

INT. JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL - HALLWAY - MORNING -- LATER

Later. In the school hallway. STUDENTS walk past, greeting each other, teasing each other, etc.

SHERRY, 13, is at her locker. She's the smartest and nicest girl in the class. Her locker is a little messy and disorganized.

ADRIAN MONK, 13, steps up. He looks and behaves like.. well, like a young Monk. His locker is next to Sherry's. He has a big crush on her.

Adrian opens his locker, which is annoyingly clean and neat. His BOOKS and SUPPLIES are arranged methodically.

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SHERRY  
(frustrated)  
I can never find anything in here.

ADRIAN  
Me neither.  
(then, anxiously)  
Oh. Sherry. I wanted to thank you for recommending that rock and roll record. It was very groovy.

SHERRY  
(confused)  
I didn't recommend anything.

ADRIAN  
Yes you did. You were wearing a Monkees T-shirt yesterday, which is the same thing as recommending them. So I bought their record- the Daydream Believer.

SHERRY  
Did you like it?

ADRIAN  
Well, I haven't actually heard it yet. We don't have a player. But I assume it's excellent-  
(catching himself)  
I mean... groovy. You can tell from the cover. They look so groovy. And I'm not just saying that because my name is four-sevenths of their name- Monkees. Monk. Monkees. Get it?

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# YOUNG ADRIAN MONK (cont)

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Adrian chortles, pathetically, at his own lame joke.

SHERRY

Well. I gotta go.

Sherry closes her locker. She turns her COMBINATION LOCK back to zero.

ADRIAN

You always turn your lock back to zero. I noticed that. I do that, too. So, later, it's easier to open.

SHERRY

Uh huh.

ADRIAN

Actually, we have a lot of things in common. I made a list.

SHERRY

You... made a list?

Adrian takes out a HAND-WRITTEN LIST.

ADRIAN

(reading)

"Things Adrian Monk and Sherry Judd have in common. One- our lockers are next to each other. Two- we both like the Patty Duke Show"- even though she has to be lying because they're supposed to be identical cousins, which is physically impossible.

(resuming)

"Three- perfect attendance record. And four...

(hinting, hopefully)

Neither of us has a date for the Spring Fling."

SHERRY

(embarrassed)

How do you know that?

ADRIAN

When you opened your notebook yesterday I happened to get a glimpse of your weekly planner. I noticed you have a babysitting job lined up for that night. Unless I'm wrong... which, you know, I'm not.

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# YOUNG ADRIAN MONK (CON'T)

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SHERRY

Wow. You notice everything, don't you? You have a real gift, Adrian. You should be a detective.

Monk blushes. Then- KEN WAGNER, 13, saunters up. Long hair, tie-dyed shirt, mellow attitude- a hippie in training.

KEN

Hey Sherry.

Sherry melts; she has a huge crush on Ken.

YOUNG SHERRY

Hey Ken.

KEN

I'm going to art class. You wanna be my model?

YOUNG SHERRY

Yeah. Cool.  
(to Adrian, walking away)  
See you around.

Young Sherry walks away with Ken. Adrian watches her go.

ADRIAN

(sadly)  
See you.

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