

Felix, madge

SIMON. (cont'd) I did at the time. But things change. I'm sorry.

(AGGIE hurries out of the room.)

Oh, God. Aggie! Wait!... Tamsin, I have to go, I'm sorry. Yes, I'll call you back!

(He hangs up. To the INSPECTOR.)

May I...?

(The INSPECTOR nods and SIMON hurries out of the room, leaving GILLETTE and the INSPECTOR by themselves. Beat.)

INSPECTOR. "The silence between the two professionals spoke volumes."

(GILLETTE doesn't respond. He's thinking.)

It's too bad we can't find the murder weapon. It's one of the many things I find odd about this case. It could have fingerprints on it, it could be broken in some way, or wiped clean or any one of a -

GILLETTE. Inspector, would you please stop babbling about useless details, I need to think.

INSPECTOR. I would hardly call the murder weapon a "useless detail." Mr. Holmes. It could tell us everything.

GILLETTE. It won't, I've already inspected it.

INSPECTOR. What?

GILLETTE. It's in the drawer.

(The INSPECTOR rushes to the drawer, opens it and pulls out the knife.)

INSPECTOR. Good God! Why didn't you tell me?!... Mr. Gillette!

GILLETTE. Inspector, I have no idea why I didn't tell you, but now you've found it so would you please be quiet BECAUSE I'M TRYING TO THINK!

(At which moment, FELIX bursts into the room followed by MADGE.)

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(They're both buoyant, at the top of their game.)

MADGE. We've got it!

FELIX. We've got it!

MADGE. We know whodunit.

FELIX. What a team we are.

MADGE. Like Astraire and Rogers.

FELIX. Nick and Nora.

MADGE. Sacco and Vanzetti.

FELIX. You know, we *could* do this professionally.

MADGE. We're awfully good at it.

INSPECTOR. What are you talking about?!

FELIX. We've solved the murder.

MADGE. It's all wrapped up.

FELIX. Don't try to thank us.

INSPECTOR. But you are suspects yourselves!

MADGE. Not anymore. We figured it out!

FELIX. You may call the Sheriff and clean up this town.

GILLETTE. What's your guess?

FELIX. It isn't a guess at all! Look, let's start with a proposition: whoever murdered Daria is behind the whole thing. All right? All the murders and the attempted murder.

MADGE. Working backwards, that includes Daria, Noggles, you and Hugo.

INSPECTOR. I thought Hugo was an accident.

FELIX. Oh, puh-lease. "Coincidence?"

INSPECTOR. Fair enough. Go on.

FELIX. So who are the suspects. The people in this house, right?

MADGE. Useens.

FELIX. But.

MADGE. But!

FELIX. Process of elimination. First we eliminate Martha.

Fair?

INSPECTOR. Well...

MADGE. Can you really see her killing Hugo?

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