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ACROSS THE ROOM: their host, JAMES CURRY, now casually dressed, emerges from the kitchen. He's carrying a BOTTLE OF WINE.

His wife, MELINDA, stops him. There's some tension between them. This marriage is in trouble.

MELINDA CURRY

There you are.

(indicates bottle)

I thought you were getting the Chateau Angelus...?

JAMES CURRY

(low a friendly wink)

We've got Prince Charles coming through in two weeks. I'm saving the good stuff for him.

Melinda scowls.

JAMES CURRY (CONT'D)

These guys are just a bunch of cops. Believe me. They won't know the difference.

ACROSS THE ROOM: Natalie is still looking for Monk. She notices: Julie, talking to a YOUNG CREWMEMBER, mid-20's. They're laughing... flirting. Natalie steps up.

NATALIE

(friendly, but pointedly)

I bet I know what you two are talking about. You're talking about Julie's birthday. She has a big birthday coming up. How old are you going to be again, honey?

(doing the math)

Let's see. You're seventeen now. So on your birthday, you'll be eighteen. Because you're seventeen now. Seventeen plus one- eighteen.

The Crewmember gets the hint.

YOUNG CREWMEMBER

I'll... talk to you later.

NATALIE

Much later.

The Crewmember backs away. After he's gone-

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"Monk" - Young Crewmember

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