

- **Axel Magee** (M/20+) - An American foreign diplomat who only went into the business due to his father rather than his actual skill or experience. He has a tendency to ramble, especially when nervous. He falls in love with Susan during the play.
- **Susan Hollander** (F/20+) - Walter and Marion's beautiful, charming, innocent, and generally high-spirited daughter who is the glue that keeps her parents together and falls in love with Axel.
- **Walter Hollander** (M/40+) - A caterer from Newark, New Jersey. He is married to Marion and is the father of Susan and Seth. He causes his family to become trapped in the American embassy after he takes pictures of a high security area. He is very loud and obnoxious but he can be kind when he wants to.
- **Marion Hollander** (F/40+) - Walter's homemaker wife and the mother of Susan and Seth, she too is somewhat inappropriate but she's much kinder than Walter.
- **Father Drobney** (M/30+) - A cassocked priest with a light eastern-European accent hiding out in the embassy for 6 years with a love of magic tricks. He is the narrator of the play.
- **Kilroy** (F/30+) - Ambassador Magee's bright-eyed but slightly stuck-up assistant who is much more competent at her job than Axel (also plays the Sultan's wife).
- **Krojack** (M/30-50) - The head of the Communist police who traps the Hollanders in the embassy; he love to brandish his gun when making a point.
- **Burns** (M/any age) – Easily frightened, nervous, weasel looking assistant working at the embassy (also plays Kasnar).
- **Ambassador Magee** (M/40+) - Axel's father, hard-nosed, dignified, a career-organization-team man who takes himself seriously enough for everyone (also plays the Sultan).
- **Chef** (F/30+) - The embassy's chef, who is temperamental, eccentric, and consistently butts heads with Walter (also plays Countess Bordoni).

- **Sultan of Bashir** (played by Ambassador Magee) – A huge imposing desert chieftain in full robes who expects to be treated like the Royal Majesty he is.
- **Sultan's Wife** (played by Kilroy) – The Sultan's veiled wife in her resplendent robes, equally majestic, but she never speaks.
- **Yanis Kasnar** (played by Burns) – A well-spoken official guest at the Sultan's party.
- **Countess Wilhamena Bordoni** (played by Chef) – Snobbish official guest at the Sultan's party.
- **Novotny** – Communist policeman.