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Monk and Leyla are sitting at a LONG TABLE, with a BIG BUILT-IN GRILL... sort of like at Benihana's.

* A ZEMENIAN CHEF is preparing their food right there, in front of them. He's putting on a big show. All sorts of tricks. He juggles knives! He carves an onion into a flower!

ZEMENIAN CHEF

Yesti!

Monk- surprisingly- is loving it! He claps! He's like a kid at a circus.

MONK

Oh! Wow! Look at that!

ZEMENIAN CHEF

Yesti! Yesti!!

LEYLA AND MONK

(laughing)

YESTI!! I love it!

* The Chef's grand finale: he flicks a piece of shrimp into the air... and catches it in his pocket!

Monk and Leyla APPLAUD! The Chef bows.

LEYLA

Did you like that?

MONK

That was wonderful! Just wonderful. Thank you for bringing me here.

(beat)

So. Where do you want to eat?

LEYLA

Mr. Monk, we're eating here.

(indicates the GRILL)

That's our dinner.

MONK

I... don't think so.

During this, the CHEF starts preparing their plates, gathering the freshly COOKED MEAT from the grill.

LEYLA

He kept saying 'Yesti'. Yesti means "delicious". What did you think this was?

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* DON'T BRING KNIVES, BUT DO A ROUTINE (Juggle, etc.)

"MONK"

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~~MONK
I don't know. Some kind of really
bad cabaret thing...
LEYLA
It's an old Zemenian tradition.
They prepare the food in front of
you, to whet your appetite.
MONK
(appalled)
He was juggling the food. It was in
his pocket!~~

The Zemenian Chef sets their PLATES down.

Pick-up →

ZEMENIAN CHEF
("Chicken, beef-
enjoy.")
Piletinom... govodinom. Uzshevati!

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Monk eyes his plate. He winces.

~~MONK
You know. I just remembered. I had
Zemenian for lunch.
LEYLA
(sweetly)
Detective Monk, I do not believe
you.
MONK
Why don't you eat. I'll just watch.
LEYLA
Are you sure? Okay.
Leyla starts eating. Monk watches her. She's so beautiful.
He smiles, warmly.~~

9 INT. ZEMENIAN RESTAURANT -- LATER

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Later. Monk and Leyla have been there for a while. The
restaurant is quiet... almost empty. It's sort of romantic.

LEYLA
Is it true, you don't even own a
computer?

MONK
Call me old fashioned... but I only
like things that are old fashioned.

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