

ACT ONE

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

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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.

FIRST PANEL MEMBER

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

MONK

Eleven years.

DISSOLVE TO:

6 INT. HEARING ROOM -- LATER

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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.

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Monk nods. So far so good.

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.

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MONK

I got lucky.

SECOND PANEL MEMBER

I think there was more than luck involved.

(indicates a file)

I see you're still working with Neven Bell. I've known Neven for years. He's a good man.

MONK

And a good doctor. We've made some real progress.

SECOND PANEL MEMBER

So I see. Tell him I said hello.

Monk rises.

MONK

Can I use your phone?

SECOND PANEL MEMBER

You... don't have to say hello now. The next time you see him.

MONK

Ah. Gotcha.

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The FIRST TWO MEMBERS think Monk was joking. They chuckle. Monk isn't sure why they're laughing, but he chuckles too, just to be safe.

MONK (CONT'D)

It's fun to laugh.

But the third panel member, CAPTAIN REISIG, is not amused.

CAPT. REISIG

Mr. Monk. I also appreciate the work you've been doing for the city, as well as the progress you've made. I have to say, I'm very encouraged.

Monk smiles, hopefully.

CAPT. REISIG (CONT'D)

However...

Monk's smile disappears.

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