

6 EXT. CAIN HOUSE - ACROSS THE STREET -- SAME TIME 6

Outside. Disher is across the street, talking to Joanne's neighbors, the CAIN FAMILY. The Cains are loud... crass... shabbily-dressed.

The father, DUKE, is on the front porch, eating from a BOX OF NECTARINES. BENNY, 14, is fixing a lawn mower. DONNA, 6, is wondering around, carrying a distinctive JAPANESE DOLL.

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LT. DISHER
So how long have you lived here?

DUKE CAIN
Fifteen years. Maybe fourteen. My old lady'll know. You can ask her when she gets back... if she's sober.
(indicates the box)
You want one? Nectarines.

LT. DISHER
Oh. Okay.

Lt. Disher takes a nectarine. Meanwhile, Duke notices: his GARAGE DOOR is open.

DUKE CAIN
HEY! THE GARAGE IS OPEN AGAIN!
BENNY! WHAT DID I TELL YOU?

BENNY
I DIDN'T OPEN IT!

DUKE CAIN
WELL WHO THE HELL DID?

BENNY
MAYBE DONNA DID IT. EVER THINK OF THAT?

Cute little Donna is nearby, clasping her doll.

DUKE CAIN
YOUR SISTER COULDN'T OPEN A BOX OF CRAYONS! SHE'S SIX YEARS OLD! I KNOW YOU DID IT, BOY!

LT. DISHER
(resuming,
uncomfortable)
Ah... just have a few more questions, Mr. Cain. How well did you know Miss Raphelson?

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DUKE

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DUKE CAIN

Not as well as I wanted to, if you get my drift. She was pretty hot-looking. What a waste.

LT. DISHER

Did you notice anything unusual last week? Any visitors?

DUKE CAIN

No.

The family dog, HECTOR, runs past.

DUKE CAIN (cont'd)

NOW HECTOR'S OUT! BENNY, GET THE DAMN DOG!

BENNY

WHY SHOULD I?

DUKE CAIN

BECAUSE YOU OPENED THE DAMN GARAGE!

(indicates Lt. Disher)

THIS MAN IS A POLICE OFFICER! I COULD HAVE HIM LOCK YOU UP! THINK ABOUT THAT!

During this, Natalie, Monk, and Capt. Stottlemeyer step up.

~~CAPT. STOTTEMEYER~~

~~(amused)~~

~~Lieutenant. How's it going?~~

~~LT. DISHER~~

~~Captain. This is Duke Cain...~~

Monk notices: the BOX OF NECTARINES are a FRUIT OF THE MONTH selection. The box is addressed to Joanne Raphelson.

MONK

Excuse me. That box is addressed to Joanne Raphelson.

DUKE CAIN

They were on her porch. I heard she died, so I figured they were up for grabs...

NATALIE

You can't just take mail off of somebody's porch.

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DUKE CAIN
You can if it's fruit. The law
doesn't apply to fruit, because it's
perishable.

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~~CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER
That's not true! Sir, the law applies
to fruit.~~

~~(to Lt. Disher)
Are you eating one?~~

~~LT. DISHER
(embarrassed)
Oh. I... uh... I'm putting it back.~~

~~Disher sheepishly puts his half-eaten nectarine back in the
box. During this, a UNIFORM COP steps up with a PRINTOUT.~~

~~UNIFORM COP
Captain. You wanted to see her phone
records?~~

~~Capt. Stottlemeyer and Monk study the victim's phone records.~~

~~MONK
(puzzled)
No calls at all Tuesday. Or Monday.
Or Sunday...~~

~~CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER
The last call she made was Friday
night. 3:05 AM.~~

~~Capt. Stottlemeyer takes out his CELL PHONE. He dials the
number.~~

~~CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER (cont'd)
(into phone)
Hello? This is Captain Leland
Stottlemeyer, San Francisco Police.
Who is this?~~

~~Capt. Stottlemeyer listens. He reacts, surprised.~~

7 EXT MAJOR WAGNER'S HOUSE - STREET -- NIGHT (NIGHT 2) 7

~~Later. We're across town, in a plusher, upscale neighborhood.~~

~~We're at Major Wagner's house. A BIG BANNER hangs across
the house: WELCOME BACK, STEVE!~~

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MAJOR WAGNER

Actually, I was heading up here anyway. I have a test flight at Paxton in a couple of hours.

(then)

Now it's your turn. What are you doing here?

MONK

I'm investigating her murder.

MAJOR WAGNER

Her suicide.

MONK

It was murder. We both know it.

A tense beat. Monk and Major Wagner eye each other. Then, from across the street, there's a COMMOTION. Everyone turns.

14 EXT. CAIN HOUSE, FRONT YARD -- SAME TIME

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Across the street: Duke Cain, Benny and Little Donna are outside. As always, Donna is clutching her JAPANESE DOLL.

Their garage door is open again. As before, Duke is SCREAMING at Benny...

DUKE CAIN

ARE YOU DEAF? I TOLD YOU TO CLOSE THE DAMN GARAGE!

BENNY

I DID CLOSE IT! THREE TIMES!

DUKE CAIN

WELL IT'S OPEN AGAIN!

BENNY

WELL MAYBE IT BROKE!

DUKE CAIN

IT AIN'T BROKE! IT'S BRAND NEW!

Duke turns. He sees: Monk, Natalie, and Major Wagner across the street. He recognizes Major Wagner.

DUKE CAIN (cont'd)

Son-of-a-B. That guy looks like... I think it is...

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Duke

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BENNY

Who?

DUKE CAIN

It's that spaceman from TV. Major something. He's famous!

BENNY

What the hell is he doing here?

DUKE CAIN

How the hell do I know? Get the camera!

15 EXT. JOANNE'S HOUSE, FRONT YARD -- CONTINUOUS

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Across the street. Monk, Natalie and the Major are still gathered on Joanne's lawn. Duke, Benny and Donna approach, excitedly...

DUKE CAIN

Excuse me. You're famous, right?
On the TV. Major Baxter...?

MAJOR WAGNER

(annoyed)
Steve Wagner.

DUKE CAIN

Wagner. I knew it! The space cowboy!
You're the dude who landed that space shuttle when it was on fire.

MAJOR WAGNER

That's right.

DUKE CAIN

I lost ten dollars on that.

~~MAJOR WAGNER~~

~~(dismissing them)~~

~~We - it was nice meeting you. We're
in the middle of something here...~~

Then, Major Wagner notices the DOLL that Little Donna is clutching. He reacts, suddenly very interested-

MAJOR WAGNER

You folks live across the street?

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Duke

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DUKE CAIN

That's right.

(shaking hands,
introducing)

I'm Duke. This is my daughter, Donna.
And Benny.

BENNY

What are you doing here?

Major Wagner is suddenly friendly... too friendly. Monk
watches him, puzzled.

MAJOR WAGNER

(to Benny, warmly)

~~You're curious, aren't you? That's
the best thing a boy can have
curiosity. I was friends with the
lady who lived here.~~

DUKE CAIN

Yeah, that was a real shame.
Heartbreaking.

(waving his camera)

How about a picture?

MAJOR WAGNER

I can do better than that. I'm flight-
testing a brand new jet in about two
hours. How'd you like to come and
watch? Bring the whole family.

DUKE CAIN

(thrilled)

They wouldn't mind?

MAJOR WAGNER

You have every right to be there.
You're a taxpayer, right?

DUKE CAIN

Well. Sales tax.

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Monk is suspicious.

~~MONK~~

~~We'd like to come too. We're
taxpayers.~~

~~Major Wagner sighs. He can't say no.~~

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