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17 INT. SMITH & MCCLOSKEY PHARMACY -- DAY 17

Stottlemeyer is at the counter. He's still in pain.

OWEN MCCLOSKEY

Captain Stottlemer

Geol: Inside. A small, friendly store. Behind the counter: the pharmacist, OWEN McCLOSKEY. In a white coat. 40ish.

Stottlemeyer hands McCloskey an EMPTY PILL BOTTLE.

CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER

About the same.

McCloskey refills the prescription, as...

OWEN MCCLOSKEY

My brother-in-law used to have a bad back. You know what did it? Acupuncture. He swears by it.

CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER

Been there, done that. I'm trying everything. Crystals. Acupuncture. This morning I was at the monastery in Franklin Park, drinking water from their fountain.

OWEN MCCLOSKEY

(amused)

Yeah. I heard about that. The "Miracle Fountain". Any luck?

CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER

Not yet.

OWEN MCCLOSKEY

Well, maybe it's a time-release miracle.

Stottlemeyer notices a crucifix on the wall.

CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER

Are you a religious man?

OWEN MCCLOSKEY

Can't say I am.

CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER

Because I noticed the-

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OWEN MCCLOSKEY

The crucifix. My ex-partner, Henry Smith, put that up the day we opened. He went to church every Sunday for years, rain or shine... until the day he embezzled 18 thousand dollars from me and disappeared.

McCloskey hands Stottlemeyer the PILL BOTTLE.

OWEN MCCLOSKEY (CONT'D)
You're all set. Merry Christmas.

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18 INT. MONK'S APARTMENT - KITCHEN -- DAY (DAY 4)

few days later. In Monk's apartment. Monk is in the kilchen. Natalie enters, carrying a SMALL GROCERY BAG NATALIE Sorry I'm late. MONK 's that? NATALIE For Frida I forgot the gravy. The big dinner. They make their You wasted a trip. own gravy. NATALI Who makes their own Bums. NATALIE (appalled) Bums make their own gravy? does. that even mean? MONK You don't want to know. INT, CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER'S CONDO - BEDROOM -- NEXT DAY (DAY 19 5) In STOTTLEMEYER'S BEDROOM.

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Katie looks anxious. She's stealing some sedatives from a PILL DISPENSER.

She swallows the pills. She calms herself... then takes out the BUSINESS CARD that Stottlemeyer gave her. She reaches for a WALL PHONE, and dials his number.

CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER'S VOICE (ON PHONE) This is Captain Leland Stottlemeyer. Please leave a message when you hear the beep. BEEEEP.

But- before Katie can speak- the OVERHEAD LIGHT is CLICKED ON! Katie turns.

The Pharmacist, Owen McCloskey, is standing there. McCloskey suddenly doesn't look so friendly. Or so neighborly.

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OWEN MCCLOSKEY

Katie?

(sharply)
What are you doing here? I told
you, we can't be seen together. It
would ruin everything.

Katie gulps. McCloskey steps forward. He notices: the CARD in her hand.

OWEN MCCLOSKEY (CONT'D)

Stottlemeyer? You're calling a cop?

KATIE DOYLE

(gushing, pleading)

I can't do it, Owen. I'm sorry... these people... they're coming from all over now... some of them are really sick...

OWEN MCCLOSKEY

Who gives a damn?

KATIE DOYLE

You're not there. You don't see it. They're throwing their medicine away... I mean, they really believe in the fountain...

OWEN MCCLOSKEY

That's the whole idea, sweetheart.

During this, McCloskey takes a HANDGUN from under the counter!

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KATIE DOYLE

I'm sorry... Owen, I'm sorry. I
can't do it anymore...

OWEN MCCLOSKEY

I believe you.

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McCloskey EXPLODES! He SWINGS the HANDGUN, hitting Katie in the head with the gun butt. Katie COLLAPSES into some shelves!

McCloskey collects himself. He starts to hang the PHONE up. Then he stops. He listens to the receiver. He hears:

RECORDED VOICE (THROUGH PHONE)

"Your message has been saved. Thank you."

BEEEEP. McCloskey realizes: the entire attack was recorded!

END OF ACT THREE