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MEET

J.G. CONWELL

The CEO and Chairman of *Life And Trust*. This banking tycoon first made his fortune from a highly addictive pharmaceutical opiate (“syrup”) used to treat pain and calm nerves. Tonight, he bargains for a chance to relive his youth... in exchange for his eternal soul.

(Parker Murphy, Charles-Alexis Desgagnés, Doug Gillespie, Randy Rand, Tony Torn, Karl Kenzler)

MEET

MEPHISTO

A Houdini-esque escape artist, magician, and master of disguise. A supernatural, anarchic, amoral trickster with an insatiable appetite for chaos. And tonight, they’re ready to seize the immortal soul of J.G. Conwell...

(Mike Tyus, Kevin Pajarillaga, Aaron Della Villa)

MEET

THE LILLITHS

Minions of Mephisto, disguised as J.G. Conwell’s assistants. As emissaries of Mephisto, the Lilliths conjure chaos and disorder.

(Tori Sparks, Reshma Gajjar, Zach Eisenstat, Kim Fischer, Majella Bess Loughran, Dorchel Haqq, Brendan Duggan, Tiffany De Alba, Maddie Wright, Doug Gillespie, Charles-Alexis Desgagnés, Derek Tabata)

MEET

NAIMA CONWELL

J.G.’s younger sister. Naima is a high-society Victorian lady with rigid manners and unmanageable anxiety, who privately nurses a syrup addiction. Naima’s true soulful expression emerges in her love affair with her maid, Zavia.

(Mia DiLena, Dorchel Haqq, Maddie Wright)

MEET

BASIL CONWELL

J.G. and Naima’s younger brother. Basil’s training as a cadet conceals the mind of a brilliant artist with a tortured soul. He is desperate to renounce his wealth and live a bohemian life. Tonight, he delves into an underground world of artists and radicals...

(Nando Moreland, Kevin Pajarillaga, Aaron Della Villa)

MEET

ZAVIA

A maid in the Conwell household, who cherishes a burning passion for her mistress Naima. As an Eastern European immigrant, Zavia previously worked as a nurse in the old country, alongside a man who now calls himself Dr. Kellogg. Here in New York, she can only find employment as a domestic worker... but she’s willing to fight for her love and her principles.

(Marla Phelan, Dorchel Haqq, Maddie Wright)

MEET

GRETCHEN

A captivating vaudeville dancer who dreams of stardom. Gretchen has her fair share of strife: she’s an immigrant who suffers from OCD, and worries about her opiate-addicted brother Valentin. But when she’s dancing, she’s liberated from care and worry, and she’ll do anything to chase that feeling...

(Jennifer Florentino, Maddie Wright, Dorchel Haqq)

MEET

VALENTIN

Gretchen’s towering prize fighter of a brother, who works at the Destiny Park fairgrounds in the Wild West show as a bucking bronco. As a veteran of the American Indian war, Valentin is wracked with PTSD and suffers from a crippling syrup addiction. Tonight, he’ll be pushed to the brink...

(Jacob Warren, Brendan Duggan, Derek Tabata)

MEET

STANFORD

A lauded but insecure architect, whose success is obscured by the greater fame of his wife, Evelyn. He is a close friend of J.G. Conwell’s, yet envies the titan’s superior wealth. Stanford is President of the Alexandria Club, an elite social club and secret society obsessed with the pursuit of immortality. Tonight, he’ll take risks to chase greater power...

(Raymond Ejiofor, Doug Gillespie, Charles-Alexis Desgagnés)

MEET

EVELYN

The most famous celebrity in New York, renowned for her dazzling singing career. Although married to Stanford, Evelyn has always had eyes for J.G. Conwell. Rumor has it that in her youth, Evelyn made a pact with the devil in exchange for fame and talent. Tonight, she’ll take drastic measures to avoid aging and fading into irrelevance...

(Heather Lang, Tiffany De Alba, Majella Bess Loughran)

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MEET LENNY

A middle manager at the *Life And Trust* bank who longs to become a financial titan like his boss, J.G. Conwell. Lenny pursues Naima Conwell's hand in marriage in the hopes of gaining access to the Conwell fortune. Tonight, his obsession with money and power will drive him to underhanded schemes...

(Marc Cardarelli, Aaron Della Villa, Kevin Pajarillaga)

MEET DR. KELLOGG

A "genetic optimization" scientist fueled by a deep-seated self-hatred, for he himself is an Eastern European immigrant and therefore of "low blood" according to his science. Dr. Kellogg must pay bribes to keep his true identity hidden, in order to maintain his sterling relationship with his primary benefactor, J.G. Conwell. Tonight, he's seeking new test subjects for his blood science...

(Brandin Steffenson, Charles-Alexis Desgagnés, Doug Gillespie)

MEET MRS. DAVENPORT

Dr. Kellogg's lab partner, a high society woman and a devout Christian who vehemently supports the "genetic optimization" movement. A deeply repressed widow who suppresses her queer yearnings, tonight Mrs. Davenport will be forced to confront her desires... and destroy them at all costs.

(Jodi McFadden, Majella Bess Loughran, Tiffany De Alba)

MEET OFFICER BRYANT

Chief of the American Protective Agency. Despite his purported duty to protect the public, Officer Bryant is open to bending the law if the price is right. Tonight, he is determined to finally catch the criminal who has humiliated him by repeatedly robbing banks and leaving him cryptic clues...

(Maleek Washington, Brendan Duggan, Derek Tabata)

MEET HAROLD

Captain of the Vice Squad at the American Protective Agency. A moral crusader and staunch nativist who fantasizes about the American frontier, Harold often imagines himself as a lone ranger. Tonight, he's on the prowl to purge New York of its lesser folk...

(Tony Bordonaro, Doug Gillespie, Charles-Alexis Desgagnés)

MEET ISIS

The matriarch of the Green Carnation, a Dada-esque artist collective that lives entirely outside the boundaries of polite society. Isis is a mentor to Basil Conwell and a wild provocateur. Tonight, Isis sets out to make legendary art out of life...

(Ryan VanCompernelle, Maddie Wright, Dorchel Haqq)

MEET EMMA

Gretchen's best friend and a radical bohemian revolutionary. Operating out of the Green Carnation, Emma is a proud queer social justice warrior, labor organizer, and free spirit. Tonight, she fights to liberate the oppressed populations of New York...

(Bria Bacon, Dorchel Haqq, Maddie Wright)

MEET DORIAN

A startlingly beautiful, androgynous young man obsessed with surface and aesthetics. He seems to have defied all conventional understanding by not aging. Emerging from his pleasure den in the Green Carnation, Dorian catches the eye of all he passes...

(Robert Vail, Derek Tabada, Charles-Alexis Desgagnés, Aaron Dalla Villa)

MEET DR. MARIE

A brilliant scientist and inventor. She is a widow whose husband worked as an illusionist when he was alive. Now, Dr. Marie raises her daughter Sibyl and continues to experiment with electromagnetic and radioactive substances. She developed the vitascope— an early film projector— and tonight, her insatiable thirst for knowledge will come in handy as she makes new breakthroughs...

(Sophie Bortolussi, Majella Bess Loughran, Tiffany De Alba)

MEET SIBYL

Dr. Marie's daughter. She spends her days mooning over Dorian, and works at the Magic Lantern Cinema at the Destiny Park fairgrounds to support her mother's work. However, Sibyl longs to continue her deceased father's legacy as a great escape artist and entertainer. Tonight, she'll put her dreams into action...

(Gabriella Sibeko, Dorchel Haqq, Madeline Wright)

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MEET CON ARTIST

A psychopathic criminal who is neurologically incapable of empathy. The Con Artist commits crimes for the sake of sheer adrenaline, and lives for the thrill of gaining people's trust and exploiting it. They run hustles at the Destiny Park Spiritualist Booth, Madame LaFiérté's perfumery, and by robbing the *Life And Trust* Bank. Tonight, anyone might be a target...

(Annie Nelson Grove, Majella Bess Loughran, Tiffany De Alba)

MEET MR. & MRS. VAUDEVILLE

Two clowning vaudeville tramps who live in a tenement above the Vaudeville Theater with their fellow immigrants, Marco and Faruk. They live for the stage, and tonight might just be their fateful big break...

(Casey Howes, Majella Bess Loughran, Tiffany De Alba, Nate Buchsbaum, Kevin Pajarillaga, Aaron Dalla Villa)

MEET MARCO

A young Italian immigrant who toils in the bowels of the *Life And Trust* Bank under Lenny's dominion. He is a doe-eyed idealist, in love with America and its promise of freedom. Marco is a boxer and friend to Valentin, who shares a tenement with his cousin Faruk and the Vaudevilles.

(Luca Renzi, Derek Tabada, Kevin Pajarillaga)

MEET FAROUK

An Italian immigrant who feels unwelcome in America. He misses his family and his beloved mother who died soon after he and Marco left for New York. Faruk is desperate to go home, but does what he can to send money back to his family. Perhaps tonight his fortunes will shift...

(Alonso Guzman, Brendan Duggan, Derek Tabada)