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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

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

bessert?

MONK

Why wait until the last minute?

(then, probing)

I understant vou're a friend of Mr. Nichols

MRS. BUXTON

We've known Elliot for years. Why?

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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)

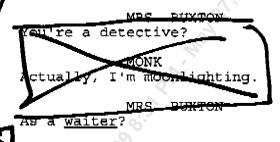
More coffee?

MR. BUXTON

Wait a minute. I do know you.

(to his wife)

He was there. He's with the police.



MONK

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(resuming)

Anymy, 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.

Menk

Stad Till 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.

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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 bis WAITER UNIFORM.

MONK

Sun jee-toe mum-bolly. <u>Definitely</u> mum-rolly.

SAMUEL

(excitedly)
And we can prove it

MONK

Not for killing Ansara. But he committed <u>another</u> 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 <u>private</u> alcove. There's no end else around. Monk dials.

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