

The Zig Zag Girl

Edgar Stephens - Detective Inspector, formerly Captain in the Magic Men

Solomon Carter - the chatty police surgeon

Bob Willis - Edgar's uptight sergeant

Rose and Bill - Edgar's mother and late father

Jonathan - Edgar's brother, who died at Dunkirk during WWII

Lucy - Edgar's sister, busy and distracted by her own life

Max Mephisto/Massingham - a stage magician who served with Edgar

Mrs. Shuttleworth - Max's temporary landlady

Tony "The Mind" Mullholland - mind reader turned comedian

Larry McGuire - sergeant with Brighton police

Chief Inspector Frank Hodges - Edgar's rather gloomy superior

D. Fitzgerald - propmaker

The Great Diablo / Stan Parks - magician, member of the Magic Men

Joan - Max's ex-girlfriend who housed his beloved Bentley

Henry Solomon - Brighton's first police chief, said to haunt headquarters

The Diller Twins - Brenda and Peggy (end of chapter 3)

Mrs. Finneghan - Edgar's neighbor, convinced he handles traffic

Captain Charis Parsons - the commanding officer of the Magic Men

Ethel Williams - murder victim, Max's assistant prior to the war

Major Gormley - a supervising officer associated with the Magic Men

Franz - musical director at Brighton's Theatre Royal

Ruby French - Max's temporary assistant, disappears into thin air

Desdemona - the daughter of Tony's landlady

Michael Williams - Ethel's estranged husband from the Isle of Wight

Roy Coulter - the theatre manager in Brighton

Eddie Bowen - the stage manager in Brighton

Sergeant Bill Cosgrove - the carpenter for the Magic Men

Elsie - Major Gormley's ailing wife

Colonel Peter Cartwright - recruited Edgar for the Magic Men

Jean Cosgrove - Bill's wife and former WAAF

Barney - Bill and Jean's baby

Brian Mullholland - Tony's pompous brother

Pauline - Brian's wife

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Sergeant Alan Deacon - reported to the incident in Wembley

Janice - WPC tasked with caring for Barney

Mrs. Steptoe - Ethel's landlady

Marnie - the barmaid at the pub, The Battle at Trafalgar

Ray / The Great Raymondo - Ruby's previous magician employer

Queenie - Max's overly-friendly landlady in Hastings

PC Granger - the police officer in Hastings sent to guard Max

Beryl - Max's overly eager assistant in Hastings

Emerald - a former snake charmer, had a dalliance with Max

Hugh D. Nee / The Conjuror Killer - the elusive murderer