

MONK  
 (babbling, still defensive)  
 It was a psychological discharge...  
 I plan to be reinstated...

NATALIE  
 (defending Monk, overlapping)  
 It's only temporary... He's getting better...

CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER  
 (interrupting, to Major Wagner)  
 How well did you know her?

MAJOR WAGNER  
 Intimately.

LT. DISHER  
 When was the last time you saw her?

MAJOR WAGNER  
 Five years ago.

CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER  
 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.

"MONK" - NICOLE WAGNER

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

**STAFF** →

NICOLE WAGNER  
 Steve? We're cutting the cake...

~~CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER  
 (low, man-to-man)  
 Why don't we talk about this tomorrow.~~

~~MAJOR WAGNER  
 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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NICOLE WAGNER

Oh no. Poor girl.

~~MAJOR WAGNER~~

~~I made a mistake, Captain. It was  
five years ago. Nicole 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.

~~MAJOR WAGNER~~

~~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 true. I got lost on my way to Edwards. Can you believe it?~~

~~MONK~~

~~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-LOOKING GUEST arrives.

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~~MAJOR WAGNER (Cont'd)  
Congressman! I'm glad you could  
make it.~~

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

MAJOR WAGNER

~~How about tonight? The sooner 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.

MONK

~~He's the guy~~

CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER

~~Who's the guy?~~

MONK

~~The astronaut. He killed her.  
Somebody made that exact same drink  
in Joanne Raphelson's house before  
she died.~~

CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER

~~Monk. It's not possible. He was in  
space!~~

MONK

~~He did it.~~

CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER

~~Outer space, Monk!~~

NATALIE

~~You've got to admit- that's a pretty  
good alibi.~~

Monk shakes his head.

MONK

~~He's the guy~~

END OF ACT ONE

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