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6 INT. NATALIE'S HOUSE -- DAY (DAY 2)

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Monk and Natalie are in Natalie's house.

Natalie is wearing a HANDMADE NECKLACE: COLORED BEADS inside a CLEAR PLASTIC TUBE. She'll be wearing it for the entire episode. Trust me. It pays off.

The DOORBELL is ringing. Natalie answers. It's LT. ALBRIGHT, who we met in the teaser. Albright is just off the ship; he's wearing his NAVY DRESS WHITES and GLOVES.

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NATALIE  
(thrilled)  
OhmyGod. Oh my God!

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Natalie jumps into Albright's arms, hugging him tightly!

LT. ALBRIGHT  
I was afraid you wouldn't remember me.

NATALIE  
I don't. I just love men in uniform.  
(then)  
Steven Albright. You look great!

LT. ALBRIGHT  
You look better than great.

Natalie takes Albright by the hand.

NATALIE  
Come in. Come in. How long has it been? Six years?

LT. ALBRIGHT  
Six and a half. The memorial service.

Lt. Albright notices a FRAMED PHOTO OF JULIE.

LT. ALBRIGHT (CONT'D)  
This can't be Julie. Nat, she's beautiful.

NATALIE  
Yes she is. She's too beautiful.

LT. ALBRIGHT  
Is she here?

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**MONK - "LT. ALBRIGHT"**

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NATALIE

She's with my mom. For two weeks.  
Camp Grandma.

Albright gazes, again, at Natalie. He's smitten.

LT. ALBRIGHT

It really is great to see you.  
(overwhelmed)  
I didn't expect... I mean...

Monk steps up.

NATALIE

Oh. This is my boss, Adrian Monk.  
~~Mr. Monk, this is Steve Albright.~~  
~~Lieutenant Albright. He was one of~~  
Mitch's oldest friends.

Monk and Albright shake hands.

MONK

Thank you.

LT. ALBRIGHT

For..?

MONK

Wearing gloves.

LT. ALBRIGHT

Actually, Mr. Monk, you're the real  
reason I'm here. I've heard a lot  
about you. I've got a problem.  
(embarrassed)

I don't know how to begin. I've  
never actually spoken to a detective  
before...

NATALIE

You can speak to Mr. Monk the same  
way you speak to a normal person.

LT. ALBRIGHT

A close friend of mine, Owen Kenney,  
died last week. He was the X.O.-  
the second in command- on our boat.

NATALIE

Steven. I'm so sorry.

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LT. ALBRIGHT

They said he committed suicide.  
They said he'd been drinking. They  
found a bottle of vodka in his room  
and there was alcohol in his blood.

MONK

But you don't believe it?

LT. ALBRIGHT

No, sir. I don't. Owen had been  
sober for nine years. He had a  
physical, three weeks ago, which I  
administered. I'm the ship's medical  
officer. There was no alcohol in  
his blood.

MONK

People have relapses. They fall off  
the wagon...

LT. ALBRIGHT

Not Owen. I don't believe it.  
(then)

There was something else. I saw him  
the night before. We made plans to  
go to a Giants game while we were  
here. He seemed fine.

MONK

I assume there was an investigation.

LT. ALBRIGHT

Yes. Of course. NCIS ruled it a  
suicide.

(then)

Mr. Monk, I know you're a busy man.  
We're only in port for one day. I  
wonder if you could come to the boat  
and take a look around. I just want  
to know if I'm crazy.

NATALIE

Of course we will. I'll get my purse.

MONK

You mean now? Today? I can't today.

NATALIE

Why not?

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The longer the better. Finally-

MONK'S VOICE (ON SPEAKERPHONE)  
(chuckling)  
Can you believe it? That's a true  
story!

LT. DISHER  
Uh huh. Is there anybody else there  
I can talk to?

25 INT. USS PHILADELPHIA - INFIRMARY -- DAY

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Later. Lt. Albright and Natalie are in the SHIP'S INFIRMARY.  
They're clearly attracted to each other.

Albright is putting clean sheets on a bunk.

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LT. ALBRIGHT  
You can stay here. It's the only  
place on board that has any privacy.  
And believe me, you want privacy.  
These guys haven't seen a girl since  
we left port.

NATALIE  
That was three hours ago.

LT. ALBRIGHT  
I know.

Albright opens a nearby cabinet, takes out some SUPPLIES.

LT. ALBRIGHT (CONT'D)  
A clean towel. Soap. Toothpaste.  
Davenport, of course.

Lt. Albright takes a breath.

LT. ALBRIGHT (CONT'D)  
Do you think I'm crazy? About Owen?

NATALIE  
I don't know. But you knocked on  
the right door. Mr. Monk'll figure  
it out.

LT. ALBRIGHT  
I'm really sorry, about getting you  
stuck like this.

NATALIE  
You don't look like you're sorry.

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LT. ALBRIGHT

I'm sorry I'm not more sorry.

Lt. Albright moves closer... closer.

LT. ALBRIGHT (CONT'D)

Did you ever wonder what would've happened if you had met me first? Before Mitch?

NATALIE

I did meet you first. Austin, Texas. New Years Eve. 1995.

LT. ALBRIGHT

You were there?

NATALIE

You were with your fiancé. Caroline...?

LT. ALBRIGHT

Caroline Shelton.

NATALIE

What happened to her?

LT. ALBRIGHT

She sobered up. Realized she could do better.

NATALIE

So you never married?

LT. ALBRIGHT

This submarine is not a coed vessel. I don't meet a lot of women on this job.

Natalie smiles.

NATALIE

It's coed now. Isn't it?

LT. ALBRIGHT

Yes it is.

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26 INT. COMMANDER CRUMWALT'S QUARTERS -- NIGHT (NIGHT 2)

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Later. Commander Crumwalt is in his quarters. He's at his desk, reading some official communiqués. His door is open.

Monk appears at the open door. He KNOCKS.

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