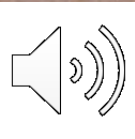


A promotional image for the movie 'Knives Out' featuring the main cast members. The characters are dressed in formal, colorful attire and are posed in a grand, dimly lit room. The text 'THE STRANGE VARIETY OF ACCENTS IN KNIVES OUT' is overlaid in large, white, bold letters across the center of the image.

**THE STRANGE  
VARIETY OF  
ACCENTS IN  
*KNIVES OUT***



# THE BEST WHODUNNIT EVER MADE!

2019  
Director: Rian Johnson  
Academy Award nominated for Best  
Original Screenplay  
52 awards



# THE PLOT

When renowned crime novelist Harlan Thrombey is found dead at his estate after his 85<sup>th</sup> birthday, Detective Benoit Blanc is mysteriously enlisted to investigate.

From Harlan's dysfunctional family to his devoted staff, Blanc sifts through a web of red herrings and self-serving lies to uncover the truth behind Harlan's untimely death.  
(Boston)



**VARIOUS  
ACCENTS IN  
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# THE BACKGROUND

## 01 BENOIT BLANC

the detective  
deep southern accent

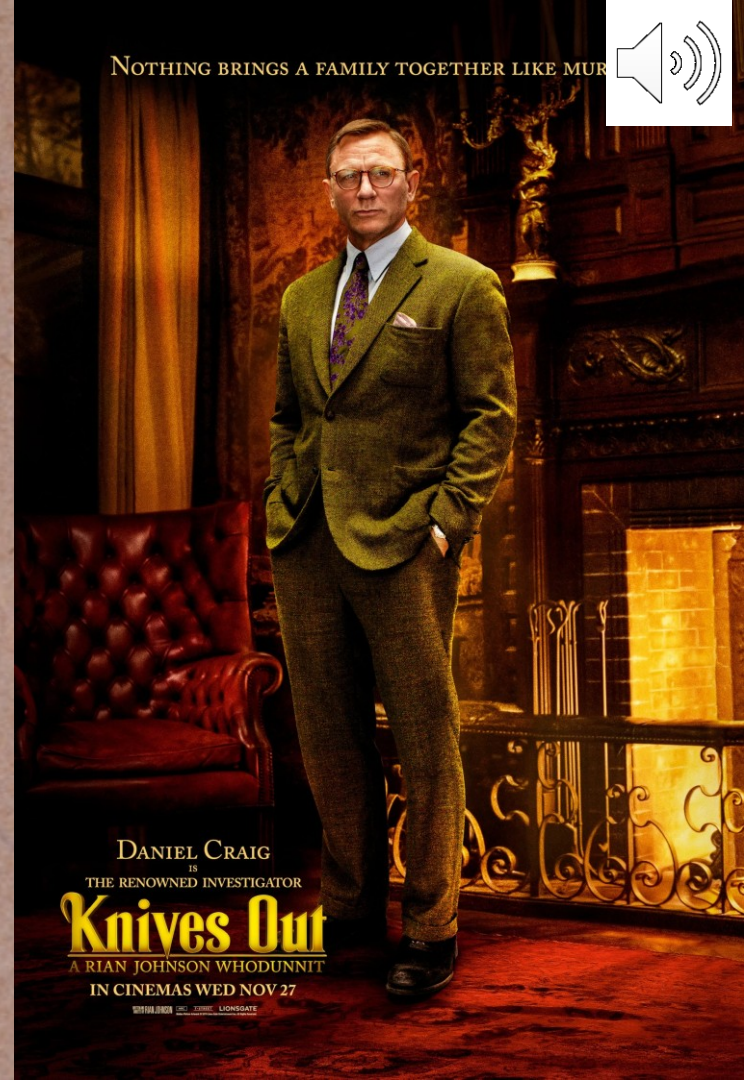
## 02 MARTA

personal caretaker  
background: latin america

## 03 THE FAMILY

grew up together, but have  
different accents

NOTHING BRINGS A FAMILY TOGETHER LIKE MURDER



DANIEL CRAIG

IS  
THE RENOWNED INVESTIGATOR

**Knives Out**

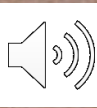
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**BENOIT BLANC  
(DANIEL CRAIG)**



# BLANC'S ACCENT



- Blanc talks like a member of the Southern aristocracy with an accent that has been described by Ransom as a "Kentucky Fried Foghorn Leghorn Drawl".
- Many people online stated the accent to be distracting, difficult and even just terrible.
- Designed to be over the top.
- Trying to capture that slow-spoken drawn out deep south accent
- "a very subtle southern accent"



# A VIDEO

[https://youtu.be/\\_03eKij7jkA](https://youtu.be/_03eKij7jkA)

# Knives Out





# THE ACCENT:

## **01** **STRONG & OVERDONE**

Falling back onto RP

## **03** **PEOPLE WITH STRONG ACCENTS ARE GENERALLY DUMBER.**

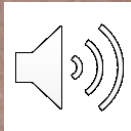
## **05** **OLD MONEY LOUISIANA**

## **02** **[ɛ] MERGING [i]**

## **04** **FIRST SYLLABLE STRESS**

## **06** **DROPPING G's**

Goin'



# **THE CAST** **TALKING ABOUT** **THE ACCENT**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5-jA-vXNX-M>

# THE FAMILY





# JONI THROMBEY

- (TONI COLLETTE)
- VALLEY GIRL
- Open mouth
- Uptalking
- End-emphasis
- *“Who is that guy?” “You’re famous.”*



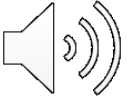


# LINDA DRYSDALE

- (JAMIE LEE CURTIS)
- GIRL BOSS
  
- Rhotic (father, here)
- T-flapping
- Intrusion

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JZWtuAIM1Ak>

(Listen to the difference of *here* with Linda and Mr. Blanc)



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sL-9Khv7wa4>

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