

Mrs. Kloster.

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NATALIE  
So? Just void it and write me another one!

MONK  
I can't do that. I wish I could. If it was up to me-

NATALIE  
Of course it's up to you!  
(in frustration, like a CAVEWOMAN!)  
ARRRRGGHHHHHHGGGGHH!

MONK  
(embarrassed)  
Okay. The fact is- I can't cover the overtime. I'm a little strapped for cash at the moment. But I'm good for it. Just keep track of what I owe you.

NATALIE  
I have been keeping track, Mr. Monk.  
~~It's almost 10 hundred dollars...~~

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"MONK" - MRS. KLOSTER

During this, a WOMAN enters. Her name is SUSAN KLOSTER. Mid-40's. Well-dressed. Calm. Composed.

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MRS. KLOSTER  
I'm sorry. The door was open. I thought I heard screaming.

~~NATALIE  
Oh, no. That was me. I scream almost every payday.~~

MONK  
Can I help you?

MRS. KLOSTER  
Are you Adrian Monk? My name is Susan Kloster. My husband is Gregory Kloster.

MONK  
The chess player?

~~NATALIE  
I was just reading about him. He's some kind of super-genius. Like, off the charts...~~

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MRS. KLOSTER

Yes. Gregory has an IQ of 180.  
Four points higher than Albert  
Einstein's.

MONK

What can I do for you?

MRS. KLOSTER

It's my husband.

(beat)

He's going to kill someone.

A stunned beat.

NATALIE

How do you know?

MRS. KLOSTER

He told me. He talks about it all  
the time. He says he has a perfect  
plan. He says it's foolproof, and  
that he'll never get caught.

MONK

Did he say who he's going to kill?

MRS. KLOSTER

Oh, yes.

(beat)

It's me. He's going to kill me.

END OF TEASER

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ACT ONE

2 INT. MONK'S APARTMENT - MOMENTS LATER -- DAY 2

Moments later. The scene continues...

Mrs. Kloster is now sitting on the couch. She's still calm, composed. Very matter-of-fact.

NATALIE

Would you like a drink? I think there's some wine...

MRS. KLOSTER

No. Thank you.

Mrs. Kloster indicates an ID PIN she's wearing.

MRS. KLOSTER (CONT'D)

I'm two years sober. Two years and three months. And one week.

NATALIE

Oh. Congratulations.

MONK

Mrs. Kloster. Isn't it possible that you misunderstood your husband..?

MRS. KLOSTER

Oh no. Gregory is not an ambiguous man. He said he's going to kill me. In fact, he tells me every day. As I'm going to bed, he'll say "Good night, sweetheart. It won't be long now."

NATALIE

Why don't you go to the police?

MRS. KLOSTER

I can't prove anything and he knows it. It'll be his word against mine.

NATALIE

Can't you just leave? Go somewhere?

MRS. KLOSTER

You mean hide? From Gregory? Impossible. He'd find me in two minutes. He's a chess grandmaster-the best in the world.

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MRS. KLOSTER (CONT'D)

He can anticipate my every move.  
Gregory knows what people are going  
to do before they do.

MONK

Why would he want to kill you?

MRS. KLOSTER

That's an easy one. He doesn't love  
me anymore.

NATALIE

He said that?

MRS. KLOSTER

I made a big mistake four years ago,  
and Gregory's never forgiven me for  
it.

NATALIE

What did you do?

MRS. KLOSTER

I turned forty.

~~NATALIE~~

~~What a creep. Excuse my French.~~

MONK

What about divorce?

MRS. KLOSTER

Gregory would never agree to it.  
Murdering me is going to make him a  
fortune. He's taken out a five  
million dollar insurance policy on  
my life.

MONK

Did he say when...?

MRS. KLOSTER

(matter of fact)  
No. But it'll be soon. When he  
kissed me goodbye this morning, it  
was... different. The way he smiled.  
It's definitely coming.

~~NATALIE~~

~~What's he now?~~

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