

You Never Can Tell Characters

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Characters

Mrs. Lanfrey Clandon: A strong, independent, and modern woman. She left her husband eighteen years ago and raised her three children abroad. A feminist who believes in equality, she represents new social ideals and often challenges Victorian traditions.

Mr. Fergus Crampton: Mrs. Clandon's estranged husband. He is conservative, irritable, and deeply rooted in old Victorian values. His inability to adapt causes conflict with his independent wife and modern-minded children.

Gloria Clandon: The eldest Clandon child. Intelligent, serious, and proud, she follows her mother's feminist ideals and doubts love and marriage. Despite her resistance, she gradually falls in love with Valentine.

Dolly Clandon: One of the Clandon twins. She is lively, witty, and full of curiosity. Her humor and mischief often lighten tense moments, bringing cheer and youthful energy to the family.

Philip Clandon: Dolly's twin brother. Clever, observant, and talkative, he enjoys analyzing others' behavior. Though playful and teasing, he deeply cares for his mother and sisters.

Mr. Valentine: A young, poor, and idealistic dentist. He is charming and humorous but inexperienced. His romantic affection for Gloria represents the clash between emotion and intellect, love and logic.

Finch McComas: A family solicitor and friend to both Mrs. Clandon and Mr. Crampton. Wise and practical, he mediates their disputes and represents balanced common sense amid family conflicts.

William (the Waiter): An elderly, wise, and philosophical waiter at the Marine Hotel. His witty observations and calm insight give the play depth. He symbolizes life's unpredictability and the voice of experience.

Walter Bohun: A young barrister and William's son. Intelligent and composed, he handles the family's legal matters and helps settle their misunderstandings with tact and patience.