

## The Diamond of Jeru – Cast

Mike Kardec – 30s, American (Australian is a possible alternate), Korean War Veteran, came to Borneo to prospect for diamonds, succeeded then failed, now an oil field worker for Royal Dutch Shell. He'd like to head for home but doesn't have the money. The chance to guide some tourists into the back country may provide the needed funds.

John Lacklan – 40s -50s, American (British or German is an alt.) a physicist, member of Pentagon think tank. Focused, driven, used to being the smartest man in the room. Has come to Sarawak on a vacation adventure at the insistence of his wife. Years ago they planned to find the diamond for her wedding ring ... now, because of various marital difficulties they have finally decided to do it. He may have delayed too long.

Helen Lacklan – 30s, American, wife of John, one time Olympic Skier but broke her leg just before the games. John pursued her avidly prior to their marriage but now is totally focused on his governmental and scientific responsibilities. She's feeling very marginalized by his job and his jealous imagination, at a dead end with her marriage unless this trip can rekindle something that has been gone for a long time.

Clifton Vandover – 50s -60s British (Australian alt.), Colonial Administrator, wisely manages his area with a sense of humor and a light touch.

William Fairchild – 50s -60s, British (Australian alt.), retired British Army, a friend of Vandover's.

Raj – early 20s, Malay/Borneo Tribesman, oil field worker with Kardec who Kardec hires to help guide the Lacklans.

Inghai – 40s -60s, Malay/Borneo Tribesman, Kelabit tribal leader and magician, old friend of Kardec's.

Kebir – 20s, Malay/Borneo Tribesman, tough guy, gang leader type. Flashy dresser, con man ... a slick fusing of urban and back country Borneo ... the worst of the changing times. Grandson to ...

Jeru – 50s – 70s, Malay/Borneo Tribesman, renegade, headhunter, an uncivilized pirate that no native village would accept. He is the leader of a cast off band that were outlaws before they were brought in to help fight the Japanese and have gotten worse since.

Ishan Patel – 30s – 60s Indian (Dutch as possible Alternate), diamond merchant, a character who looks both rough around the edges and relatively unsuccessful but reveals refined professionalism and the soul of a poet.

Maddox – 30s – 50s Australian (Dutch as possible Alternate) boss of an oil drilling rig

Jenny Vandover – 30s – 50s Clifton's wife.

Denton – 30s – 60s A British guest at the Vandover’s party.

A British Woman – 40s – 60s also a guest.

A male Korean refugee during flashbacks to the Korean War

Several Dyak men, Borneo tribesmen loyal to the outlaw Jeru.

Several Indian men working administrative jobs for the British.

Several American Soldiers and Officers during flashbacks to the Korean War.

Several Australian Oil Field workers.

We have only listed the major roles with Breakdown Services but minor parts will also be cast from this same pool of talent. It is possible that you might be hired for a part that you did not submit your materials for or asked to read additional sides while at our auditions. If you don’t want a certain part, please let us know. We like to offer as many people jobs as possible and you won’t hurt our feelings.

We like actors with good, natural, accents ... we’re more inclined to change the script a bit to accommodate a different sound (say replacing Dutch with Australian or Texas for our drilling crew) than to accept a “put on” accent.