

TEASER

1 INT. NEIGHBORHOOD GROCERY -- NIGHT (NIGHT 1) 1

Downtown. Not far from Monk's house. In a small NEIGHBORHOOD GROCERY STORE.

A beautiful African woman, ANSARA WAINGAYA, is shopping. She buys a few basic items, including a BAG OF RICE. She's humming, happily, to herself.

Ansara brings the items to the counter. The CLERK is young and friendly. He's a little smitten.

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GROCERY CLERK
Find everything okay?

ANSARA
I did. Thank you.

GROCERY CLERK
(he's flirting)
You have a beautiful accent. Let me guess. Madagascar?

Ansara smiles.

ANSARA
Nigeria.

GROCERY CLERK
Nigeria.

2 EXT. STREET - BLAZING HEADLIGHTS -- SAME TIME 2

At that moment A few blocks away: a speeding VEHICLE- a DELIVERY VAN- is swerving, dangerously, through traffic! He's going 70- maybe 80- MPH!

We CAN'T SEE THE DRIVER. He's obviously DRUNK.

3 INT. GROCERY STORE -- SAME TIME 3

Back in the store. Ansara is counting out BILLS and CHANGE.

GROCERY CLERK
Whoa. Whoa. You're giving me too much here.
(smiles)
This is a dime. This is ten cents.

"MONK" - Grocery Store Clerk

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clerk

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ANSARA

This is ten?

(holds up nickel)

And this is five? But it is bigger.
I will never understand.

GROCERY CLERK

No problem.

(then)

Do you live around here?

ANSARA

No. I am visiting, for one week.

Then I'm going home...

(exhibiting RING;

sweetly)

To my husband.

The Clerk makes a playful "wounded" face.

4 EXT. STREET - SPEEDING VAN -- SAME TIME 4

At that moment. The speeding DELIVERY VAN is still swerving, dangerously! Other cars HONK and SWERVE out of its way!

5 INT. GROCERY STORE -- SAME TIME 5

Back in the store. The Clerk is still in "flirtation mode"-

GROCERY CLERK

Well. "Married" is an interesting word. It means different things to different people...

ANSARA

To me, it means everything.

The Clerk sighs.

GROCERY CLERK

I was afraid of that. Tell your husband he's a lucky man.

ANSARA

Actually, I'm the lucky one.
Goodnight.

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Ansara collects her bag, smiles, and walks out.

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