

#22a – A Bit of a Bind (*Underscore*)

(Leaving the TWO WOMEN alone in their rooms, the INSPECTOR and the MAGISTRATE each walk out into the hall at the same time. MUSIC continues under scene.)

MAGISTRATE

Inspector, you are not going to believe who's come to see me! And quite in the nick of time !

INSPECTOR

I was about to tell you the same thing!

MAGISTRATE

It seems Mrs. Holland did it!

INSPECTOR

It seems Mrs. Navarro did it!

(THEY are both confused.)

MAGISTRATE

Mrs. Navarro?!

INSPECTOR

Mrs. Holland?!

MAGISTRATE & INSPECTOR

(In unison:)

I've got evidence!

(A beat, then simultaneously:)

It's quite convincing!

INSPECTOR

Well, they can't *both* have done it!

(THEY exchange letters.)

MAGISTRATE

(Reading:)

"Dear Monty... "

INSPECTOR

(Reading:)

"Monty darling... "

MAGISTRATE

"It was *I* who poisoned the Earl."

INSPECTOR

"It was time you took your rightful place."

MAGISTRATE

This is astonishing!

INSPECTOR

She says she intercepted the letter...

MAGISTRATE

... before it was to be handed to Lord Navarro.

INSPECTOR

We can't arrest one woman, if we believe the other one guilty.

MAGISTRATE

The law won't allow it.

INSPECTOR

No jury would convict.

INSPECTOR & MAGISTRATE

(In unison:)

Reasonable doubt.

MAGISTRATE

Seems we're in a bit of a bind.

(THEY each go into the other's interrogation room.)

#22b – That Horrible Woman (Part II)

SIBELLA

(To MAGISTRATE now:)

IT WAS DONE OUT OF GREED!

PHOEBE

(To INSPECTOR now:)

IT WAS DONE OUT OF SPITE!

SIBELLA

SHE WANTED THE TITLE!

SIBELLA & PHOEBE

SHE WANTED REVENGE!