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CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER (CONT'D)

(then)

So promise me: you'll think hard-
long and hard- before you do anything
stupid.

MONK

I promise.

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The next day. In Elliot Nichols' restaurant. Monk and Samuel
Waingaya are undercover! They're working as DISHWASHERS!

They're in the busy, cluttered kitchen. COOKS are busy at
stoves. WAITERS and BUSBOYS rush in and out. The HEAD CHEF
is yelling orders at everybody!

Monk and Samuel are at a HUGE SINK. They're both wearing
hairnets. They're washing dishes with steaming hot water.
Steam billows from the sink.

They turn the water off. We reveal: they've been washing
one fork! One single fork. So far, they've washed four or
five utensils.

Beside them: piles of dirty dishes and dirty utensils, waiting
to be washed.

SAMUEL

It looks good.

MONK

What's that? Is that a speck? We
better make sure.

They start to re-wash the fork. The HEAD CHEF steps up.

HEAD CHEF

I need a plate! Where are the plates?
What have you been doing?

MONK & SAMUEL

We did this fork... and that knife...

SAMUEL

We are washing them American style.

HEAD CHEF

What the hell does that mean? What
about the potatoes?

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HEAD CHEF

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Monk indicates a BOWL OF POTATOES. They've been cut and peeled beyond recognition. They're small and square-thousands of tiny cubes.

HEAD CHEF (CONT'D)

What did you do? You were just supposed to peel them. They look like dice!?

SAMUEL

American style.

HEAD CHEF

Why do you keep saying that? That doesn't make any sense!

The boss, Elliot Nichols, steps up. He's holding a bottle. He's been drinking.

ELLIOT NICHOLS

IS there a problem?

The Cook covers for the new guys...

HEAD CHEF

(anxiously)

No sir. These are the new dishwashers. This is Mr. Adrian and Mr. Samuels.

A tense beat. Samuel glares at the man who killed his wife. Monk is seething, too. They barely contain their anger.

HEAD CHEF (CONT'D)

I was just showing them the ropes.

ELLIOT NICHOLS

They can't be worse than the two sloons we fired.

During this, Samuel is holding a GLASS. He's so angry, he squeezes too hard. The glass shatters!

ELLIOT NICHOLS (CONT'D)

That's coming out of your pay.

(to Chef)

When they're done here, have 'em unload the van. I made a fish-run this morning.

HEAD CHEF

Will do.

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MONK
(quickly, sharply)
Of course I knew her. We were married
for ten years!

Samuel reacts, confused. Monk notices something. He's
looking through a glass partition, or down a hall, into the
MAIN DINING ROOM.

Mr. and Mrs. Buxton- the couple whose maid was killed earlier-
are entering the restaurant!

MONK (CONT'D)
What are they doing here?

SAMUEL
Who?

MONK
(puzzled)
The Buxtons. I was just at their
house. Their maid was killed.

Monk continues to watch. In the DINING ROOM: the Buxtons
and Elliot Nichols embrace. They appear to be old friends.

During this, the Head Chef steps up.

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HEAD CHEF
Hey! Mutt and Jeff! I need salad
bowls!

SAMUEL
Shhh! Let him think!

HEAD CHEF
"Let him think"?
(to kitchen staff,
sarcastic)
COULD YOU KEEP IT DOWN PLEASE? THE
DISHWASHER IS THINKING.

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SAMUEL
Just give us a minute.
(to Monk, low)
Adrian Monk. What's going on?

MONK
I don't know.

Monk notices: the WAITRESS we met earlier. She's answering
a PHONE. As she does, she removes one of her EARRINGS, so
she can hear better.

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