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MONK
No.
CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER
Good.

Alice Westergren steps up, holding a GIFT-WRAPPED BOX with an ENVELOPE attached.

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ALICE WESTERGREN
Adrian. I'm your Secret Santa.

MONK
Oh Alice. Thank you. Merry Christmas.

Monk opens the ENVELOPE and removes the CARD. The card is slightly too wide for the envelope; one end had to be folded.

Monk reads the card. It's a joke-card. He doesn't get it.

MONK (cont'd)
It's a funny card.

ALICE WESTERGREN
Yes it is.

MONK
You can tell from the exclamation point.

Monk opens the gift. It's a WHISK BROOM. He brightens.

MONK (cont'd)
I love it.

ALICE WESTERGREN
It's a whisk broom. I noticed you were always cleaning. If you already have one...

MONK
I have seven, actually. But this is a great one.

~~(showing Stottlemeyer)~~
~~The bristles are cut at an angle, to get the corners.~~

~~CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER~~
~~Yeah. That's very exciting.~~

ALICE WESTERGREN
Captain, who did you have?

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Alice

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CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER

What- ?

ALICE WESTERGREN

I know you picked a name. I was holding the hat.

CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER

(remembering)

Aw hell. I had Terry Chasen. It's in my office.

15 INT. POLICE HQ, CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER'S OFFICE -- MOMENTS LATER

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Moments later. Capt. Stottlemeyer is in his office. He can't find the gift. He's looking everywhere.

Alice enters.

ALICE WESTERGREN

Are you okay?

CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER

(frustrated)

I can't find it. It was right here. Did you move it?

ALICE WESTERGREN

No. What was it?

CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER

It was a little moustache trimmer thing. It was this big. I even wrapped it.

ALICE WESTERGREN

Did you check your desk?

CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER

I just looked. We've got to start locking that door.

ALICE WESTERGREN

There's a drug store downstairs. I could-

(then, realizing)

No. It's after midnight. They're closed.

Alice indicates a DESK TOY.

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Alice

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ALICE WESTERGREN (cont'd)
Why don't you give him one of these
desk toys? I could find a box...

CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER
No. He's been in here a million
times. He'll know I recycled it.

A frustrated beat. They look around. Then... Alice indicates
the BOTTLE OF PORT.

ALICE WESTERGREN
What about...?

CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER
Does he drink Port?

ALICE WESTERGREN
I think so. I have an extra Christmas
Card in my desk. I'll go get it.

Stottlemeyer considers the bottle. He chuckles.

CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER
It's a Christmas miracle!

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16 INT. POLICE HQ, BULLPEN - SERIES OF SHOTS -- PARTY
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Moments later. The party continues. People have been
drinking. They're dancing. Neckties are loosened. Some
are making out...

In a corner. Capt. Stottlemeyer approaches Det. Chasen, and
hands him the "recycled" gift.

Det. Chasen unwraps the bottle. He reacts, delighted. He
loves Port! He and Stottlemeyer embrace, warmly.

17 INT. POLICE HQ - SERIES OF SHOTS -- PARTY CONTINUES

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The PARTY continues...

Lt. Disher is standing under his "Peruvian mistletoe", talking
to a PRETTY YOUNG WOMAN...

Elsewhere: Monk is proudly showing Natalie his new WHISK
BROOM...

Elsewhere: Capt. Stottlemeyer is dancing...

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Alice

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MONK (V.O.)

The rest was easy. The day of the party, you brought a poisoned bottle to the office, and pretended it came for the Captain.

CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER (V.O.)

You knew I didn't like Port, so I wouldn't be drinking it.

48 INT. POLICE HQ, CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER'S OFFICE - DURING THE PARTY -- NIGHT-- FLASHBACK (B&W) (FB-5) 48

Later. The CHRISTMAS PARTY is in full swing.

Alice sneaks into Stottlemeyer's office, and steals the real gift he bought for Detective Chasen.

MONK (V.O.)

At some point- probably during the party- you snuck into the Captain's office and stole the gift he bought for Terry...

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49 INT. ALICE WESTERGREN'S TOWNHOUSE -- PRESENT DAY 49

The FLASHBACKS END. We're back in the living room.

NATALIE

When the Captain couldn't find it, you suggested replacing it with the bottle. The poisoned bottle.

MONK

It was brilliant. Like a magician doing sleight of hand. You had everybody looking the wrong way.

A tense beat. Then- from the kitchen- the oven DINGS.

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ALICE WESTERGREN

Excuse me.

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Alice crosses to the KITCHEN and takes a TRAY OF FRESHLY BAKED COOKIES from the oven, as...

CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER

Alice, where's the poison?

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Alice

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~~CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER (CONT'D)
Is it in the basement? Even if you
threw it away, even if you cleaned
it up, we'll find traces of it. You
know we will.~~

Alice returns with the COOKIES. She sits.

ALICE WESTERGREN

It's in the basement.

(to Monk)

How did you know?

Monk takes out TWO EVIDENCE BAGS, each containing a CARD and an ENVELOPE. He opens them, as...

~~MONK~~

~~This is the card and the envelope
that came with the whisk broom which,
by the way, I've been using. It
really is fantastic.~~

Monk holds up the first set; the card is too big for the envelope.

MONK (cont'd)

The card's too big. See? You had to fold it over.

Next, Monk holds up the other set. This card is too small for the envelope.

~~MONK (cont'd)~~

~~These came with the poisoned bottle.
This card's a little too small.~~

~~(beat)~~

~~You mixed them up.~~

ALICE WESTERGREN

I mixed them up.

(sighs)

And I'm usually so organized.

(explaining, weakly)

I couldn't... I just couldn't live without him.

(collecting herself)

Please. Have a cookie. Anybody?

Alice- the poison killer- holds up the freshly-baked cookies. Everyone tenses.

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