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MONK (CONT'D)

It's just temporary. Until he gets on his feet.

CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER
Monk, you're not responsible for
this guy. You were doing your job.
You made an honest mistake. It
happens.

MONK

I can't just walk away. I ruined his life.

LT. DISHER

(sympathetically)

It must be tough. I wasn't involved in the case, as you know, but I can certainly appreciate- I mean, I can imagine- what you must be going through...

CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER Randy, why don't you just make a T-shirt that says "It Wasn't Me"?

The FRONT DOOR opens, revealing: ERIC GABRIELSON, the homeowner. Early 40's. A typical suburban dad.

CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER (CONT'D)

(flashing his BADGE)

Mr. Gabrielson? Gapt. Stottlemeyer. SFPD. We spoke on the phose. Is this a good time?

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ERIC GABRIELSON

Not really.

A beat.

CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER

(more determined)

How about now?

ERIC GABRIELSON

Okay. Yeah.

10 INT. GABRIELSON HOUSE -- CONTINUOUS

Eric Gabrielson leads them inside. A spacious, open LIVING ROOM, with a SLIDING DOOR, that leads to the back yard.

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We meet the family: Eric, his wife, CINDY, and two sons, MICHAEL, 11, and MATTHEW, 8. All clean cut. White bread. Apple pie.

The boys are playing cops and robbers with TOY POLICE CARS and TOY POLICEMAN DOLLS.

ERIC GABRIELSON

Michael, Matthew. These men are from the police.

MICHAEL

The real police?

ERIC GABRIELSON

That's right. They're just going to look around for a few minutes.

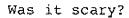
MICHAEL

Why?

Lt. Disher crosses to the young boys. He kneels down.

LT. DISHER

Because a long time ago, before I was on the force, something happened in this house.



LT. DISHER

[don't know. I wasn't here.

was before my time.

Nearby: Monk has gone into his famous Zen-Monk trance. He's pacing... thinking... looking around the house.

MICHAEI

What's he doing?

CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER

He's a detective. Nike on T.V.

CINDY GABRIELSON

We don't let the boys watch TV.

It too violent.

CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER

I don't blame you. I got two kids

myself.

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ERIC GABRIELSON

The Realtor did mention something when we bought the house. Something about a robbery...?

MONK

It was a home invasion. Double homicide. Husband and wife. Then killed. Tortured.

standed. Monk- lost in his trance-The G brielsons react realize he's upsetting the family. does

CINDY GABRIELSON

Were they drug dealers?

MONK

They were a nice couple About your age.

CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER

They sold jewelry. They had a wall safe filled with merchandise. That's what the killer was af

ERIC GABRIELSON

I... thought you caught him.

CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER

So did we. It turns out we had the wrong guy. We're reopening the case. $(\omega \tau \tau o \rightarrow)$

CINDY GABRIELSON

What can you find <u>now</u>? I mean, ten kears?

LT. DISHER

Actually it s <u>eleven</u> year

(doing the math) s see. I've been Let's see. on the force for nine. This was two and a half years before that . so yeah eleven years.

Monk- lost in thought- walks through the family's beautiful

home. He's thinking out loud ...

MONK

The wall safe was here. I remember, we found bloody footprints here there was a trail of blood ... rid through here... it was splattered

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MONK (CONT'D) all over... we found part of his thumb over there... camily listens, horrified. Monk is oblivious. rhe MONK (CONT'D) The wife broke free... she crayled across the playroom... through the patio... Monk looks but the PATIO DOOR. MONK (CONT' They killed her out there. the sandbox is. The Young Boys react, shocked. Monk turns to them MONK (CONT'D) You guys play oftside? The Boys nod. MONK (CONT'D)
You ever found apything unusual out there? MATTHE Like #hat? MONK Like a 9 millimeter shell casing. Of a bone fragment? They shake their heads. The Boys Mulp: MONK (CONT'D) Hacksaw blade? MATTHEW What's that? He crosses to a wooden WINDOW Then Monk notices something. Stottlemeyer steps up. CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER What do you got?

pick up -> Bite marks. A dog.

Monk indicates: faint, painted-over bite marks in the wood.

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ERIC GABRIELSON They were there when we moved in.

CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER

Do you have a dog?

ERIC GABRIELSON

No sir. Cindy's allergic.

CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER

Well somebody did.

MONK

lobody else has lived here, except the victims.

Lt. Disher steps up with a CASE FILE.

LT. DISHER

(reading

The David s had a You're right? dog. It died the day before the murders.

> COTTLEMEYER CAPTA

The day before What are the odds?

LT. DISHER

They buried it that morning. back yard, under the oak thee.

CAPT. STOTTLEMEYE

Lex s find it and dig it up. check it for toxins.

Maybe for The your Boys are traumatized. stil lutching their POLICEMEN DOLLS.

They're

ERIC GABRIELSON

Why don't you guys play upstairs. You can take your dolls.

MATTHEW

i... don't want to play cops and robbers anymore.

MICHAEL

Me neither

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CONDO COMPLEY -- THAT NIGHT (NIGHT 5)

We establish a modest apartment Across town. That night. comblex

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