

Character Breakdown  
COUNTING DAYS  
By Marie Kohler

Four actors (1M, 3W). Diversity welcome

MARY KNIESEN (MK): Female, 45 – Divorced, with a child who has just left home for college. An avid reader, her sense of purpose in life has been rendered through books, and through the definitions of others. She has lived much of her life on borrowed meanings.

KATHERINE MANSFIELD (KM): Female, 35 – Based on the writer Katherine Mansfield, who died at 35 in 1923 of TB. KM is a hybrid version of the historical woman, whose Journals inspire MK and who serves, eventually, as her somewhat acerbic muse.

MURRY: Male, 40s-50s – John Middleton Murry. Katherine Mansfield's husband, a renowned critic and editor of the era.

Multiple Characters: DOCTORS I and II, WATERCOLOR TEACHER, TWO OLD FRIENDS, FLAMENCO DANCE TEACHER, HANDYMAN, TRAVEL AGENT, OLD JOE, TWO JOURNAL CLASS PARTICIPANTS are all characters currently swirling in and out of MK's life, as she searches for answers.

The Multiple Characters are played, along with MURRY, by two actors: one male and one female. The characters of KM and MK must be played by two women who play those two roles only.