

8

CONTINUED: (3)

DR. BELL

I'm sorry to hear that, Adrian. I really am.

A beat. Monk doesn't move.

DR. BELL (CONT'D)

I thought you were leaving.

Monk sits back down.

MONK

I can't leave early. Natalie would kill me.

DR. BELL

Okay. Well. I guess we'll just... sit...

Dr. Bell and Monk sit. Silently. Awkwardly. They stare at each other. A beat. Another beat. Another awkward beat. They occasionally glance at their watches.

9 INT. HARDWARE STORE -- LATER THAT DAY

Later. In a local HARDWARE STORE. Monk is buying stuff for the new house. In his cart: a WELCOME MAT... some LIGHTBULBS... and a TON OF CLEANING SUPPLIES.

He's in the BATHROOM SUPPLY AISLE, shopping for a new SHOWER HEAD. He's holding one. He's Monkishly counting all the tiny little water holes.

A very-annoyed HARDWARE STORE CLERK watches, as...

MONK

93... 94, 95, 96... 97... 98.

(disappointed)

Do you have any with a hundred?

HARDWARE STORE CLERK

I don't know. Whatever's there.

MONK

(babbling)

Here's the thing. I'm buying a new house. I just came from a therapist who didn't think I could handle it.

HARDWARE STORE CLERK

No kidding.

"MONK" - HARDWARE STORE CLERK

1/2

START →

Hardware store clerk

"MR. MONK BUYS A HOUSE" - Prod/Network Draft - 4/23/08 18.

9 CONTINUED:

9

MONK

Get this: he said I was moving because the girl next door reminded me of my old therapist because they both like Chopin.

HARDWARE STORE CLERK

Uh huh.

MONK

I know. It's crazy, right? His name was Dr. Kroger. Charles Kroger. He passed about three months ago-

HARDWARE STORE CLERK

(interrupting)

I'm sorry. I have to go... be... somewhere else. Good luck.

// END

The Clerk walks away. A beat. Then a FREELANCE HANDYMAN steps up. Toolbelt and jeans. Friendly. Strong. A man's man. We'll soon know him as HONEST MIKE.

HONEST MIKE

Congratulations.

Monk turns.

HONEST MIKE (CONT'D)

I couldn't help overhearing. Your first house, huh? It's a great feeling, isn't it? Pride of ownership.

Honest Mike indicates Monk's SHOWER HEAD.

HONEST MIKE (CONT'D)

If you want a couple of extra holes in there, I could drill 'em for you.

MONK

Really?

HONEST MIKE

It'll take me two seconds.

(chuckles)

I'm the same way about my shower-very particular. My girlfriend says I'm obsessive about it.

MONK

yeah. I get that all the time.

(CONTINUED)

2/2