at the request of her friend, Lord Rancour. She is an amateur detective who is very quick to pick up small details. In her old age, Miss Tweed loves to paint, and in her younger days she was a nanny.

Hope Langdon- The young woman who is invited to dinner at the Rancour Mansion. She is the only guest who does not have any known connection to Lord Rancour. Hope is an orphan but she inherited a large trust fund to help her through life.

Geoffrey-A young college student who is on his school's rowing team. The team was out for a training practice when a storm hit and overturned his boat. While the rest of his team swam to the shore closer to campus, Geoffrey swam towards the Rancour mansion hoping to cross the bridge back to campus. He is an unexpected guest and everyone in the mansion is suspicious of him.

Lettie- The maid of the Rancour mansion who is new to the estate and Flint's object of attraction. She is frightened very easily and becomes anxious at the thought of being alone. Lettie is also

known to be greedy and will jump at the sight of money. She is known for her Cockney accent and for speaking her mind.

Flint- The estate caretaker of the Rancour mansion. He is rough around the edges, an attribute that is only amplified by his strong Cockney accent. He is known for stealing small sips from his master's crystal wine decanter. Although he frivolously flirts with Lettie, he always gets his job done.

Nigel Rancour- The nephew of Lord Rancour who is considered to be the black sheep of the family. Since Lord Rancour does not have a child of his own, Nigel believes that he is the heir to Rancour's finances. He will do anything to find Lord Rancour's will to confirm that he is named the legal heir.

Lady Grace Manley-Prowe- An older noblewoman from southern France. She is married to a French nobleman, but doesn't speak French very well. Lady Manley-Prowe married her husband for status, not love, but did have a different lover many years before. The rumor is that she has lost all of her money and is seeking a loan from Lord Rancour.

Colonel Gillweather- A former military man who fought in Africa, India and Brazil. While on his many adventures he learned about different types of poisons including poisonous gases. Unlike some other military men, the Colonel did not have a woman in every port because of an unfolding love affair back home.

Dr. Grayburn- Lord Rancour's family doctor. He/She has been working for Lord Rancour for a long time and knows much about Rancour's past.

Clive- The butler for the Rancour mansion. He is very punctual and professional in his duties. He is attentive to the cleanliness and upkeep of the mansion and is the supervisor of Lettie and Flint.