TEASER

1 INT. MONK'S APARTMENT - KITCHEN -- MORNING (DAY 1)

It's morning. We're in Monk's apartment. Monk is alone. He's still in his pajamas. He's making himself breakfast.

He carefully pours some pancake batter onto a frying pan. The batter sizzles. Monk watches the pan, concerned.

The pancake batter isn't perfectly symmetrical. Monk starts to "even it out" with a spatula, squaring it off. The pancake gets smaller and smaller ...

During this, a COUNTER TOP TV IS ON. A LOCAL NEWSCAST is in progress. A GRAPHIC says: ESCAPE!

NEWS ANCHOR (ON TV) And in local news: a statewide manhunt is currently underway for this man-

ON TV: they FLASH A MUG SHOT of the escapee: a bearded, blond desperado, late 30's, in a prison jumpsuit.

> NEWS ANCHOR (ON 'TV) Joe Endicott, who escaped from the Bayside Correctional Facility late last night.

ON TV: they FLASH A SHOT of the CRIME SCENE. We SEE: Lindsey Bishop's car. Her body, lying nearby, covered with a sheet.

> NEWS ANCHOR (ON TV) He apparently tried to carjack this vehicle in the prison parking lot, killing a young woman in the process. Authorities warn that Endicott may be armed and must be considered extremely dangerous.

During this, Monk finally "evens out" his pancake. He slides it or what's left of it onto a plate. It's tiny. A perfect, tiny square pancake. It's about the size of a POST-IT NOTE.

Then, from another room: glass breaking. Monk tenses. he hears: a THUMP! There's someone in the house!!

Monk steps... slowly... into the LIVING ROOM. He glances down a dark hall. He glimpses: a SHADOWY FIGURE darting around!

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