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MONK (CONT'D)
 (realizing)
 She was on the telephone.

SAMUEL
Who was on the telephone?

MONK
 The maid. The woman who was killed.
 That's why she removed an earring

23 INT. RESTAURANT - MAIN DINING ROOM -- MOMENTS LATER

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Moments later. In the MAIN DINING ROOM. Mr. and Mrs. Buxton are seated at a table. They're reading their menus.

Monk steps up... wearing a stolen WAITER'S UNIFORM! He's pretending to be their waiter! He's carrying a TRAY OF FOOD which he grabbed, at random, from the kitchen.

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MONK
 Hello. My name is Adrian. I'll be your server. I have your soup.

Monk puts some SOUP down.

MR. BUXTON
 (confused)
 We... haven't ordered yet.

MONK
 I just assumed you wanted soup. Was I right?

MR. BUXTON
 I... uh...

Monk places ANOTHER DISH in front of Mrs. Buxton.

MONK
 And for the lady... Tiramisu.

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MRS. BUXTON
 Dessert?

MONK
 Why wait until the last minute?
 (then, probing)
 I understand you're a friend of Mr. Nichols.

MRS. BUXTON
 We've known Elliot for years. Why?

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"MONK" - MR. BUXTON

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MR. Buxton

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Mr. Buxton peers at Monk.

MR. BUXTON

→ Have we met?

MONK

No sir. I'm new here.

(resuming)

I was sorry to hear about your housekeeper. Somebody mentioned she was killed recently. She was bludgeoned to death, is that right?

(then, innocently)

More coffee?

MR. BUXTON

Wait a minute. I do know you.

(to his wife)

He was there. He's with the police.

MRS. BUXTON

~~You're a detective?~~

MONK

~~Actually, I'm moonlighting.~~

MRS. BUXTON

~~As a waiter?~~

MONK

~~You know our motto. To protect and serve. When I'm a cop, I'm protecting. And on nights like this, I'm moonlighting.~~

(resuming)

~~Anyway,~~ I've been thinking about your case. The morning you returned from your trip, you said you found your cell phone..?

MR. BUXTON

That's right. I forgot to bring it with me to Barbados. It's no big deal.

MONK

And when you got home..?

MR. BUXTON

I found it. It was lying in the kitchen. What's all this about?

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MONK

I'm just tying up some loose ends.

(to Mrs. Buxton)

How's that Tiramisu?

Mrs. Buxton takes a bite.

MRS. BUXTON

It's good. Delicious.

MONK

Good. I'll tell the chef

(then)

One more thing. Does Elliot Nichols have your cell phone number?

MR. BUXTON

Elliot? Of course he does. We talk all the time.

MRS. BUXTON

Especially during baseball season. They talk after every game.

A beat. Monk considers this.

MR. BUXTON

This is the strangest dinner I've ever had.

END

24 INT. KITCHEN -- MOMENTS LATER

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Moments later. Back in the kitchen. Samuel is at the sink, washing some dishes. Monk steps up- still in his WAITER UNIFORM.

MONK

Sun jee-toe mum-bolly. Definitely mum-bolly.

SAMUEL

(excitedly)

And we can prove it?

MONK

Not for killing Ansara. But he committed another murder. He killed a maid- a housekeeper- the same night.

(excitedly)

Where's your phone?

Samuel hands Monk his CELL PHONE. They cross to a private alcove. There's no one else around. Monk dials.

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