

WELCOME TO THE RILEYS #6

INT. FITTING ROOM - DEPARTMENT STORE - DAY

Mallory is standing in front of mirror wearing a new bra.

LOIS (O.S.)

Allison?

MALLORY

Yeah, I'm in here.

Lois enters.

MALLORY (CONT'D)

This is so not jiggy.

LOIS

It fits well. You just have to adjust these straps.

Lois adjusts the back straps of the bra.

LOIS (CONT'D)

There you go.

MALLORY

Bet you were a good mom.

Lois didn't expect that.

MALLORY (CONT'D)

That was stupid.

LOIS

No, sweetie. I just think of things sometimes...

MALLORY

What things?

LOIS

(slight beat)

I went after her. I didn't tell that part...about how Emily died.

MALLORY

Tell me what?

LOIS

I was awake that night. Doug was at his poker game. I always stay up till he gets home.

(MORE)

LOIS (CONT'D)

I heard something -- went to the window -- saw Emily get into her boyfriend's car. So I put on some clothes and got into my car and went looking for them.

MALLORY

Did you find them?

LOIS

Parked in a shopping center not far from our house.

MALLORY

(lightly)

I'm sure they were really happy to see you.

LOIS

They took off. I tried to catch up...I couldn't. He was driving so fast. I lost them for a little while and then...

Lois can't bring herself to finish her sentence.

MALLORY

...They crashed the car.

Lois nods.

LOIS

Ran a stop sign and hit a truck broadside. By the time I got there everything was on fire. I Couldn't get to them. It wouldn't have happened if I hadn't gone after her. You get changed. We'll go meet Doug.

Lois hands Mallory her shirt and begins to walk out, then:

MALLORY

Hey.

Lois turns.

MALLORY (CONT'D)

It's not your fault. Just like my mom getting in a car accident's not my fault.

Lois places her hand tenderly on Mallory's cheek.

LOIS

Your mother must have been very pretty.

MALLORY

Yeah...She had bigger tits than me.

Lois laughs at this.

MALLORY (CONT'D)

I got my dad's tits. I don't know what happened.

LOIS

I got my dad's too.
(on her way out)
See you out there.