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MONK (CONT'D)

I said is. Game over. I win. Have you even seen the show?

Stan opens the episode guide, to look this up.

MONK (CONT'D)

That's right. Look it up in your little book.

NATALIE

(warmly)

You know, Mr. Monk, I'm glad we came. I really am. I've never seen you this excited about anything. The show really was important to you, wasn't it?

MONK

It was all I had. No matter how bad things got, I knew if I could just make it to Tuesday night, 8 o'clock Tuesday night, everything would be okay. It would all make sense at least for half an hour. They were like my other family.

(then)

Who am I kidding? My real family was my other family.

The BOOK STORE MANAGER steps up. He's holding a copy of Christine's memoir.

START →

BOOK STORE MANAGER

Good morning.

MONK

(eagerly)

Is that her book? Could I buy that from you?

BOOK STORE MANAGER

Absolutely.

The Manager hands Monk the book.

MONK

"Re-Cooper-ating". I got the first copy!

The Manager crosses to the window display and tapes a sign across Christine Rapp's poster: CANCELED.

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NATALIE

Canceled?

BOOK STORE MANAGER

I guess you people haven't heard.
It was on the news. Someone tried
to kill her. About two hours ago.

Monk and Natalie exchange stunned glances.

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5 EXT. RADIO STATION - PARKING LOT -- DAY

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Across town. At the radio station PARKING LOT.

The area is now a FULL-ON CRIME SCENE. BOMB SQUAD,
PARAMEDICS, UNIFORM COPS, etc. Christine Rapp's car is bombed
out, still smoldering.

Capt. Stottlemeyer is standing by the smoldering wreckage.
Monk rushes up. He's worried to death. He's out of breath.

MONK

(horrified)

Oh my God! Is she okay? Oh my God.

CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER

She's okay. She wasn't in the car.
She had a remote control starter on
her keychain. The thing saved her
life.

Monk exhales, relieved.

MONK

Thank God.

CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER

(puzzled)

Do you know her?

MONK

In a way. I watched her grow up.

CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER

You watched her grow up?

(catching on)

You mean on TV?

MONK

I never missed an episode. I was
kind of obsessed with the show.

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