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(numb, trouble forming words)

Nokay. Nokay.

NATALIE

(explaining)

He's trying to say "okay". That's as close as he's ever going to get.

MONK

Nokay. Nokay.

INT. TV STUDIO NEXT NIGHT 3)

The next night. Back in the studio. It's Natalie's big debut!

Natalie is all dolled up. New dress. New hairstyle. She looks stunning... stunning and ahrious.

A MAKE-UP PERSON is fussing with her hoir and face.

NATALIE

Is it too much?

MAKE-UP PERSON

You look great

Nearby: a young SOUND ENGINEER is adjusting the BOOM MIKE and <u>locking it in place</u> directly above the PLEXI-GLASS TUMBLER MACHINE. His name is BILLY LOGAN. A bit scruffy. Quick-tempered. He's wearing a CREW CAP from a previous movie job; it says "Bay City Blues".

SMRT >

BILLY LOGAN

Excuse me. New Girl. New Girl.

You're off your mark.

NATALIE

My mark...?

BILLY LOGAN

(impatiently)

The big X on the floor. Look where I'm pointing.

STAGE MANAGER

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Billy

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NATALIE (CONT'D)

(to VARIOUS CREW

MEMBERS)

I don't have a script... Excuse me, I never saw a script...

BILLY LOGAN

There is no script. It's the lottery. For the love of God, if there was a script we'd all be rich. (muttering)

Amateurs.

FEND SC.1

In frustration, Logan removes his "EIGHT BELOW" CAP and thrusts it into a SIBB FOUCH IN HIS CHAIR.

ACROST THE ROOM, OFF CAMERA: Monk, Stottlemeyer and Disher are watching the show. Capt. Stottlemeyer remover 20 LOTTO TICKETS from his JACKET POCKET and holds them, expectantly.

LT. DISHER

Sue looks nervous.

CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER I don't care if she's nervous. As long as she's lucky.

The Station Manager, Mr. Lawrence, steps up.

MR. LAWRENCE

Captain. Lieutenant. Mow's the investigation going?

TAPT. TOTTLEMEYER

We're just getting started. We've spoken to the staff and camera crew. They all say they left the building right after the show.

MR. LAWRENCE

They usually do.

CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER body was here. The girl didn't

stab herself.

MR. LAWRENCE

You wanted to know if Marissa received any fan mail.

Mr. Lawrence produces a THICK FILE OF LETTERS.

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We're by the SWIMMING POOL. In a PRIVATE CABANA, away from the other guests.

Billy Logan, the sound engineer, and Eugene Maddox, the other Lotto winner, are old friends. They're partying with TWO YOUNG GIRLS. Drinking. Laughing. Celebrating.

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BILLY LOGAN

Waiter? Yo!

A WAITER steps up. We don't see his face.

BILLY LOGAN (CONT'D)

There's something wrong with my glass.

It's <u>empty</u>:

(laughing)

Hell. Bring the whole bottle. Charge it to the room.

CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER'S VOICE I'm afraid you can't afford it, Billy.

Logen looks up. The man isn't a waiter it's Capt.
Stattlemey'r! Monk, Natalie and Lt. Disher are there too.

LT. DISHER

You guys think you won the jackpot?

I got news for you-

(pause, for effect)

We got your numbers.

(correcting himself)

Number. We got your number.

(mad at himself)

Aw hell.

FIRST PARTY GIRL

Was that supposed to be funny?

CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER

Yes it was. Why don't you girls

give us a minute?

Stattlemeyer flashes his BADGE. The GIRLS leave, hurriedly.

NATALIE

(knowingly)

So you're old friends?

(anyimal, inventing)
No. No.

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BILLY LOGAN

I recognized him from TV, so I said hi... What was your name again?

Nisher holds up Logan's CREW CAP. It's now in an EVIDENCE

NATALIE

Don't bother. We've already checked. You've known each other for years. You've worked on five movies together.

MONK

(Andicating the CAP)
I knew I'd seen this logo before.

INT. PRESS CONFERENCE - FLASHBACK (B&W) (FB-1)

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We REPLAY a FEW SECONDE from resterday's PRESS CONFERENCE. We FOCUS on Eugene Maddax's jacket, with the identical movie logo.

MONK (V.O.)

At the press conference. It was on your friend's jacket.

EXT. POOLSIDE -- RESUME PRESENT DAY

Back to the present. By the pool

LT. DISHER

(trying again)

This is the clue that "capped" the case.

No response. Another bomb.

CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER That's not a real phrase.

Disher, confused, consults his notabash

MONK

It's all over, Billy. We know why you killed Marissa Kessler. The paint we found on her fingernails told the whole story...

20 INT. TV STUDIO - WEEKS EARLIER - FLASHBACK (B&W) (FB-2)

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A FEW WEEKS EARLIER. In the TV STUDIO. It's late, After the show. The set is dark.

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NATALIE

They'd find the magnet. You'd be the first and only suspect. So you framed <u>us</u>.

CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER You knew I played the lottery. You knew Natalie and I were friends.

LT. DISHER

(indignantly, indicates

Stattlemeyer)

Do you have any idea what you did to this man? This man has nothing. His wife left him. His girlfrient is in jail. He lives in a ratty Ais girlfriend little condo

CALT. STOTTLEMEYER Thank you, Randy

LT. DISHER

(continuing)

He's been looking at a sad little picture of a boat on a wall for eleven years. You gave him https://www.hipe. And then... you ripped his heart out. And for that you will buin in hell!

NATALIE

That. And the homicide.

MONK

Two homicides. Don't forget th lotto fanatic who had a picture them together. I noticed it was missing the next day.

CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER

(to Logan & Maddox)

You're under arrest. Turn around.

Let's see your hands.

Capt. Stottlemeyer and Disher cuff the two suspects, and lead them away, as...

LT. DISHER

You like numbers, huh? You're gonna be wearing some numbers. On your shirt.

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BILLY LOGAN

Is that right?

LT. DISHER

And they won't be lottery numbers.

BILLY LOGAN

I get it.

LT. DISHER

Because you're going to prison.

BILLY LOGAN

I understand.

LT. DISHER

You have the right to remain silent...

BILLY LOGAN

I will if you will.

END OF ACT FOUR

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