

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.

START
SC-1 →

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 TITTERS.

BILLY COOPER

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

LAUGH TRACK: LAUGHTER and APPLAUSE!

BILLY & JANEY COOPER

Scamp! Come back here!

//END
SC-1

Billy and Janey chase Scamp around the house! As they do, CATHY COOPER (Christine Kapp 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" - JANEY COOPER

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Janey

ACT FOUR

24 INT. COOPER HOUSE - LIVING ROOM -- DAY

24

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.

START
SC. 2 →

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?

→ CUT TO!

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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JANEY

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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!

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 ANNO.

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

MONK

(very upbeat, perk)
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.

Pick
UP →

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JANEY

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JANEY COOPER

Why not? The vase is already broken!

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SC.2

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.

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

Awwwwwwww.

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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Janey

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.

START
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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?

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sc. 2

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