

ACT TWO

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

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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

oooooooooooo!

JANEY COOPER

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

The LAUGH TRACK TITERS.

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. TWEEEET!

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!

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"MONK" - CATHY COOPER

~~CHRISTINE RAPP AT 13~~

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Cathy Cooper

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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. TWEEET!

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!

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

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

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?

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CATHY COOPER

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ACT FOUR

24 INT. COOPER HOUSE - LIVING ROOM -- DAY

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We're watching another CLASSIC COOPER CLAN EPISODE. At least, it appears to be...

We're in the sitcom living room. There's a BROKEN VASE on the floor. The whole family- Mr. Cooper, his perky wife, MRS. COOPER, and the kids- Billy, Andy, Cathy & Janey- have gathered.

MR. COOPER

You know, that was your mother's favorite vase.

MRS. COOPER

It was a family heirloom. Do you know what heirloom means?

JANEY COOPER

Easily breakable?

The LAUGH TRACK titters.

ANDY COOPER

Dad, you're a surgeon. Why can't you operate on it?

More LAUGH TRACK titters.

MR. COOPER

I wish I could, Andy. But I'm afraid, in this case, the patient is never going to recover.

MRS. COOPER

You all know the rules about running in the house. We need to know what happened here. Which one of you broke the vase?

ALL FOUR KIDS exchange guilty looks.

MRS. COOPER (CONT'D)

Billy? Do you have something to say?

BILLY COOPER

Maybe it was a ghost! I always felt this living room was haunted!

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CATHY COOPER

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CATHY COOPER

The window was open. Maybe a raccoon came in!

More LAUGHTRACK titters.

MR. COOPER

I don't think it was a raccoon. And it wasn't a ghost. I think the culprit is in this room, right now.

CATHY COOPER

You're always accusing us. Why don't you ever get mad at Adrian?

BILLY COOPER

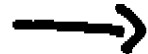
Yeah. You never even suspect him!

CATHY COOPER

(bitterly)

Adrian never gets in trouble! Adrian is perfect. Adrian, Adrian, Adrian!

CUT TO:



Monk enters... to HUGE APPLAUSE!- the kind of applause Fonzie used to receive. Monk is his real age, but he's wearing clothes from the early 70s. He's carrying some SCHOOLBOOKS. Oh, and he's got a GIANT AFRO.

This, of course, is a fantasy. Monk is dreaming. He waits for the APPLAUSE to die down.

MONK

(very upbeat, perky)

Hey Mom. Hey Dad. Hey Billy. Hey Cathy. Hey Andy. Hey Janey. Sorry I'm late. I was busy at school because I'm so popular. Oh, guess what? I made the football team.

Miraculously, a FOOTBALL is thrown into the frame Monk catches it.

MONK (CONT'D)

Oh, and guess what else? I'm the quarterback! The popular star quarterback. And nobody makes fun of me, because I'm so popular.

MRS. COOPER

That's wonderful, Adrian. Just don't throw the ball around the house.

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CATHY COOPER

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JANEY COOPER

Why not? The vase is already broken!

LAUGHTRACK: LAUGHTER and APPLAUSE!

MR. COOPER

I'm proud of you, son. Thank you for being such a wonderful boy.

MONK

You're welcome. And thank you for never driving away and leaving us forever.

MR. COOPER

Heh, heh, heh. I'd never do such a thing. You don't have to worry about that.

PICK-UP →

MONK

Cathy. Do you have anything you want to say to Mom and Dad?

CATHY COOPER

(sheepishly)

Mom, Dad. I have a confession. Scamp broke your vase.

Their dog, Scamp, appears in a doorway.

MR. COOPER

Scamp?

CATHY COOPER

We didn't want to tell you. We were afraid you'd send him back to the kennel.

STUDIO AUDIENCE

Awwwwwwwww.

MR. COOPER

Cathy, we understand why you did what you did, but it's never right to lie.

CATHY COOPER

Sorry, Dad.

MONK

Cathy. Is there anything else you'd like to confess?

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CATHY COOPER

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CATHY COOPER

I looked in Janey's diary.

STUDIO AUDIENCE

OOOooooooooo!

MONK

You know what I'm talking about.
I'm talking about this.

Monk indicates a shelf, filled with SPORTS TROPHIES.

BILLY COOPER

You mean, all the trophies you won
playing sports?

MONK

No. Not ~~my~~ trophies. I'm talking
about her Silver Globe Award.

Among the other trophies: Christine Rapp's SILVER GLOBE AWARD.
Monk ~~takes it down~~.

MONK (CONT'D)

You didn't really earn this, did
you?

CATHY COOPER

(anxiously)

I- I don't know what you're talking
about...

MONK

Here's what happened. 35 years ago,
after this show was canceled, your
career was in trouble.

Cathy Cooper covers her ears and starts SINGING LOUDLY, the
way kids do.

CATHY COOPER

I'm not listening! LA LA LA LA!

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The LAUGHTRACK TITERS. Monk continues...

MONK

When you were nominated for this
award, you knew it was your last
chance. You'd do anything to win...

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