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BROTHER ANDREW
Yes. Brother Leland.

NATALIE
Is he here?

BROTHER ANDREW
He is upstairs, in the conservatory.

NATALIE
Can we speak to him?

BROTHER ANDREW
I'm afraid that's not possible.
Brother Leland has taken a vow of
silence. He is learning to listen
to God.

Monk and Natalie consider this. A long beat.

NATALIE
Leland Stottlemeyer.

MONK
Could we see him? We're investigating
a homicide. It's very important.

BROTHER ANDREW
You may go. But, I'm afraid, Miss
Teeger, you are not permitted beyond
the foyer. This temple is for
Brothers Only.

NATALIE
(bristling)
I understand. I must've misread the
sign out front. You know, the one
that says "All Are Welcome".

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Moments later. Upstairs. A dark, cavernous hall. Sparsely furnished. Some bookshelves. This is their library.

A FEW MONKS, in HOODED ROBES, are sitting in cubicles. Some are silently reading. Some are silently meditating.

Monk enters, wearing his regular clothes. He looks around. He whispers-

STRET → Captain?

MONK

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MONK - "SHUSHING MONK"

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SHH MONK

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A SENIOR MONK turns, disapprovingly.

SHUSHING MONK

Shhhh!

MONK

(whispering)

Sorry. I'm looking for-

SHUSHING MONK

Shhhh!

MONK

(whispering)

A friend of mine. Here's the thin-

SHUSHING MONK

Shhhh!

MONK

(whispering)

Here's the th-

SHUSHING MONK

Shhhh!

MONK

(whispering)

Here's the th-

SHUSHING MONK

Shhhh!

MONK

(whispering)

Here's the th-

SHUSHING MONK

Shhhh!

MONK

(whispering)

Here's-

SHUSHING MONK

Shhhh!

MONK

(whispering)

Here's the-

SHUSHING MONK

Shhhh!

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SHHH Monk

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MONK
(whispering)
Here's-

SHUSHING MONK
Shhhh!

MONK
(whispering)
Here-

SHUSHING MONK
Shhhh!

MONK
(whispering)
Doesn't matter.

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Monk continues. He crosses the room. He approaches a HOODED MONK, who is deep in silent meditation.

MONK (CONT'D)
(whispering)
Captain?

The Hooded Monk turns. It's- Captain Stottlemeyer! We barely recognize Stottlemeyer. He's calm. Serene. At peace. Plus, he's clean-shaven. No moustache. Sorry, Ted.

Monk is startled. He recoils!

MONK (CONT'D)
WOAGH!

Brother Leland doesn't speak. He smiles, warmly. Monk takes a FEATHERED PEN off a desk and holds it up to Stottlemeyer's lip, to recreate his old moustache. It is the Captain!

MONK (CONT'D)
(whispering)
Are you okay?

Stottlemeyer smiles. He nods, calmly... calmly.

MONK (CONT'D)
I need to-

CAPT. STOTTMLEYER
Shhh.

MONK
It's about-

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