

## Character Descriptions

(there are parts for young adults through more mature adults.)

**Simon Starkweather:** 90+ year old billionaire, crotchety, cantankerous, tyrannical

**Fiona Starkweather:** Simon's niece by marriage; easily (very easily) confused

**Jordan Starkweather:** Fiona's son; a playboy (not smarmy); chats up whichever female he thinks will benefit him the most; has known the house staff for a long time

**Paula Thompson:** Simon's great niece; Southern belle with southern accent; there are references to Paula being a Georgia peach; she is an urban Georgia peach, not a rural one; she is the only character who needs to have an accent

**Bensonhurst:** the butler; formal; exasperated with handyman Rufus;

**Rufus Jones:** the handyman; tries to do as little work as possible; often doesn't understand words Bensonhurst says and sometimes does, but pretends he doesn't

**Ms. Trent:** the housekeeper; dour; unfriendly; feels displaced by Simon's nurse

**Minerva Walker:** the cook; temperamental; bossy

**Nancy Pollard:** the maid; shy; relatively new to the staff

**Mike Davis:** the detective; smart; tough; is there to do the job he was hired for

**Lois Van Zandt:** a lawyer; business-like; carries out Simon senior's requests, as that is what she is paid to do

**Kathy Collins:** a personal secretary; self-assured; bright; has plans of her own

**Ms. Withers:** a nurse; stern; takes charge

**Simon Starkweather III:** Simon's college-aged grandson, nice young man determined to find his grandfather's killer; grandfather and grandson are played by the same actor