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Monk turns. He surveys the BUSY STREET. There's a ROAD SIGN: TUNNEL- CLEARANCE 15 FEET.

MONK (CONT'D)
 He drove west. He was getting away.
 He turned around. Why would he turn
 around?

NATALIE
 Remorse? Guilt?

SAMUEL
 No. He never came back to help my
 wife. Or call for a doctor. There
 was no remorse.

Nearby: TWO TEENAGE SLACKERS are sitting on a curb. Drinking beers. Smoking. They're a little wasted.

Monk steps up. Natalie and Samuel follow.

START →

MONK
Excuse me. How are you guys doing?

FIRST SLACKER
We're living the dream.

~~MONK
 Are you guys here a lot? Drinking
 beers? Hangin' out? Slackin' off?~~

SECOND SLACKER
~~Slackin' off? Are you a cop?~~

MONK
Not technically. It's a long story.

FIRST SLACKER
We got time.

MONK
 (sighs)
 All right. I suffered what the
 doctors call a "psychotic break".

→ **WT
TG:**

NATALIE
 (interrupting)
 Mr. Monk. They don't care.
 (to the kids)
 There was a hit and run on James
 Street two weeks ago. Did you hear
 about it?

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The Kids shake their heads. Samuel steps forward.

SAMUEL
 (pleading)
 It was the 17th. It was a Tuesday
 night. Please. Try to remember.

MONK
 Were you guys here that night? About
 8:15?

SECOND SLACKER
 Probably.

MONK

Do you remember seeing a van with a broken headlight? He was going that way. He was doing about 80.

FIRST SLACKER

(remembering)
 Wait. Yeah. Yeah! There's no bathroom here. I was crossing the street to use the one in that diner. The jerk almost ran me over.
 (to Second Slacker)
 Remember?

SECOND SLACKER

They got a bathroom in the diner?

FIRST SLACKER

I'll never forget it, if I live to be, like, your age. Thirty seconds later, the same guy, the same van, makes a U-ey and almost runs me down again! I had to dive into some bushes.

(to Second Slacker)

How can you not remember this?

SECOND SLACKER

(shrugging)
 I got a life.

SAMUEL

Did you see the driver? Did you see his face?

FIRST SLACKER

No. He was hunched over. I think he was on a cell phone.

pick-up →

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MONK

A cell phone?

Monk thinks. He indicates the TUNNEL road sign.

MONK (CONT'D)

He was heading for a tunnel. That's why he turned around! He ain't want the call to be interrupted.

SAMUEL

(to Slackers, anxiously)
Who was he talking to?

FIRST SLACKER

How the hell would I know? What planet are you from?

SAMUEL

The same planet as you. The planet earth. What kind of question is that?

MONK

(resuming)
What about the van? What color was it?

FIRST SLACKER

No idea.

MONK

Do you remember anything else?

The Slacker thinks. Hard.

FIRST SLACKER

(remembering)
Wait a minute. Yeah. It was an exterminator's van.

MONK

Exterminator?

FIRST SLACKER

Yeah. It had, like, a big logo. It said "Poison".

NATALIE

Poison?

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FIRST SLACKER

Yeah. That's right. Because I
remember saying "Poison?"

18 INT. LAUNDROMAT - LATER -- DAY

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Later that day. In a neighborhood COIN-OPERATED LAUNDROMAT.
~~Monk is helping Samuel do his laundry. They have the place
to themselves. Every single washer in the place is running.~~

~~On a table: Monk is separating Samuel's clothes into SEVERAL
FILES~~

~~MONK~~

~~Okay. This is how we do our laundry
in America. These are your whites ..~~

~~SAMUEL~~

~~(nodding)
My whites. Excellent.~~

~~MONK~~

~~Your off-whites. Your off-off whites.
These are the primary colors: red,
orange, yellow, green, blue. This
is violet. This is indigo. Left
socks. Right socks. I labeled them
for you.~~

~~SAMUEL~~

~~In Nigeria we wash all our socks
together.~~

~~MONK~~

~~Well, I don't like to judge people,
but that's wrong.~~

~~SAMUEL~~

~~So you separate everything? How
much is this going to cost?~~

~~MONK~~

~~200 dollars.~~

~~SAMUEL~~

~~I'm so lucky to have met you.~~

~~MONK~~

~~Yes you are.~~

They continue to separate the clothes, as...

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