

ACT ONE

5 INT. POLICE HQ - HEARING ROOM -- HOURS LATER 5

Six hours later. Monk is still sitting. Still waiting.

THREE PANEL MEMBERS enter. They're all in full-dress uniform. They're serious, veteran officers. Monk rises.

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FIRST PANEL MEMBER
Sorry we're late. Have you been waiting long?

MONK
Eleven years.

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6 INT. HEARING ROOM -- LATER 6

Moments later. The hearing is in progress.

The PANEL MEMBERS are looking through reports, documents, etc. The FIRST TWO MEMBERS appear warm and sympathetic.

Monk sits opposite them. He's very anxious. He tries to "smile naturally", the way he rehearsed.

FIRST PANEL MEMBER
Are you all right?

MONK
Yes sir. I'm just smiling.

FIRST PANEL MEMBER
Adrian, I want to say, we all appreciate the work you've been doing, unofficially, as a consultant, over the last eight years. We've been reading your case file, and talking to your colleagues. It's a very impressive record.

Monk nods. So far so good.

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~~SECOND PANEL MEMBER
I worked on the Raincoat Strangler Case. We worked that case for nine months without a lead. I still don't know how you did it.~~

"MONK" - FIRST PANEL MEMBER

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1ST PANEL

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37 INT. POLICE HQ - HEARING ROOM - A WEEK LATER -- DAY (DAY 4) 37

A week later. Back in Police HQ. In the HEARING ROOM. The THREE PANEL MEMBERS have reconvened. This is it. The final verdict.

Monk sits across from them, wearing his DRESS BLUES. He looks beaten, discouraged. He knows it's hopeless.

CAPT. REISIG

Well. Let's get started.

MONK

(resigned)

Why bother?

CAPT. REISIG

I'll go first. Last weekend, this man, Adrian Monk, saved my son's life. Actually, he did more than that. He challenged my son, and stood up to him, in a way I've never been able to.

Monk reacts, surprised.

CAPT. REISIG (CONT'D)

I'm changing my vote. I'm going to approve this recommendation, and support his reinstatement.

MONK

(stunned)

So... that's a yes?

Monk is thrilled! He rises. He vigorously shakes Capt. Reisig's hand!

MONK (CONT'D)

Thank you! Thank you, sir. I won't let you down.

(then)

I'm in! I can't believe it!

But- he's interrupted-

FIRST PANEL MEMBER

Excuse me. Detective Monk. As you know, the vote has to be unanimous.

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FIRST PANEL MEMBER (CONT'D)

(grimly)

I've been reviewing your record, and I'm afraid I still have some serious reservations. I can't recommend your reinstatement at this time.

But Monk doesn't hear this. Or it just doesn't register. He's in deep, deep, deep denial. He shakes First Panel Member's hand, too.

MONK

(beaming)

Thank you. Thank you, sir. I won't let you down!

FIRST PANEL MEMBER

Did you hear what I said?

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SECOND PANEL MEMBER

Detective Monk. I'm sorry to say, I won't be recommending you either. I have to vote no.

Monk- still in denial- shakes this man's hand, too.

MONK

Thank you! Thank you very much! You won't be sorry!

38 INT. POLICE HQ - HALLWAY -- SAME TIME

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Outside, in the HALL. Natalie, Stottlemeyer, and Disher are waiting. Disher is at the door, peeking in. He's eavesdropping.

CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER

How's it going?

LT. DISHER

Thumbs down. Two to one.

Natalie sighs. She's disappointed.

NATALIE

The poor guy. How's he taking it?

LT. DISHER

Surprisingly well.

The DOOR opens. Monk emerges. He's still beaming... still in complete denial.

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