

CAST DESCRIPTION

Walter Lee Younger: Male, 30-45. Discontented with his status in life as a Black man in America, he is a dreamer, whose big plans and schemes are fueled by his aspirations and ambitions to become something in the world and make a better life for his family.

Beneatha Younger ('Bennie'): Female, 17-25. Lena's daughter and Walter's sister; Beneatha is an intellectual; twenty years old, she attends college and is better educated than the rest of the Younger family. She dreams of being a doctor and struggles to determine her identity.

Lena Younger ('Mama'): Female, 55-65. Walter and Beneatha's mother; the matriarch of the family, Mama is religious, moral, and maternal; she wants to use her husband's insurance money as a down payment on a house with a backyard to fulfill her lifelong dream for her family.

Ruth Younger: Female, 25-35. Walter's wife and Travis's mother; Ruth takes care of the Youngers' small apartment; her 11-year marriage to Walter has problems, but she hopes to rekindle their love. She is about thirty, but her weariness makes her seem older. She is an emotionally strong woman and her almost pessimistic pragmatism helps her to survive.

Travis Younger: Male, 9-12. Walter and Ruth's son. Travis earns some money by carrying grocery bags and likes to play outside with other neighborhood children.

Joseph Asagai: Male, 20-28, a Nigerian student in love with Beneatha. Asagai is very proud of his African heritage and when he proposes marriage to Beneatha he hopes she will return to Nigeria with him.

George Murchison: Male, 25-35. A wealthy Black man who courts Beneatha; the Youngers approve of George, but Beneatha dislikes his willingness to submit to white culture and forget his African heritage. He challenges the thoughts and feelings of others through his arrogance and love of spirited debate.

Mr. Karl Lindner: 35-50, White. Mr. Lindner arrives at the Youngers' apartment from the Clybourne Park Improvement Association; he offers the Youngers a deal to reconsider moving into his (all-white) neighborhood.

Bobo: Male, 30-40. One of Walter's business partners in his plan to open a liquor store.