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NATALIE

I think so. Why?

21 INT. DRUG STORE -- THAT NIGHT (NIGHT 3)

21

That night. Across town. In a large, 24-hour DRUG STORE.

Monk, Natalie, Lt. Disher and Capt. Stottlemeyer are talking to the DRUG STORE NIGHT MANAGER- a middle-aged, burnt-out loser.

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DRUG STORE MANAGER

A striped umbrella? Yeah. I found it. Tuesday morning, as I was leaving. It was on a shelf, over there. It said "Property of City Hall", so I dropped it off.

(hopefully)

Is there a reward?

LT. DISHER

Yeah. You did the right thing. That's your reward.

The Manager sighs, disappointed.

CAPT. STOTTEMEYER

That was the night Jimmy Cusack was killed, right up the street.

During this, Monk is distracted. He indicates: THREE PACKS OF ODOR EATERS, on a rack.

MONK

Do you have any more of these?

DRUG STORE MANAGER

Just what's there.

MONK

That's not enough.

DRUG STORE MANAGER

How many do you need?

MONK

A trillion. But there are two to a pack. So, I guess, half a trillion.

"MONK" - DRUG STORE manager

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DRUG STORE MANAGER

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NATALIE

(resuming)

Mr. Dekker. The umbrella. Did you happen to notice who left it?

DRUG STORE MANAGER

Nope.

CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER

Do you still have the sales receipts from Monday night?

DRUG STORE MANAGER

Maybe. Is there a reward?

22 INT. DRUG STORE, COUNTER -- MOMENTS LATER

22

Moments later. At a sales counter. The group is going through a BIG PILE OF SALE RECEIPTS, one at a time.

DRUG STORE MANAGER

You wanna tell me what this is about?

CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER

No.

DRUG STORE MANAGER

Fair enough.

Monk finds the right receipt.

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MONK

Here it is. 12:24 AM. He paid cash. Bottled water, a pack of Danish Gold cigarettes, and...

Natalie reads the last item.

NATALIE

A wrist bandage?

MONK

(nodding)

A wrist bandage. Here's what happened...

23 INT. JIMMY CUSACK'S OFFICE - MIDNIGHT - FLASHBACK (B&W) (FB- 23 1)

We begin another of our patented BLACK & WHITE FLASHBACK SEQUENCES.

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26 INT. CUSACK'S OFFICE -- NIGHT -- FLASHBACK (B&W) (FB-4) 26

The FLASHBACK continues. A few minutes later. Back in Cusack's office.

The Mayor is leaning over Cusack's body... wrapping Cusack's lifeless right wrist in the bandage.

MONK (V.O.)

Then he went back to the office and made it look like Cusack sprained his right hand.

27 INT. DRUG STORE -- RESUME NIGHT 27

The FLASHBACK ends. We're back in the Drug Store.

MONK

It would've worked, too, except...

NATALIE

He forgot his umbrella.

CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER

~~It's easy enough to prove. He's the Mayor, for God's sake.~~

(to Store Manager)

Who rang this up?

DRUG STORE MANAGER

(reading receipt)

"Cashier Number One." That would be me.

CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER

Do you remember who you sold this to?

DRUG STORE MANAGER

Maybe I do...

LT. DISHER

There's no reward.

DRUG STORE MANAGER

(quickly)

I have no idea. It's impossible. We get so many people in here.

MONK

Was it him?

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Monk holds up the late-edition newspaper- the one with the big picture of the Mayor.

DRUG STORE MANAGER

You mean the Mayor?

(amused)

What would the Mayor be doing in here at 12:30 in the morning?

MONK

Buying a wrist bandage!

DRUG STORE MANAGER

It wasn't him.

MONK

It was him.

DRUG STORE MANAGER

It wasn't him.

MONK

It was him.

DRUG STORE MANAGER

Look, I'm not an idiot. I think I'd remember if the Mayor of San Francisco was in my store buying a wrist bandage. It. Wasn't. Him.

A stunned beat.

LT. DISHER

~~See~~. you were wrong?

(confused)

Because, usually, when you say "Here's what happened" it's pretty much what happened...

Monk shakes his head, stunned. Natalie comforts him.

MONK

It's the stench... it's everywhere...
I can't think straight...

CAPE STOTTLEMEYER

It wasn't the Mayor?

(groaning)

Aw hell. Aw hell. I gotta go out there and retract everything.

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DRUG STORE MANAGER

(shrugging)

So? He got it wrong. What's the
big deal? Hasn't he ever been wrong
before?

NATALIE

(comforting Monk)

No. No, he hasn't.

END

Sc. 2

END OF ACT THREE

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