



Mrs. Cheveley
From *An Ideal Husband*
By Oscar Wilde

Age Range: Adult, Young Adult

Style: Comedic, Classical

Monologue:

“Oh, no! I can’t stand your English house-parties. In England people actually try to be brilliant at breakfast. That is so dreadful of them! Only dull people are brilliant at breakfast. And then the family skeleton is always reading family prayers. My stay in England really depends on you, Sir Robert. Quite seriously. I want to talk to you about a great political and financial scheme, about this Argentine Canal Company, in fact. Oh, I like tedious, practical subjects. What I don’t like are tedious, practical people. There is a wide difference. Besides, you are interested, I know, in International Canal schemes. You were Lord Radley’s secretary, weren’t you, when the Government bought the Suez Canal shares?”

Play Synopsis:

Blackmail threatens the lives of Robert and Lady Chiltern. Lady Cheveley plans to reveal secrets to the Chiltern's fortune unless certain demands are met. Lord Goring steps in to assist his friends, as well as engage in witty repartee with Mabel. When all looks lost, Lord Goring saves the day and wins the girl.

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