

Ultor De Lacy

(a supernatural mystery; approximate running time: 45 minutes)

CHARACTERS: (3 men; 3 women)

UNA ARDAGH, a pale beauty, age 17

ALICE ARDAGH, her sister, age 19

COLONEL ROBERT ARDAGH, their father, age 50

MAURA MULL RYAN, a middle-aged housekeeper

TOBY CROOKE, a hunchbacked peddler

DOCTOR MARTIN HESSELIUS, age 72

CAPTAIN ULTOR DE LACY, age 33

Note: The roles of Toby Crooke and Doctor Martin Hesselius are intended to be played by the same actor.

TIME: 1750

PLACE: Ireland. The Glen of Capperullen, near the point where the counties of Limerick, Claire, and Tipperary converge. The garden of the Ardagh estate, a sumptuously furnished parlor, and Una Ardagh's bedroom with an accessible door and window.

SYNOPSIS: Lovely young Una Ardagh is intrigued by Captain Ultor De Lacy who has charmed his way into her family home, and begins to court her affections. The housekeeper recognizes that the dashing Ultor is actually a ravenous vampire determined to seduce, marry, and sustain himself on Una's blood. The renown Doctor Hesselius, disguised as a hunchbacked peddler, attempts to warn Una's father who refuses to believe in such superstitions, and unwittingly thwarts the Doctor's attempts to save his daughter before she succumbs.