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Hodge steps up, with our foursome.

STAPT

HODGE

Natasia. Sweetheart. These people are from the police department. They want to talk to you about Clea Vance.

NATASIA

Why?

MONK

I don't know. We're probably just tilting at windmills.

NATASIA

(lost) Windmills?

HODGE

It's a literary reference, my darling. It's from a book.

A book? Natasia rolls her eyes.

NATASIA

I guess I can talk while I change. I'll meet you over there.

Natasia walks away. Our foursome start to follow. Natasia stops. She turns.

NATASIA (cont'd)

Only one of you.

Monk, Capt. Stottlemeyer and Lt. Disher headle-CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER Monk should go. It's his case. LT. DISHER The only fair way is alphabetical. MONK Adrian. LT. DISHER (quickly) So let's Ñο. I mean <u>last</u> names see. A...? (looking around) B? No. C? No... No.

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MANNER

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CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER

(interrupting)

That's it. Monk's going.

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EXT. PRIVATE AREA- MOMENTS LATER

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Moments later. Nearby. In a PRIVATE, SCREENED-OFF AREA.

Natasia is changing. She's surrounded by her ENTOURAGE. They fawn over her, fix her hair, etc.

Monk is there, surrounded by them. He's very uncomfortable.

(Carif)

MONK

You were Clea's roommate?

NATASIA

And best friend.

During all this, Natasia is changing into a different dress. She's naked. She turns away from Monk.

Monk winces! He recoils! He averts- and covers- his eyes.

MONK

Oh. Oh. Oh.

NATASIA

It's okay. I'm not shy.

Monk peeks at Natasia. He sees: her bare shoulders. She has a dark mole on her left shoulder. Monk tries to brush it off.

MONK

You have something...

NATASIA

It's a mole. It's my trademark.

Monk becomes obsessed with the single, asymmetrical mole.

MONK

(resuming)

Did you know Pablo Ortiz?

NATASIA

I didn't \underline{know} him. Except that Clea was terrified of him. He was stalking her.

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MONK

There's no evidence of that. No phone calls. No other witnesses.

NATASIA

Are you saying I made it all up? Why would I do that?

MONK

I don't know.

Monk picks up a MASCARA PENCIL and starts to make an $\frac{\text{identical}}{\text{mole}}$ on the $\frac{\text{other shoulder}}{\text{other shoulder}}$.

NATASIA

I saw what I saw. He brought her flowers. He hit on her. I already testified all about this, a year ago.

MONK

I know. I read your statement.

Natasia glances over, and catches Monk mid-mole-drawing.

NATASIA

What are you doing?

MONK

If you put one on this side, you'd be perfect.

Natasia angrily grabs the pencil from Monk's hand.

NATASIA

Any more questions?

MONK

No.

NATASIA

Good. Because I have to get back to work.

MEND SC.

By now. Natasia has changed into a sexy new dress. She storms off. Her Entourage trails behind her.

A beat. Then Stottlemeyer and by Disher step up. Monk is a little rattled, from being so close to a nearly-naked woman.

CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER

How'd it go?

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NATASOA

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NATALIE

(concerned)

I don't know if that's exactly the word I would use...

13 INT. NATASIA'S APARTMENT- NIGHT

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Across town. Natasia is alone, in her sparsely-furnished ULTRA-HIP STUDIO APARTMENT.

The DOORBELL RINGS. Natasia answers. It's Simon Hodge. For once, Hodge <u>isn't smoking</u>.

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HODGE

Are you surprised?

NATASIA

Not after today. I figured you'd be freaking out. Do they know anything?

HODGE

I don't think so.

Natasia leads him inside. Hodge makes sure the door is closed behind him.

NATASIA

You're not smoking?

HODGE

It leaves an odor. I don't want them to know I was here.

NATASIA

Who?

HODGE

The police.

Natasia stops. She tenses.

NATASIA

I didn't tell them anything.

HODGE

But you will. Eventually.

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A beat. Then Natasia tries to rush past him. But Hodge grabs her! He THROWS her down!