MON

(babbling, still defensive)

It was a psychological discharge. I plan to be reinstated...

NATALIE

(defending Monk, overlapping)

It's only temporary... Me's getting better...

CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER

(interrupting, to Major Wagner)

How well did fou know her?

MAJOR WAGNER

Intimately.

LT. DISHER

When was the last time you saw her?

MAJOR WAGNER

Five years ago.

CAPT. STOTY EMEYER

She called you last week.

MAJOR WAGNER

She called me once or twice a year, when she was lonely or depressed or drunk. Usually all three

The Major's attractive wife, NICOLE WAGNER, steps outside, holding a DRINK. She walks toward them.

SIME

NICOLE WAGNER

Steve? We're cutting the cake...

CAPT: STOTTLEMENTED

(low, man-to-man)

Why don't we talk about this tomorrow

MAJON

It's okay, Captain. I don't have any secrets from my wife.

Nicole steps up. The Major puts his arm around her.

MAJOR WAGNER (cont'd)

Honey, these men are detectives. Joanne Raphelson is dead.

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Nikole Wagner

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NICOLE WAGNER

Oh no. Poor girl.

MAJOR WAGNER

I made a mistake, Captain. It was
five years ago. Ni de knows all
about it.

(kisses Nicole)
I don't deserve this woman.

During this, Monk notices: Nicole's drink. It's mixed with an olive, an onion, and a cherry.

MONK

Excuse me. What are you drinking?

NICOLE WAGNER

It's called a Moonshot. My husband invented it.

MONK

Is that an olive...?

NICOLE WAGNER

And an onion and a cherry.

MAGNER

It's my claim to fame. You want one?

MONK

No. Thank you.

(then, suspiciously)

Major. I was reading about your flight. They said they almost had to cancel the liftoff... because you were late.

MAJOR WAGNER

That's Fine. I got lost on my way to Edwards. Can you believe it?

MON

You got lost?

MAJOR WAGNER

I tried to take a shortcut

(chuckling)

I guess I'm a better navigator up there than I am on the highway.

A DISTINGUISHED-LOCKING GUEST arrives.

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Congressman! I'm glad you could make it.

Major. When are we going to have that talk about your future?

MAJOR WAGNER

had tonight? The evener the better.

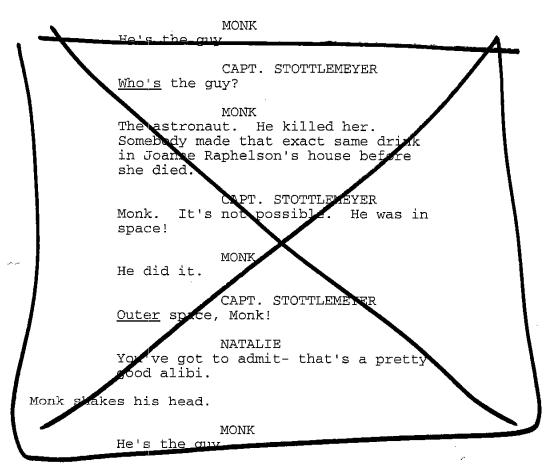
(to our group)

If you'll excuse me, my friends are waiting. Why don't we do this another time?

NICOLE WAGNER It was nice meeting you.

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Major Wagner, Nicole and the Congressman walk back toward the house.



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