**Angel Street (Gaslight)**

**Character Descriptions**

* Mrs. Manningham (Female, Lead)
* Mr. Manningham (Male, Lead)
* Detective Rough (Male, Supporting)
* Elizabeth (Female, Supporting)
* Nancy (Female, Supporting)

*As the play is set in London, British accents encouraged.*

**Mrs. Bella Manningham**  
She is about thirty-four. She has been good-looking, almost a beauty—but now she is haggard, wan, frightened air, with rings under her eyes, which tell of sleepless nights and worse.

**Mr. Jack Manningham**   
He is tall, good-looking, about forty-five. He is heavily moustache and bearded and perhaps a little too well dressed. His manner is suave and authoritative, with a touch of mystery and bitterness.

**Detective Rough**

He is middle-aged—greying, short, wiry, active, brusque, friendly, overbearing. He has a low, warm chuckle and completely dominates the scene from the beginning.

**Nancy**

She is a self-conscious, pretty, cheeky girl of nineteen.

**Elizabeth**  
She is a stout, amiable, subservient woman of fifty.

**THE STORY OF THE PLAY**

It tells the demoniac story of the Manninghams of Angel Street. Under the guise of kindliness, handsome Mr. Manningham is torturing his wife into insanity. He accuses her of petty aberrations that he has arranged himself; and since her mother died of insanity, she is more than half convinced that she, too, is going out of her mind.

While her diabolical husband is out of the house, a benign police inspector visits her and ultimately proves to her that her husband is a maniacal criminal suspected of a murder committed fifteen years ago in the same house, and that he is preparing to dispose of her. Then starts the game of trying to uncover the necessary evidence against Mr. Manningham. It is a thrilling and exciting melodramatic game.