MONK (CONT'D)

I'm not just some crazy fanatical

(qushing again!)

I can't believe I'm actually talking to you!

NATALIE

H. Natalie Teeger. Mr. Monk's assistant.

Christine offers her hand. Natalie hesitates... then reluctantly shakes it. For the first time ever, Natalie wipes her bwn hand.

MON

Why are you viping?

NATALIE I'll tell you later.

MONK

(resuming, to Christine)

How do you feel?

CHRISTINE NAPP

I feel very lucky. And scared to death.

STROT -

DEBRA WALLACE

Are you Adrian Monk, the detective?

MONK

That's right.

DEBRA WALLACE

I'm Debra Marcus, Christine's publicist. Could I talk to you for a minute?

Debra leads Monk aside. They talk privately ...

DEBRA WALLACE (CONT'D)

I'm sorry I didn't recognize you.
I've heard your name, of course.
You've helped a lot of people, haven't
you? I wonder if you could-

Debra breaks down. She's very frightened.

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DEBRA WALLACE

(pleading)

I'm scared to death, Mr. Monk. The person who did this- he isn't going to stop.

(then)

Somebody's been sending her letters. Horrible letters. About one a month, ever since she started writing her book.

MONK

The Captain mentioned that.

DEBRA WALLACE

The police said it was just an overzealous fan. We thought so, too. But after this-

(then)

She needs a bodyguard.

MONK

A bodyguard...?

DEBRA WALLACE

Someone we can trust. I know you're busy-

MONK

(quickly)

I'll do it.

DEBRA WALLACE

A thousand dollars a week. Is that fair?

MONK

It's a deal. I can't pay it all at once...

DEBRA WALLACE

No. We would pay you.

MONK

Ah. Even better. Of course. I'd be glad to help.

DEBRA WALLACE

Thank you. What a relief! I can breathe again. I can't wait to tell Christine.

Debra hugs Monk. Monk stiffens, but accepts the hug.

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DEBRA WALLACE (CONT'D)

Welcome to the family.

Debra walks off. Monk beams.

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MONK

(to himself, thrilled!)

I m in the lamil. I'm in the Cooper

Clan!

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MONK

In Season Three, Enised, Ten you said you were allergic to peanuts. But in Season Five, in the Bake Sale upisode, you ate those brownies and didn't have any reaction...

CHRISTINE RAPP Maybe Dr. Nabors gave me some medicine.

NONK
You mean Dr. <u>Norberg</u>. That's impossible. Because at the end of the torsils episode, Dr. Norberg said he was retiring...

CHRISTINE RAPP (exhausted)

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DEBRA WALLACE
Do you have any other questions?

MONK

Yes I do.

DEBRA WALLACE
I mean, not related to the show?

CHRISTINE RAPP
I have to use the little girls room.
(to Monk, playfully)
You want to come with me, Mr.
Bodyguard?

blushirs intered to the libe no essary...

CHRISTINE RAPP You're shy, huh? I like that in a man.

Christine walks off. After she's gone ...

DEBRA WALLACE

(sighs)
She likes <u>anything</u> in a man.

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Monk notices: an Oscar-size SILVER AWARD on display.

MONK

The Silver Globe.

DEBRA WALLACE

It's beautiful, isn't it? Winning this chunk of metal saved her career. It was for a TV movie about anorexia.

MONK

(nodding)

"Hungry For Love". I remember. It was the only awards show I ever saw. I was probably more nervous than she was. It went on forever. First, that man came out and told all those jokes...

DEBRA WALLACE

That was Bob Hope,

MONK

Whatever. Then those two lawyers from that accounting firm went on and on about the rules...

DEBRA WALLACE

They were from Fineman and Kelly. They tabulated the ballots.

MONK

Finally they announced her name.
Christine Rapp. Best Supporting
Actress. I was so happy. It was
like my little sister had won.

Then- iron down the hall- a SCREAM!

CHRISTINE RAPPLE VOICE

ARRREGGHH!

Down the hall.

12 INT. PAPP'S HOUSE BATHROOM - SECONDS LATER

In the BATHROOM. Monk and Debra rush in.

MENY

Christine is cowering in the corner. She's tetrified.

CARISTINE RAPP

He's going to kill me.

Monk tirns. A message has been strawled on the BATHROOM MIRROR. In red lipstick. In crude, block letters:

NEXT TIME I WON'T MISS

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