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CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER

You're going home.

(beat)

aybe you're right. Maybe this guy is the guy. But he still gave you some good advice. You gotta relax. Give yourself a break. Turn your brain off.

MONK

I- I can't

APT. STOTTLEMEYER

We'll take it from Go Nome. Monk. here.

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At the MAIN ENTRANCE. Outside.

> His note is still bleeding. Monk is Zeaving the hospital. A TAXI As waiting, by the curb.

> > TAXI DRIVER

Taxi?

Monk hesitates. He looks back, at the hospital.

HOSPITAL - MRS. ESTERBROOK'S ROOM - SAME TIME -- DAY 26 INT.

Meanwhile. Upstairs. Dr. Scott is making his rounds. He's leading FIVE YOUNG INTERNS from patient to patient...

They enter a HOSPITAL ROOM. They crowd around the bed. The patient: MRS. ESTERBROOK, 50's.

MRS. ESTERBROOK

(surprised)

Dr. Scott- ?!

DR. SCOTT

Hello, Shelly. Did you miss me?

MRS. ESTERBROOK

They said you were sick.

DR. SCOTT

Don't worry about me, darling. the Rock Of Gibraltar. And so are you.

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Mrs. Esterbrook beams. She loves Dr. Scott.

DR. SCOTT (cont'd)
I brought some friends with me. The
best and the brightest... or so I'm
told. Mr. Collins. You're up.

He hands a MEDICAL CHART to an anxious, shy intern named COLLINS.

DR. SCOTT (cont'd)
She's your patient. What do you see?

INTERN COLLINS
Okay. Elevated white count... waxy coloration...

DR. SCOTT What is your diagnosis, doctor?

INTERN COLLINS

(unsure)

Advanced diverticulitis...?

DR. SCOTT Is that your final answer?

Collins hesitates. Then nods.

DR. SCOTT (cont'd)
Congratulations, Mr. Collins. You
just killed my favorite patient.
 (to the Interns)
Mr. Collins has conveniently
overlooked her persistent fever and
right lower quadrant pain, indicating
what?

(impatiently)
Indicating what?

An Intern named EVA- sharp, eager to please- responds.

INTERN EVA

Appendicitis.

DR. SCOTT
There may be a doctor in the house after all. Any questions?

MONK'S VOICE Yes. I have a question.

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Everyone turns. It's- Monk! He's back. He's standing with the Interns, his nose still bleeding. Dr. Scott tenses.

DR. SCOTT

Mr. Monk? I thought I sent you home.

MONK

I had some unfinished business.

DR. SCOTT

(explaining)

This is Adrian Monk. He's with the police department. I'm sure you all heard about what happened to Graydon Whitcomb.

The Interns nod, solemnly. Monk holds up the long CARDIOGRAPH PAPER.

MONK

Could you take a look at this, Doctor? It's from an EKG.

DR. SCOTT

Yes. I think I've seen one or two of these.

Monk indicates some short gaps in the long printout.

MONK

It's from last night. Midnight to 3 AM. But there are some gaps. Here. And here. It looks like it was disconnected.

DR. SCOTT DR. SCOTT

Eva. Explain these gaps to Mr. Monk.

INTERN EVA

There are gaps like this in any EKG. Any time a patient rolls over or changes position.

MONK

(indicates graph)

How long is this gep, right here

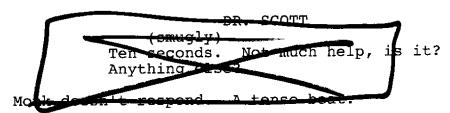
INTERN EVA

Eight seconds. Maybe ten.

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INTERN EVA

What's going on?

DR. SCOTT

It's almost too absurd. You all remember my patient, Nate Vigderson. 87 years old. Osteo-arthritis. Kidney failure.

(amused)

<u>He</u> is Detective Monk's number one suspect.

The Interns chuckle.

DR. SCOTT (cont'd)

(indicates Monk's

nose)

That may not be blood, Mr. Monk. You may be losing cranial fluid.

The Interns chuckle again.

MONK

(pointedly)

Actually, I have a different suspect.

DR. SCOTT

Well. That is a relief.

MONK

This one had a motive. The victim was planning to testify against him in a malpractice suit.

Dr. Scott steps up to Monk. They're eye to eye.

DR. SCOTT

I hope your new suspect wasn't hooked up to a heart monitor too. Because that would mean he couldn't possibly have done it.

(beat)

Am I right?

Monk doesn't respond.

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DR. SCOTT (cont'd)
It would also mean you're wasting both our time. Your time may not mean much, Mr. Monk. But my time-in this hospital—is a precious commodity.

(then)

Go bleed somewhere else.

11 END

27 INT. HOSPITAL - DR. SCOTT'S OLD ROOM -- MOMENTS LATER

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Noments later. In Dr. Scott's OLD HOSPITAL ROOM.

The room is empty. The bed has been stripped. The mylar "Get Well Soon" balloons are still floating near the ceiling.

Nonk enters, still dabbing his bloody nose.

le looks around. He checks out the HEARY MONITOR. He peeks behind it. Te tugs on the cables. Everything seems normal. He sighs, frustrated.

Then- a friendly HOSPITAL JANITOR enters.

HOSPITAL JANITOR

Don't mild me.

The Janitor empties & TRASH CAN. Then he removes the cluster of MYLAR BALLOONS, which <u>exposes</u>- for the first time- a corner of the ceiling.

Monk, as always, is looking up. He notices: a WATLR STAIN on the ceiling-just like the one he saw in Nate Vigderson's room!

MONK

(puzzled)
There' a stain.

HOSPITAL JANITOR
Yean. There's a leak upstairs.

MONK

I saw the same stain in another room.

HOSPITAL JANITOR

They're probably connected. Or used to be. A lot of these rooms were divided up a few years back.

(shrugging)

Not my problem. That's all I know.