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CHRISTINE RAPP

On cable. The show's on twice a day.

MONK

Really?

CHRISTINE RAPP

You're telling me you know every line of dialogue, and you haven't seen an episode in 35 years?

MONK

(shrugging)  
I'm just a fan.

RESUME- TV MONITOR- COOPER CLAN EPISODE

ON THE TV: it's the show's "golden moment". Their father, MR. COOPER, is having a heart-to-heart talk with Cathy.

START  
SC.1 →

MR. COOPER

I'm proud of you for wanting to keep people safe, honey. But here at home, that's my job. You don't want to put me out of work, do you?

CATHY COOPER

I never thought of it like that. I guess Billy was right: I let all that power go to my head. Sorry, Dad. I let you down.

LAUGH TRACK

Awwwwwwwww.

From upstairs, they HEAR: LOUD GENERIC ROCK AND ROLL.

MR. COOPER

Billy's playing that music again. I better have a talk with him.  
(winking)  
Can I borrow your sash?

CATHY COOPER

Sure, Dad.

// END  
SC.1

Cathy Cooper smiles and hugs her Father. The show's corny THEME MUSIC PLAYS. FINAL CREDITS ROLL.

"MONK" - MR. 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.

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?

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

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.

// END SC-2

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 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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