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T.R.
~~I'll tell you in a minute. First things first.~~

~~She kisses Stottlemeyer, sweetly. As they kiss, T.R. notices: the PHOTOS OF THE CHARRED BODY. She recoils, horrified.~~

~~T.R. (CONT'D)~~
~~Oh my God. Is that a person?~~

~~Stottlemeyer quickly flips the graphic photos over. As he does, he ruins Monk's thumbtack pattern.~~

~~CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER~~
~~Not any more. They found him in Colin Park.~~

~~T.R. is shaken. She has to sit down.~~

~~T.R.~~
~~Who is it? I mean, who was it?~~

~~During this, Monk starts rearranging the tacks again.~~

~~CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER~~
~~We don't know. They took his wallet. They burned the clothes. If we're lucky, we'll get a DNA match.~~

~~T.R.~~
~~(weakly)~~
~~You do this? Every day?~~

~~CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER~~
~~Honey, I don't teach kindergarten. You knew that when we met. You want to take a walk?~~

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T.R. shakes it off.

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T.R.

I'm okay.
(then)
Actually, I need a favor. It's a little embarrassing. Stephanie was arrested last night.

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~~CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER~~
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STEPHANIE

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T.R.

We're sisters- at least we feel like sisters.

CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER

What did she do?

T.R.

Why do you assume she's guilty?

CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER

What did she do?

T.R.

Nothing. She was speeding. They pulled her over. She had, like, twenty unpaid parking tickets.

CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER

Was she drinking?

T.R.

No. I swear. It's parking tickets.

CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER

Where'd they take her?

T.R.

She's here. Downstairs.

CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER

In the holding cell?

T.R.

They won't give her bail. They're saying they can't release her until the judge comes in tomorrow.

CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER

Where's her car?

T.R.

Out back. In the impound lot.

Stottlemeyer sighs.

CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER

Okay. I'll see what I can do. I'll meet you out back in a half hour.

T.R.

Thank you, thank you, thank you. You're my hero.

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T.R. hugs him. As she does, she gets a glimpse of another
grisly BURNT BODY PHOTO. Again, she shudders.

4 EXT. POLICE HQ - IMPOUND LOT -- DAY

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Later. Out back. In the STATION'S CAR IMPOUND LOT- rows of cars, surrounded by a chain link fence.

Stottlemeyer leads T.R. [REDACTED], STEPHANIE BRIGGS, through the lot. Stephanie is 40-ish, a successful executive. She's wearing an expensive business suit.

T.R. and Stephanie are old friends. They laugh together, finish each other's sentences, etc.

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STEPHANIE

Oh smell that sweet air!

T.R.

(amused)

Oh please. Drama queen. You were in there for, what?- 20 hours?

STEPHANIE

I thought I was gonna have to dig my way out.

T.R.

She'd never dig her way out. She might break a nail.

CAPT. STOTTEMEYER

Can I ask you something? What the hell were you thinking? You were doing 75 in a residential neighborhood.

STEPHANIE

It was an emergency. I was trying to get to the caterer before he closed.

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Stephanie

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[REDACTED]

CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER
Here we are.

Stottlemeyer indicates Stephanie's SEDAN.

STEPHANIE
Wow. It's right up front.

CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER
I had them bring it around.

Stephanie peers into the car.

STEPHANIE
(stunned)
Oh my God. I've been robbed.
Somebody took my bag!

T.R.
What bag?

STEPHANIE
Leland's tuxedo! I picked it up
yesterday. It was in a garment bag
in the back seat.

CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER
It's okay. Relax. I took it out,
when they got the car. It's in my
office. Safe and sound.

STEPHANIE
In your office..?

Once again, T.R. hugs and kisses Stottlemeyer.

T.R.
I can't wait to see you in it.

STEPHANIE
(playfully)
This is disgusting. I'm going back
to prison.

5 INT. MONK'S APARTMENT - KITCHEN -- DAY (DAY 3)

Days later. In Monk's KITCHEN. Monk is trying to make a sandwich. He's having trouble, because his right hand is still in a fist.

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STEPHANIE

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MONK
Serenity? The flower shop? That's where she bought the flowers for the wedding?

CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER
Yeah.

MONK
That's where Martin Kettering worked. (then)
What night was she arrested?

CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER
A week ago Tuesday.

MONK
The night Kettering was killed. Where'd they pull her over?

CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER
(catching on, stunned)
Colin Avenue.
(beat)
A mile from the body.

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EXT. STREET - IN FRONT OF POLICE HQ -- SECONDS LATER

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Moments later. Outside. Stephanie emerges from POLICE HQ, carrying Stottlemeyer's GARMENT BAG.

She walks quickly.. purposefully.. toward her car. Behind her: Monk and Stottlemeyer appear. They run after her.

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CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER

STEPHANIE!

Stephanie reluctantly stops. She turns.

CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER (CONT'D)

You have a minute?

STEPHANIE

Actually, I'm running late. Can it wait?

CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER

No. No it really can't.

MONK

You've known T.R. for twelve years?

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STEPHANIE

More or less.

CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER

Where were you before then? You never said.

MONK

Who were you before then?

CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER

Did you ever hear of a group called the Earth Avengers?

Stephanie tenses. But quickly recovers.

STEPHANIE

What are you talking about?

CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER

Martin Kettering? Is he a friend of yours?

STEPHANIE

Leland. I know you've had a terrible week. I know you're under a lot of stress...

CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER

Here's what I know. I know you're coming back inside. We have a few things to talk about.

STEPHANIE

Not today, Leland.

Stephanie's demeanor changes suddenly. She becomes a cold-blooded fugitive! A killer!

She quickly reaches into the GARMENT BAG and pulls out a small gun! She jams it into Monk's side!

CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER

What are you doing?!

STEPHANIE

(icily)

I'll kill him. I swear to God. Take your gun out. Throw it over there.

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Stephanie

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MONK
(babbling)
Ireland, she's the guy... she's
definitely the guy.

Stottlemeyer reluctantly takes out his GUN. He tosses it away.

CAPT. STOTTEMEYER
Okay... let's just stay calm...

Stephanie hands Stottlemeyer the GARMENT BAG.

STEPHANIE
You take this. You're gonna walk me
to my car. Here we go.

They walk up the street, huddled together. Monk at gunpoint.
Stottlemeyer carrying the garment bag.

Monk reflexively raises his hands. His fist as always- is
still clenched.

STEPHANIE (CONT'D)
Put your hands down. Walk natural.
Just walk like a normal person.

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~~CAPT. STOTTEMEYER
I'll bet a week's pay that's a 22
caliber.
MONK
That's the gun you killed Kettering
with, isn't it?
CAPT. STOTTEMEYER
What was it doing with my tuxedo?
MONK
That's what this whole thing's been
about.
(to Stephanie)
You were in that group with Martin
Kettering! You've been a fugitive
for twelve years...
STEPHANIE
I said shut up!
MONK
I already started. It's hard for me
to stop...~~

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