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MONK
I can't figure it out. It was at the Ripley's Museum. The only thing missing is one display. It's a mechanical man. A robot.

MARGE
A robot?

MONK
An egg eating robot.

MARGE
Oh my goodness gracious. That's why I don't watch the news. It's just one crazy thing after another, isn't it?

MONK
Yes ma'am.

MARGE
Drink your juice.

MONK
Yes ma'am.

"MONK" - Gloria

12 INT. WINSTON KASINSKY'S HOUSE - LIVING ROOM -- DAY

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Across town. In a sad, cramped, cluttered apartment.

Stottlemeyer and Disher are questioning the weirdest family in California. The father: WINSTON KASINSKY. A thin, intense man. Mid-30s. He's a competitive eater. An egg eater.

And GLORIA, his bitter, dumpy wife. And their creepy ten-year-old SON. The boy never speaks. He just sits there, eating a hard-boiled egg, staring at Stottlemeyer and Disher. We're in Adams Family Country.

Disher is showing Kasinsky some hand-written letters.

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KASINSKY
Did I write 'em? Yeah. I'm not denying it. But I never hurt anybody.
(bitterly)
I'm not a maniac. I'm a competitive eater. I'm a professional.

Gloria indicates a LINE OF TROPHIES, on various shelves.

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GLORIA

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GLORIA

He's an athlete. You see all those trophies?

CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER

Yes ma'am. Very impressive.

(then)

Look. This isn't a magazine interview. This is a homicide investigation. A security guard was killed last night. The man who killed him stole the Togo exhibit.

Lt. Dishor reads from Kasinsky's letters.

LT. DISHER

You called Mr. Togo "a sham". And a "disgrace". And a "charlatan".

KASINSKY

Which he is. It's not slander if it's true.

GLORIA

(explaining)

When Togo broke that record, he was in Malaysia. The eggs are smaller there.

KASINSKY

They're twelve centimeters.

GLORIA

Everybody knows that.

Stottlemeyer and Dishor exchange eye rolls.

CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER

Right. The eggs are smaller.

(resuming)

Last February, in broad daylight, you defaced the plaque in front of the Togo exhibit.

KASINSKY

I didn't deface it. I corrected it.

GLORIA

(proudly)

The fact is, my husband is the True world champion. He beat that record two years ago, in Mexico City. He ate 54 eggs in 6 minutes.

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Gloria

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CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER
No kidding.

GLORIA
But the Ripley Committee wouldn't recognize it. They said the last three eggs weren't down.

~~KASINSKY
They were down. Long enough.
CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER
Yeah. I'm sorry I missed that.~~

LT. DISHER
Mr. Kasinsky. Where were you last night? Between nine and ten PM?

KASINSKY
Last night? We were at the Chicken Meister.

~~LT. DISHER
The Chicken Meister?~~

KASINSKY
It's a restaurant. On Vinton Street. With an All-You-Can-Eat Buffet.

GLORIA
(sneering)
Or so they claim.

~~LT. DISHER
Did you pay with a credit card?
KASINSKY
No. But they'll remember me.
LT. DISHER
We'll check it out.
KASINSKY
Good. Check it out!~~

(then)
Look. It wasn't me. I'm not angry anymore. I'm past all that. I'm going to compete again, in Boston, in two weeks. This time, there won't be any question who's top dog.

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Gloria

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GLORIA

He's been training all year. He's up to eighty eggs in six minutes.

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CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER

Really?

KASINSKY

You don't believe me?

CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER

No. I'm sure you're very... gifted.

KASINSKY

(to his son)

Evan. Get the eggs.

The BOY crosses... sullenly... to the kitchen.

KASINSKY (CONT'D)

We'll do it right now. You're my witnesses. Which is perfect. You're cops. They'll have to believe you.

The Boy returns with a HUGE BOWL of HARD-BOTTLED EGGS.

KASINSKY (CONT'D)

Good boy.

Kasinsky quickly eats two eggs.

LT. DISHER

(keeping count)

Two...

KASINSKY

No. They don't count. That was my breakfast. Here we go.

Kasinsky warms up, as if he were an Olympic athlete. He stretches his mouth w-i-d-e... he yawns... he practices pumping his arms up and down, to his mouth.

KASINSKY (CONT'D)

WAAA. Waaa. WAAAAA.

Gloria takes out a STOPWATCH.

GLORIA

Are you ready?

LT. DISHER

I don't think so.

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