GREEN

Yes?

COP

I found an abandoned car down near the gates of this house.

Did the driver come in here for any help, by any chance?

WADSWORTH/SCARLET

NO!

GREEN

Well, actually, yes.

WADSWORTH/SCARLET

No.

COP

There seems to be some kind of disagreement.

Uh, can I come in and use your phone?

*Wadsworth steps to the front door.*

COP

You all seem to be very anxious about something.

WADSWORTH

It’s a play. The stakes are high.

Would you like to come this way, please, sir?

*Wadsworth leads the Cop in and indicates the phone.*

WADSWORTH

Please help yourself to a drink, if you'd like.

*The Cop reaches for the cognac.*

WADSWORTH

Not the cognac. Just in case.

*The butler exists and closes the door.*

COP

Just in case of what?

*Wadsworth locks the door and turns to the assembled guests.*

WADSWORTH

(whispering)

What now?

*The Cop walks over to the phone.*

*He reaches for it, but it rings before he picks it up.*

*He answers the phone.*

COP

Hello?

And who shall I say is calling?

(pauses)

Ah . . . will you hold on, please?

*The Cop strides over to the library door and realizes its locked.*

COP

Let me out of here!

Let me out of here, you have no right to shut me in!

I'll book you for false arrest, and wrongful imprisonment,

and obstructing an officer in the course of his duty!

And murder!

*The group quickly opens the door.*

WADSWORTH

What do you mean . . . "murder"?

COP

I just said it so you'd open the door.

*The guests sigh and laugh nervously.*