

ACT TWO

7 INT. COOPER HOUSE - "COOPER CLAN" EPISODE -- DAY 7

We're watching an episode of THE COOPER CLAN from the late 60's. The scene is BRIGHTLY LIT. The colors are HIGHLY SATURATED. The show reminds us, of course, of "The Brady Bunch".

We're on the main set: the COOPER FAMILY LIVING ROOM. Adorable JANEY COOPER (10) is playing. Her older brother BILLY COOPER (15) enters.

BILLY COOPER
Janey. I can't find my new Beatles record.

SCAMP, the family dog- big shaggy, adorable- enters. Scamp has a 45 RECORD in his mouth!

There is- of course- a typical sitcom LAUGH TRACK.

LAUGH TRACK
oooooooooo!

JANEY COOPER
Scamp took it! He likes the Beatles!
Our dog is a hippie!

The LAUGH TRACK TITTLERS.

BILLY COOPER
We should've known. Because he hates taking baths.

LAUGH TRACK: LAUGHTER and APPLAUSE!

BILLY & JANEY COOPER
Scamp! Come back here!

Billy and Janey chase Scamp around the house! As they do, CATHY COOPER (Christine Rapp at 13) enters, wearing a Middle School SAFETY PATROL SASH. She blows a whistle. TWEEET!

CATHY COOPER
Billy! Janey! I told you before
no running in the house! That's it.
You're both grounded.

BILLY COOPER
You're not the boss of us!

(CONTINUED)

"MONK" - ANDY COOPER

1/4

ANDY COOPER

"MR. MONK'S FAVORITE SHOW" - Prod/Network Draft - 3/11/09 16.

7 CONTINUED:

CATHY COOPER
(indicates sash)
When I'm wearing this I am.

Their youngest brother, ANDY COOPER (8), enters. He has to pee. Cathy blows her whistle again. TWEET!

START
SC. 1 →

CATHY COOPER (CONT'D)
Andy. Where are you going?

ANDY COOPER
To the bathroom.

CATHY COOPER
Where's your hall pass? You have to get one from Mom.

ANDY COOPER
Oh Shucky Darns!

This is his "catch phrase". The LAUGH TRACK APPLAUDS!

ANDY COOPER (CONT'D)
All I can say is: she better write fast!

// END
SC. 1

MORE LAUGHTER! PULL BACK to REVEAL we're in-

8 INT. CHRISTINE RAPP'S HOUSE - DEN - LATER -- DAY 8

Christine Rapp's house. A large, comfortably-furnished suburban home.

It's later the same day. Monk and Christine are watching the episode together...

BILLY COOPER (ON TV)
Ever since you were elected to the safety patrol you've been driving us crazy. You're like a mad dictator!

Monk knows the show by heart. He recites the dialogue- every line- along with the actors-

MONK
You're like a mad dictator!

CHRISTINE RAPP
Let me guess. You never miss a rerun.

MONK
Reruns?

(CONTINUED)

2/4

MRS. COOPER

Cathy. We've talked about this.
Killing people is never the answer.

MR. COOPER

I'm afraid you're grounded, young
lady.

CATHY COOPER

It's not fair! He doesn't have any
proof!

(to Monk)

The D.A.'s gonna laugh you out of
his office!

MONK

I don't think so. I found these in
Timlinson's apartment, in a hollowed-
out book.

Miraculously, Monk produces the envelopes he found earlier.
He removes some BALLOT CARDS from them.

MONK (CONT'D)

The original ballots. Timlinson
must have kept a couple, as an
insurance policy.

MR. COOPER

Cathy. I'm very disappointed in
you.

MONK

It's not just Cathy. This whole
family is wacko! It's all in her
book!

(indicates JANEY COOPER)

You know where she is now? She's in
Miami, dancing in a strip club.

JANEY COOPER

What choice do I have? I have a
baby to feed. Billy doesn't send me
any child support! I HAVEN'T SEEN A
NICKEL!

STUDIO AUDIENCE

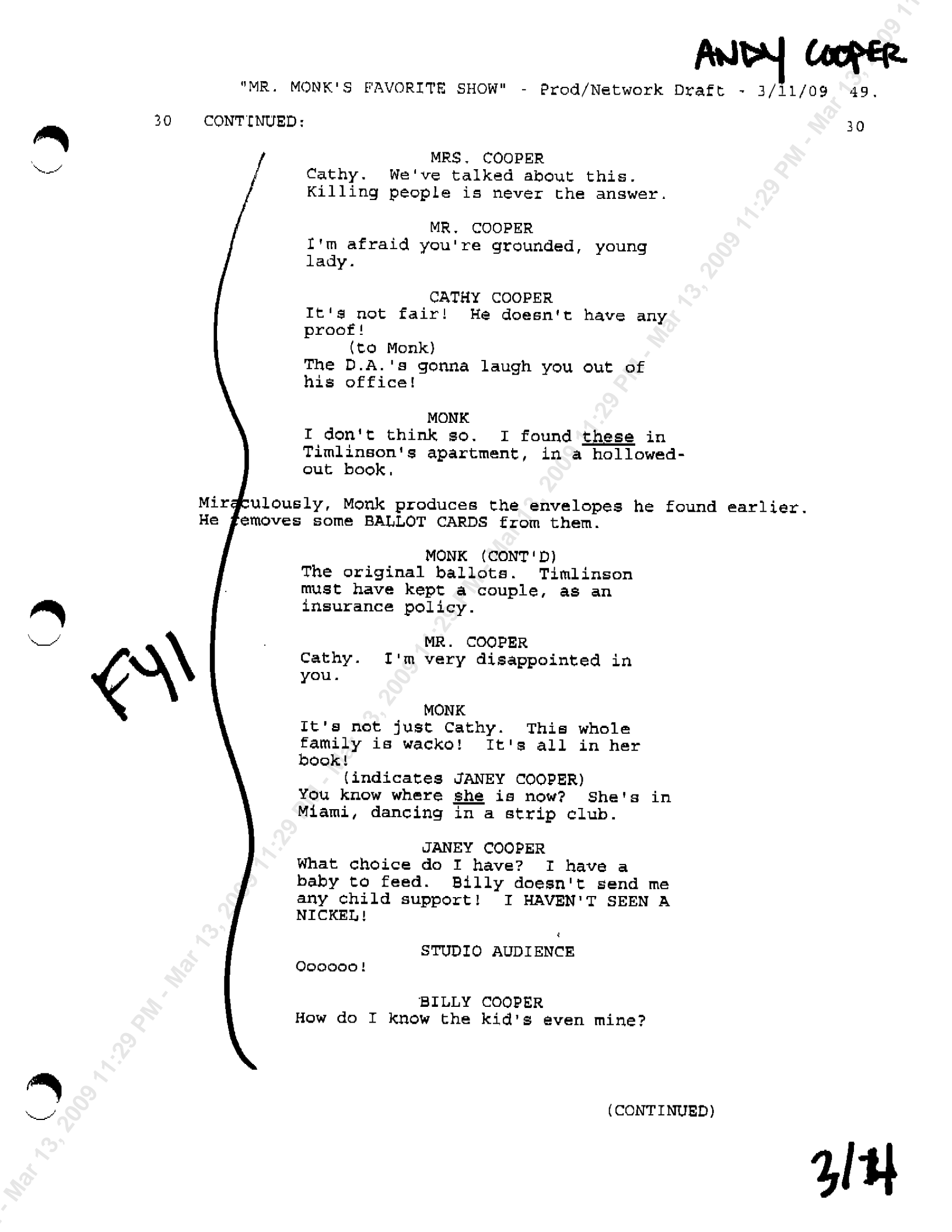
Oooooo!

BILLY COOPER

How do I know the kid's even mine?

(CONTINUED)

F41



Mar 13, 2009 11:29 PM - Mar 13, 2009 11:29 PM - Mar 13, 2009 11:29 PM - Mar 13, 2009 11:29 PM - Mar 13, 2009 11:29 PM

ANDY COOPER

"MR. MONK'S FAVORITE SHOW" - Prod/Network Draft - 3/11/09 50.

30 CONTINUED: (2)

30

STUDIO AUDIENCE

Oooooo!

ANDY COOPER

What about me?

MONK

You're a junkie. Crystal meth.
This is the last job you'll ever
have.

ANDY COOPER

Oh Shucky Darns!

// END SC.2

The LAUGH TRACK LAUGHS and APPLAUDS! Somehow, Monk hears
it. He looks around.

MONK

Do you hear that? What are they
laughing at?

On the LAUGH TRACK: more LAUGHTER and APPLAUSE!

MONK (CONT'D)

Shut up!

Mrs. Cooper- inexplicably- looks frightened.

MRS. COOPER

Mr. Monk! Help me!

MONK (CONT'D)

I'm not finished yet-

MRS. COOPER

Mr. Monk! Help me! Please!

31 INT. VIC TIMLINSON'S APARTMENT -- SAME TIME

31

Back in the real world. In Timlinson's apartment. Monk is
lying on the floor. He's been unconscious. It was all a
dream.

Monk wakes up. He looks around. He's groggy.

ACROSS THE ROOM, TEN FEET AWAY: Natalie is fighting for her
life! She's fighting with Christine Rapp! They're tumbling
around, exchanging fierce kicks and punches!

NATALIE

MR. MONK! HELP! MR. MONK!

(CONTINUED)

4/4

~~4/4~~

START
SC.2 →