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CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER  
(teasing)  
I heard you had a little disagreement with the "Don't Walk" sign.

NATALIE  
But here you are. I knew you could do it.

MONK  
Actually, I had a little help.

CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER  
(chuckling)  
Let me guess. A little old lady took your arm and helped you across the street.

MONK  
She's not that little. She's right over there.

Monk gestures. Across the room: his now friend, Marge Burroughs, is at the FRONT DESK, filing a complaint.

Stottlemeyer and Dishar know her. They crack up!

LT. DISHER  
It's Marge!

CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER  
Of course! How perfect is that?

MONK  
You know her?

CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER  
Monk, every cop in the precinct knows her. They wish they didn't.

"MONK" - SERGEANT MUELLER

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Across the room: Marge is talking to SGT. MUELLER. Mueller knows Marge, too. Apparently, she complains all the time.

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MARGE  
He's playing those bongos all the time. It used to be just during the day. Now it's every night! Bom-bom-bom-bom!

Sgt. Mueller sighs. He shows Marge a report.

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SERGEANT MUELLER

Look. Marge. We've warned him twice. See? He's already been cited. There's nothing more we can do.

MARGE

But I can't sleep. It's like a rock and roll music festival over there! Bom-bom-bom-bom! Bom-bom-bom!

SERGEANT MUELLER

He has a court date, November 17th. If you can wait until then, maybe the judge will issue an injunction.

During this, Monk steps up. He likes Marge. He gallantly defends her.

MONK

Hello again. Hi. What's going on?

SERGEANT MUELLER

Disturbing the peace. No big deal.

MARGE

It's a big deal to me! It's my peace he's disturbing!

MONK

It's her peacc. It's a big deal to her.

MARGE

(explaining, to Monk)  
It's my next-door-neighbor, Mr. Keyes. He used to be such a nice man. But two weeks ago he bought a drum set.

MONK

Uh oh.

MARGE

And now I can't sleep. I can't hear myself thinking. And nobody's doing anything.

SERGEANT MUELLER

I was just explaining to Miss Burroughs here that the department has other priorities...

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