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MONK

I got lucky.

SECOND PANEL MEMBER
I think there was more than luck
involved.

(indicates a file)
see you're still working with Neven

He's a good man.

MONK

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

SO I see. Tell him I said hello.

Monk rises.

NONK

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.

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 (CON1'D)

It's fun to laugh.

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

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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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MONK

However...?

CAPT. REISIG Handing you a gun and a badge is a big responsibility- it's probably the most important decision this panel will ever make. It wouldn't be fair to you or the city to put you on the street prematurely, andspeaking for myself- I just don't think you're ready. I'm not convinced you have the judgment. I'm not convinced you have the temperament. I'm sorry, detective.

Monk is crushed.

STREET - CHECK CASHING STORE - LATER 7 EXT.

It's a FULL-ON CRIME SCENE: POLICE Downtown. Later that day. INITERM COPS, CSI TECHS.

front of a An ARMORED CAR has been robbed. It was parked in small THECK CASHING STORE. One of the GUARDS was killed.

Monk and MATALIE approach the scene. Monk is still upset about the hearing ...

MONK

It was roing great. The first two guys liked me, I could tell. We were all rughing for some reason. But the third guy- Captain Reisig. Frank Reisig. He hated me.

Two out of three . At least you're getting closer.

MONK

(doing a weird, snakky

impression)

Mr. Monk, I just don't think you have the judgment or the temperament..."

NATALIE

Is <u>that</u> how he talks?

MONK

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Capt.

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NATALIE

Some back-up extra wipes... and some extra back-up wipes. Do you want me to write your name in your clothes?

MONK

Not necessary. A- my name is already on them. And B- my clothes aren't coming off.

NATALI

ven when you sleep?

MONK

I won't be leeping.

NATALIE

Where your canteen?

MONK

I won't be drinking either.

(explaining)

If I <u>drink</u> water, I <u>make</u> water. Do you understand? I don't want to "start the machine". Do you understand?

NATALI

Unfortunately, yes. I understand.

Nearby: a SEDAN pulls up. Captain Reisig and his son, KYLE, get out.

MONK

There he is. Let the games begin.

Reisig is saying goodbye to Kyle. Kyle is the <u>biggest brat</u> we've ever met. Spoiled. Judgmental. Difficult to like.

CAPT. REISIG

You're gonna have a great time. I used to go camping all the time. I loved it.

KYLE

(annoyed)
Then why don't you go? And I'll stay home.

CAPT, REISIG

I wish I could.

Capt. Reisig leans in. He holds his son.

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CAPT

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CAPT. REISIG (CONT'D)

Kyle. Remember what we talked about.

About boundaries and rules, and why they're important?

KYLE

Yeah yeah yeah. Boundaries and rules.

CAPT. REISIG

I want you to listen to Lt. Disher. He's in charge.

KYLE

Fine. I'll listen to Lt. Dish-face.

CAPT. REISIG

Not Dish-face. His name is Disher.

Ouring this, Monk steps up. Monk is all smiles. God help us-he's shmoozing.

MONK

Captain Reisig. I thought that was you.

CAPT. REISIG

Mr. Monk. Are you a part of this?

MONK

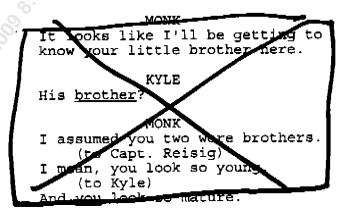
Yes sir. I'm one of the instructors. Because I love kids. I forgot to mention that yesterday. I love kids. Because they're the future.

CAPT. REISIG

(eying his son)
If that's true, God help us all.

Monk tousles Kyle's hair... then wipes his hand.

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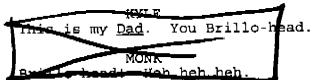
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A confused, awkward beat.



(then)

Well. Enough shmoozing. Let's go camping!

CAPT. REISIG

(sighs)

He's all yours. I hope you have better luck with him than I do.

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MONK

We'll be fine. The van's right everhere.

Monk and Kyle walk toward the van. As they do, lonk says, loud enough for Reisig to hear:

MONK (CONT'D)

Your father is a great man. You must be vary proud. We're going have so much fun.

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Later that day. Back in POLICE NO. Capt. Stottlemeyer is talking to ROSE MIGAS, a tough-tooking woman in her 60s.

Beside Stottlemeyer is another detective: LT. (WEN, who looks a little like Lt. Disher.

CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER

Mrs. Migas. I m trying to help your sons.

ROSE MIGAS

They don't <u>need</u> your help. Luke and Del are good boys.

CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER

Good boys, huh? There was a robbery yesterday. Maybe you read about it An armored car was held up. A guard was killed. We found Luke's fingerprints near the scene.

ROSE MIGAS

"Near" the scene? Big deal.

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