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MONK

One last question. I'm just curious.
About the rug.

STEVE DEWITT

What rug?

Monk indicates a THROW RUG on the floor. It's brand new.

MONK

This rug. It looks brand new.

GWEN DEWITT'S VOICE

It is new.

Everyone turns. Steve's wife, GWEN, has entered. Gwen is older than her husband. She's beautiful. Proper. Born rich.

She has Gulliver- their Australian Shepherd- on a leash.

GWEN DEWITT

Steve bought it last week, while I was in London. I couldn't have been more surprised.

DeWitt kisses his wife on the neck.

STEVE DEWITT

I like to keep things interesting.

GWEN DEWITT

Is this about that missing girl?
The poor thing.

(to her husband)

I told you not to volunteer.

(to Monk and Natalie)

He thinks he can save the world single-handedly.

(then)

I don't think we've met. I'm Gwen.
His wife.

MONK

What happened to the old one?

GWEN DEWITT

The old rug or the old wife?

STEVE DEWITT

I got rid of both. I've been trading up. Furniture, spouses...

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Gwen

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During this, Natalie is petting Gulliver.

NATALIE

I love your dog.
(to Gulliver)
Where's your tail?

GWEN DEWITT

He's an Australian Shepherd. They're
born tailless. They're bred that
way.

NATALIE

(to dog)
It makes you special, doesn't it?

GWEN DEWITT

Can I get you folks a drink?

Again, DeWitt steers Monk and Natalie toward the door.

STEVE DEWITT

Actually, they were just leaving.

GWEN DEWITT

I didn't even get your names...

STEVE DEWITT (CONT'D)

There's no need. They won't be back.

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Later. In Monk's apartment, Natalie's young niece Anne Marie- who we met at the picnic- is "babysitting" Shelby.

Shelby is in her corner, sitting on her inverted umbrella. Anne Marie is lovingly combing the dog's hair.

Monk enters.

MONK

Hi. Daddy's home.

Shelby loves Monk. She runs up to him, tail wagging! Monk is almost as happy.

MONK (CONT'D)

Thanks for watching her. How did it go?

ANNE MARIE

Good. She's really cute. I wish I had a dog.

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