

The Actress - Act 1

Your Announcement (#5)

- *“Ok, everyone seems to think William is such a great producer and a standup guy, but you know what? I’m not going to just sit here and listen to this praise and pretend that William isn’t a terrible human being! Let me tell you all what kind of person William is. As you all know, William gave me my big break in Hollywood. I became famous because of his eye for talent, right? Wrong! William only gave me my big break because he was interested in me. He admitted as much at the premier of Another Night in the Bronx. When I told him I wasn’t interested, he told me I’d be nothing without him and that I’d never star in another one of his movies. He then stormed away and hasn’t spoken to me since. You’re scum, William! But guess what. I made another hit movie without you, and I’m now one of the biggest names in Hollywood. If you truly had an eye for talent, you would have seen my potential and hired me for that, not just because you wanted something in return!”*

Responses to Announcements

- **Announcement #1:** The Heiress will claim that she saw Lazare, your boyfriend, on a date with Sandra, the Model, a few nights ago at a restaurant on Bourbon Street. Become scandalized and ask both Lazare and Sandra for an explanation. Remain skeptical after they respond.
- **Announcement #3:** Donna, the Writer, will insult you for the criticism you made about her writing. Tell her you were just being honest and that you think she makes her books extra sleazy to make up for lack of plot. If she comes back at you, continue to defend your actions and consider insulting her further.
- **Announcement #6:** As you feared he might, the Comedian will reveal to the group that you admitted to him, while both of you were drunk, that you cheat at poker. Feign great offense at his announcement. Tell him that you will not stand for such slander, that you said nothing of the sort, and that he must have had far more to drink than he thought if he believes otherwise. If he or others come back at you, defend yourself vehemently. **Do NOT admit the truth!**
- **Announcement #8:** The Heiress will vouch for your integrity. Thank her warmly and take this final opportunity to criticize anyone who accused you and to say that it is just sour grapes.