

#4 Bridget, Emma, Lizzie and Alice

#19 "THE DRESS" (UNDERScore)

(doors open...the next morning)

BRIDGET

Miss Emma, I didn't hear you come home last night. I'm so sorry about your father and mo...Mrs. Borden.

(breaking the mood abruptly)

What do you want for breakfast?

EMMA

I don't want any breakfast. Where is Lizzie?

BRIDGET

I haven't seen her this morning. She must still be sleeping. Poor thing. I did find her dress all in a heap. Gonna be hell to get out all of this —

(BRIDGET holds out a bundle with the bloodied dress...EMMA sees it)

EMMA

Maggie, give that to me.

(EMMA goes to take the dress, but BRIDGET pulls it back)

BRIDGET

The name's Bridget.

(pause)

EMMA

(saccharine)

Bridget....give that to me.

(EMMA goes to take the dress, but BRIDGET doesn't budge)

BRIDGET

Well, Miss Lizzie did say there was a cheap sale of dresses at Sergeant's this afternoon.

(EMMA hands BRIDGET several bills)

Pennies on the yard.

(EMMA hands her several more bills...BRIDGET tosses the bundle and exits)

EMMA

Lizzie?!?!?!?

(LIZZIE comes into the room)

EMMA

Emma!

EMMA

You haven't destroyed the dress yet?

LIZZIE

No...

EMMA

Why didn't you? You had better! I would if I were you!

(ALICE, hearing the raised voice, comes into the room...she has obviously slept over)

ALICE

Lizzie?

(seeing Emma)

Emma.

EMMA

Alice.

(a slightly uncomfortable pause as EMMA connects the dots about Alice and Lizzie, and ALICE begins to connect the dots about Lizzie and Emma)

ALICE

What are you doing?

LIZZIE

I'm just going to burn this old thing up. It is covered with —

(music out)

LIZZIE (CONT'D)

Paint.

BRIDGET

The policemen have returned. They'd like to speak to Miss Russell.

(ALICE exits...BRIDGET gives the SISTERS a look and shuts the door behind her as she follows Miss Russell out)