

ACT TWO

7 INT. DR. BELL'S OFFICE -- DAY (DAY 5) 7

The next day. Back in Dr. Bell's office. A GROUP SESSION is in progress...

Dr. Bell is talking to three patients: AUGIE, RHONDA, and a third patient who- for the moment- is hidden from view. Augie is heavy-set, quiet, painfully shy. Rhonda is 40-ish, high-strung, scowling, judgmental.

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RHONDA  
I've made a decision. I'm not going to the convention.

DR. BELL  
I thought your boss said that-

RHONDA  
Let him fire me. I don't care. I hate my job anyway. Medical supplies. Wheelchairs, prosthetic arms. It's so gruesome. I hope he does fire me.

~~DR. BELL  
Rhonda, I know you don't like to fly, but this is your career. You've worked at that store for what, nine years? I don't think you should just throw it all away.  
(to Augie)  
Augie? Did you want to say something?~~

During this, the office door opens. Monk... slowly, reluctantly... steps in. Augie notices him.

AUGIE  
Dr. Bell? There's a man.

Dr. Bell turns.

DR. BELL  
Ah! Adrian. Come in. I'm so glad you changed your mind. We were just getting started.

RHONDA  
(unhappily)  
Who's this?

"Monk" - Rhonda

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Rhonda

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DR. BELL

This is Adrian. I've invited him to join our little group. Our little band of brothers. I think he'll fit right in.

RHONDA

Without asking us?

DR. BELL

It's not your decision, Rhonda. Adrian, this is Rhonda.

Monk nods. He's very uncomfortable.

RHONDA

(to Monk)

It's nothing personal. I just don't like surprises.

MONK

I'm sorry.

DR. BELL

Adrian, you don't have to apologize.

MONK

You're right. I'm sorry I'm sorry.

DR. BELL

And this is Augie.

Augie nods.

AUGIE

Arachnophobia. Agoraphobia.

DR. BELL

Augie. We've talked about this. You don't have to tell everybody about your phobias. You're not defined by what you're afraid of.

RHONDA

I hate it when he does that.

AUGIE

You hate when anybody does anything.

DR. BELL

And of course, you know Harold.

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Rhonda

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ACT THREE

11 INT. DR. BELL'S OFFICE -- LATER THAT DAY 11

Later. In Dr. Bell's office. Another session is in progress.

The group is shrinking. There are only three patients left: Monk, Harold and Rhonda. There are now three empty chairs.

Everyone is sullen... stunned.

HAROLD KRENSHAW

And then there were three.

DR. BELL

I guess we should get started. Who wants to go first?

An awkward, solemn beat. Dr. Bell sighs.

DR. BELL (CONT'D)

I know this is difficult. It's overwhelming. First Sally drowning. And now Augie. If you want to cancel the session- maybe cancel next week, too- I'd certainly understand.

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HAROLD KRENSHAW

I don't think we should cancel. In fact, I think we need each other now more than ever.

RHONDA

Oh please.

HAROLD KRENSHAW

(to Dr. Bell)

We need your strength, Neven. Your guidance. You're the beacon- you're the light that will see us through our darkest hour.

RHONDA

So Harold, what's it like up there in Neven's butt? Is it lonely? Do you get scared at night?

DR. BELL

Rhonda, let's remember rule number one: don't make it personal.

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RHONDA  
I'm sorry. I just don't understand.  
Why would Augie jump like that? He  
didn't seem depressed to me.

HAROLD KRENSHAW  
Maybe he saw a ladybug. Or a firefly.

MONK  
He didn't jump.

A stunned beat.

RHONDA  
But the newspaper said-

MONK  
I know what they said. The police  
withheld some information. The truth  
is, we still don't know the exact  
cause of death.

DR. BELL  
I don't understand..

MONK  
I think Augie was murdered. I think  
someone tied him up and dragged him  
to the roof.

RHONDA  
Oh my God.

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HAROLD KRENSHAW  
(panicking)  
Dr. Bell! Tell me what to feel!  
Dr. Bell, tell me what to feel!

DR. BELL  
I think we all feel remorse...

HAROLD KRENSHAW  
Remorse. I can do that.

Harold forces himself to feel remorse.

MONK  
I have some more news. I think Sally  
was murdered, too.

Another stunned beat.

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