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Natalie is furious. She crumples up the paper.

13 EXT. STREET - DOWNTOWN - WINBERRIES CAFE -- DAY (DAY 2)

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MONIA

The next day. Downtown. At a crowded, trendy OUTDOOR CAFE called "Winberries". Some OUTDOOR TABLES.

Stottlemeyer and Disher are questioning a young, nervous waitress named MIRANDA.

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MIRANDA

Callie Esterhaus? I knew her, but I didn't <u>really</u> know her, if you get what I mean. She only worked here a couple of weeks.

CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER Was she dating anybody?

MIRANDA

I think so. She was kinda private about that stuff. I think he might've been married. That was just a feeling I got.

CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER

Miranda shakes her head.

LT. DISHER

We found a datebook in her apartment. She referred to a man by his initial-J. Does that mean anything?

MIRANDA

Maybe his name began with a J.

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Disher nods, and writes this down.

Chrr. GTGTTLEMEVER Qid you just write that down?

LT. DISHER

(defensively)

I put a question mark after it

Monk and Natalie are standing behind them. Natalie is still livid about Julie's review. She's holding a copy.

NATALIE

"A corny, cliché-filled performance."
(MORE)

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CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER
Well, don't stand here whining about
it. Go yell at him the critic.
The Chronicle building is three blocks
down the street.

Capt. Stottlemeyer turns back to the Waitress. He resumes...

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CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER (CONT'D) Sorry about that. She's having a tough day.

MIRANDA Did she know Callie, too?

CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER Yes. Yes she did.

Lt. Disler shows Miranda a PHONE BILL.

LT. DISHER

Callie was calling this number, three, four times a day. It's for a disposable cellphone, so we can't trace it.

(indicates a phone

number) 8372. Do you recognize it?

MIRANDA

Sorry.

" END

Behind them: Monk turns. Natalie is gone!

MONK 32 Where'd she go

tottlemeyer and Disher look around, baffled.

MONK (CONT'D)

She's gone.

(neat)

Can she do that?

CAPT STOTTLEMEYER

Apparently.

14 IIT. NEWSROOM -- MOMENTS LAKER

Moments later. A BIG CITY NEWSROOM. It's about the same layout and size as our POLICE BULLPEN SET. Imagine that.

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