

Show Summary:

Based on a true story, 6 DEGREES OF SEPARATION revolves around the deeds of Paul, a young African-American con man who irrevocably alters the lives of those he meets. Ouisa and Flan Kittredge are entertaining their billionaire friend Geoffrey in their Upper East Side apartment, hoping he will give them the money needed to make a costly art deal. Enter Paul, apparently mugged and in bad condition, claiming he knows their son from Harvard and – most impressively – is the son of Sidney Poitier. The Kittredges are charmed by Paul’s intelligent conversation, as is Geoffrey, who agrees to help with the art deal. Paul earns himself the Kittredge’s trust and a place to stay – both of which are shattered the next morning when he is discovered in bed with a young male hustler. Ouisa and Flan discover that their friends have had a similar encounter with Paul, beginning a trail of deceptions ending with tragic consequences.



Cast:

13 Men, 4 Women, ages 16-60s

Louisa “Ouisa” Kittredge: 40s-50s; wealthy and attractive middle-aged woman from the Upper East Side; finds herself caring deeply for Paul even knowing she has been conned by him

Flanders “Flan” Kittredge: 40s-50s; Ouisa’s well-to-do husband, an art dealer. Unlike his wife, he rejects Paul after the con

Geoffrey: 40s-60s; liberal South African billionaire and friend to the Kittredges

Paul: 20s; charismatic young African-American man with an incredible memory who manages to con the majority of characters in the play

Hustler: 20s-30s; aggressive young man picked up by Paul on the streets

Kitty: 40s-50s; friend of the Kittredges who is also conned by Paul; Larkin’s wife and Ben’s mother

Larkin: 40s-50s; Kitty’s husband and Ben’s father

Detective: 30+; attempts to track down Paul

Tess: 16-25; rebellious daughter of Ouisa and Flan, attends Harvard with her brother Woody

Woody: 16-25; son of Ouisa and Flan, Harvard student

Ben: 16-25; son of Kitty and Larkin, also attends Harvard

Dr. Fine: 50s; obstetrician at New York Hospital whose run-in with Paul brings out his ugly side

Doug: 18-25; disillusioned son of Dr. Fine; went to high school with Tess, Woody, and Ben

Policeman/Doorman: 30+; called by Dr. Fine to arrest Paul; the Kittredge’s doorman, also deceived by Paul

Trent: 18-25; high school classmate of the Kittredges, had a three-month affair with Paul during which he told Paul of all the wealthy New Yorkers he knew

Rick: 20s; kind, naïve young man from Utah who is enraptured by Paul, resulting in his suicide

Elizabeth: 20s; beautiful young aspiring actress and Rick’s girlfriend, embittered by the horrific results of Paul’s con