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KEN LUDWIG'S THE GAME'S AFOOT

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FELIX. We've got it!

MADGE. We know whodunit.

FELIX. What a team we are.

MADGE. Like Astaire 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, Noggs, 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. Ussens.

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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FELIX. Or hiring someone to shoot at her son?

MADGE. Then killing Noggs?

FELIX. With a razor blade?

MADGE. (to GILLETTE) Now what about you. Did you do it? INSPECTOR. All right, I give.

GILLETTE. Oh please.

FELIX. (to the INSPECTOR) And you?

INSPECTOR. Don't be ridiculous! FELIX. So now we're down to four suspects. Let's start with us. Did you do it, darling?

MADGE. No, my love. And you?

INSPECTOR. But those are denials! They carry no weight whatsoever!

FELIX. Except

MADGE, Except

FELIX. For Noggs.

MADGE. Good old Noggsy.

FELIX. He was killed last night, and we were staying at my GILLETTE. What about him? sister's house in Rhinebeck last night.

MADGE. We have ten witnesses.

(silence)

GILLETTE. I see it all.

FELIX. I thought you would.

FELIX. We're down to Aggie and Simon ... and Simon lied! INSPECTOR. What?

FELIX. He and Daria met at Killington. They both said so. INSPECTOR. When? But she said she left there before Hugo died,

MADGE. and he said he arrived there after the killing - in response to Aggie's call for help.

INSPECTOR. But why should Simon lie about when he arrived at Killington?