

8 INT. COURTROOM -- PRESENT DAY 8

The FLASHBACK ENDS. We're back in court. Stottlemeyer is still testifying.

D.A. FRANKLIN
And did you determine whether Monk was right?

CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER
Yes sir. Lt. Disher ran a field test to make certain.

9 INT. NANCY GILDAY'S HOUSE - MONTHS EARLIER - NIGHT - SEPIA 9
FLASHBACK (SFB-2)

A QUICK SEPIA FLASHBACK. Back at the crime scene. Lt. Disher is reaching his arm through the hole in the glass door. But we don't see him. We only HEAR him.

LT. DISHER (O.S.)
OW OW OW OW OW!

Monk, Natalie, and Stottlemeyer are watching him. They're not surprised.

10 INT. COURTROOM -- PRESENT DAY 10

Our FLASHBACK ENDS. Back in the courtroom. Stottlemeyer is still on the stand.

THE JUDGE
(puzzled)
Excuse me. I'm sorry to interrupt. I saw Lt. Disher in the hall, before the trial. I couldn't help noticing: both of his hands were bandaged.

CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER
(embarrassed)
Yes. Ah, he wanted to be sure. So he tried it again, with his other arm.

THE JUDGE
He tried it again?

CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER
(sighs)
He's very thorough.

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JACKSON POWELL (CONT'D)

This is a sample of the gravel from my client's driveway.

(to Monk)

If your story is true, detective, a lot of these chips came from the same slab. We should be able to fit some of them back together, like a big jigsaw puzzle. Isn't that right?

MONK

In theory.

The lawyer pounces! He indicates the defendant.

JACKSON POWELL

IN "THEORY"?! IS THAT WHAT YOU JUST SAID? Do you want to send my client away for the rest of his life on a "theory"?

Monk is more rattled than ever. He continues to fiddle with the gooseneck mic, twisting it, bending it, as...

MONK

I'm sorry. I misspoke. It's not a theory. It's what happened. He-he's the guy.

JACKSON POWELL

Well. Let's see if you're right. How about these two?

Powell picks TWO ROCKS at random, and tries to fit them together.

JACKSON POWELL (CONT'D)

No. They don't fit.
(trying another ROCK)
Maybe this one. No.

In the SPECTATOR SECTION: Natalie can't help herself. She rises!

NATALIE

OBJECTION!

A confused beat. The Judge RAPS his gavel! BANG BANG!

THE JUDGE

Order in this court. Who is that woman?

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JACKSON POWELL
That's the witness's nurse, your Honor.

~~MONK
(nervously)
Excuse me. She's not my nurse.
She's my assistant. My nurse left,
five years ago.
JACKSON POWELL
We're all very sorry to hear that,
Mr. Monk.~~

More giggles from SPECTATORS and JURORS.

MONK
(flustered)
OBJECTION!

THE JUDGE
To what?

MONK
To... what I said.

THE JUDGE
Mr. Monk, you're testifying. You can't object to your own testimony.

JACKSON POWELL
Why did you need a nurse, Mr. Monk?

D.A. FRANKLIN
Objection. Immaterial.

JACKSON POWELL
Your Honor, I didn't introduce this subject. Mr. Monk himself mentioned that he needed a nurse.

THE JUDGE
I'll allow it. Answer the question.

11 END

~~MONK
I had a breakdown ten years ago,
after the death of my wife.
JACKSON POWELL
Isn't that when you left the police
force, Mr. Monk? What exactly were
the circumstances of your departure?~~

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