

“Dracula” Synopsis and Character Descriptions

Synopsis

Lucy Seward, whose father is the doctor in charge of an English sanatorium, has been attacked by some mysterious illness. Dr. Van Helsing, a specialist, believes that the girl is the victim of a vampire, a sort of ghost that goes about at night sucking blood from its victims. The vampire is at last found to be a certain Count Dracula, whose ghost is at last laid to rest in a striking and novel manner. The play is intended for all who love thrills in the theater, and is appropriate for all groups.

Character Descriptions

DRACULA - a tall, mysterious man; polished and distinguished; continental in appearance and manner; age 50 – line count = 47

MAID - an attractive young girl – line count = 41

HARKER - a young man of about 25; handsome in appearance, a typical Englishman of the Public School class, but in manner direct, explosive, incisive, and excitable – line count = 127

DR. SEWARD - an alienist of about 55; intelligent, but a typical specialist who lives in a world of text books and patients, not a man of action or force of character – line count = 171

ABRAHAM VAN HELSING - a man of medium height in his early 50s, with a clean-shaven, astute face; has a nervous, alert manner, an air of resolution; clearly a man of resourceful action with incisive speech – line count = 230

RENFIELD - repulsive youth; face distorted, shifty eyes, tousled hair – line count = 42

ATTENDANT - dressed in uniform – line count = 32

LUCY - a beautiful girl of 20, her face unnaturally pale; she walks with difficulty and wears a scarf around her throat – line count = 67

Director’s Note:

Synopsis and character descriptions provided by Samuel French. Casting will be loosely based on these guidelines, but will be significantly dependent on the actors’ preparation and presentation at auditions. This play is based in England, so an English accent is a must – please be prepared to audition in this accent.

Audition sides may be requested by emailing Robyn Roush, Director, at info@cctchillicothe.com or by calling the CCT line at (855) 723-3768.