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<u>ACT TWO</u>

9 INT. MONK'S MOTEL ROOM -- DAY (DAY 3)

The next morning. In Monk's MOTEL ROOM. Monk's CLEANING SUPPLIES are neatly arranged, on the bureau.

Monk is in bed. He wakes up. He climbs out of bed. He CLICKS ON a light. He yawns. He stretches. He opens a curtain.

Through the window- gawking in at him- is an ALIEN!!

The Alien's skin is lime green. Its face is a ghastly white. For eyes: a metallic rectangular band, with red lights.

Monk blinks. He doesn't react. Here's what he does: <u>he</u> <u>starts over</u>.

He calmly closes the curtain. He calmly SWITCHES OFF the light. He calmly climbs back in bed. He closes his eyes. A beat. Another beat. Then he opens his eyes, and tries again.

He climbs out of bed. TURNS ON the light. Yawns. Opens the curtains. Now he sees: THREE ALIENS, looking in at him!

10 EXT. COMFORT INN - PARKING LOT -- MOMENTS LATER

Moments later. Outside. The Geek Circus is in town! About 20 ECCENTRIC UFO ENTHUSIASTS- from all over the country-have converged on the tiny motel.

They're gathered in the parking lot. All ages. All types. Some are just plain GEEKY. Some-like the ones who woke Monk up- are wearing ALIEN COSTUMES.

Some have signs: WELCOME TO EARTH. One is wearing GOGGLES. One is scanning the skies with a HAND-HELD SATELLITE DISH.

THREE UFO FANATICS are arguing-

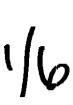


GOGGLE FANATIC

I bet they came from Andromeda- from the First or Second Nebuli. Which means they've been traveling for five thousand, two hundred and seventeen years.

SECOND UFO FANATIC
There are no inhabitable planets on
Andromeda, Nimrod!

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ALIEN COSTUME FANATIC Don't call him Nimrod.

GOGGLE FANATIC It's okay. It's my name.

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Nearby: Dickie the Motel Clerk is changing the MOTEL VACANCY SIGN to "NO VACANCY". Another UFO Fanatic, on a Segway, rolls up.

SECWAY FANATIC

Excuse me. Did you make the video?

The one on the internet?

DICKIE

That was me.

SEGWAY FANATIC

Where was it?

DICKIE

Over there. Right above that tree.

SEGVAY FANATIC

Was it the mother ship?

DICKIE

I don't knd

SEGWAY FANATIC

Any idea where it came from?

During this, Dickie adds a "l" to the sign, changing it from 59 DOLLARS A NIGHT to 159 DOLLARS.

DICKIE

Yeith. It came from heaven.

During this, Monk and Natalie are standing off to the side. They're watching the Fanatics. Monk is appalled.

MONK

Who are they?

NATALIE

It's the internet, Mr. Monk. News like this travels fast.

MONK

(nedding, knowingly) th. The Internet People.

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A high-end SPORTS CAR pulls up. A sharply-dressed BUSINESSWOMAN climbs out, carrying a briefcase. She's the only normal-looking person in sight.

-- BUSINESSWOMAN

What's going on? Is there a Loser Convention in town?

NATALIE

No. They're just lonel. I mean, they're not hurting an body ...

BUSINESSWOMAN

I'm not so sure. The aliens are obviously an intergalactic recolnaissance squadron. Probably from Alpha Centuri.

ONK & NATALIE

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(idding... Huh... no

BUSINESSWOMAN

(re: the Fanatics)

These idiots could provoke a preer tive strike. The first thing ll do is suck up all the oxygen. they

The Woman opens her car trunk. The puts on the HELMET. Inside is a HAZMAT SUIT.

BUSINESSWOMAN (IN HELMET) (CONT'D)
I have a spare tank if you want to share.

She's boviously insane. Monk and Natalie back away.

NATALIE

No... thank you.

(to Monk)

I'm gonna call the garage, and see if our car's ready.

MONK

Dial fast. Dial like the wind.

Natalie steps away to make her call. While she does, Goggles, Costumed Alien and Second Fanatic step up.

GOGGLE FANATIC

Excuse me. The motel clerk said you were the Alpha Contact.

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the Alpha Contact...?

SECONI UFO FANATIC

pid the saucer make any roise? Mere the lights/blinking? Was it like, a rhythmic blinking, or was it more rendom?

ALIEN COSTUME FANATIC Were you probed?

MONK

No. No. I wasn't probed.

GOGGLE FANATIC

Are you sure? Sometimes they probe you and give you an amnesia pill.

MONK

I'd remember.

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Sometimes they give you a frontal lobotomy.

MONK

I'd still remember.

Natalie HANGS UP, and reports

NATALIE

The part dien't come in. He said to try again later. I think he's still mad at you.

ANOTHER UFO FANATIC, with a crude, homemake GEIGER COUNTER-LIKE MACHINE, steps up. He allowly scans fonk... head to toe... to get a "reading". His machine goes BEEP- BEEP-BEEP.

MONK

(to Natalie, as he's scanned)

Try again. Call him back.

NATALIE

It's only been two minutes-

MONK I <u>can't</u> think. All these Internet People.

The SATELLITE FANATIC and THREE OTHER FANATICS rush up.

SATELLITE FANATIC

(excitedly

We re going to fan out and look for the rest of the fleet!

MONK

Great i lea. Fan out.

NATALI

Be gareful.

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The Satelline Fanatic and his Three Friends rush away, into the desert Monk turns to Natalie

MONK

(thoughtfully)

There was something here. I mean, something made those impressions. It had to be last night, because it rained yesterday...

NATALIE Mr. Menk Isi't i <u>posible</u>? I man, we both saw what we saw.

MONK

(firmly)

No. It's not. It's not possible.

The GOGGLE FANATIC is nearby. He's overheard this.

GOGGLE FANATIC

Of course it's possible. As Carl Sagan said: it's pure hubris to assume that our tiny blue marble contains the only intelligent life in the galaxy.

(dramatically)
The Aliens have arrived.

MONK

<u>or</u>...

GOGGLE FANATIC

Or what?

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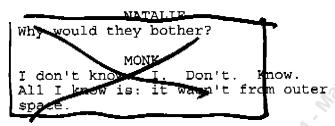
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MONK

Or <u>anything</u>. <u>Any</u> other explanation. It could have been a prank. Maybe some college kids.



Goggle Fanatic extends his hand.

GOGGLE FANATIC Let's agree to disagree.

"END

MONK

Let's agree to not even do that.

Monk rejuctantly shakes the man's hand. Then- as always-

MONK (CONT'D)

Wipe

Natalie hands Monk a wipe. He obsessively wipes his hands.

GOGGLE FANATIC What are ou doing?

NATALIE

He has this thing about germs.

GOGGLE FANATIC

(puzzled)

Are you afraid of our germs?

NATALIE

Not yours, in particular.

Anybody's...

OTHER TANATICS gather around. They look at Monk suspiciously, as if he wasn't human. THEY THINK MONK IS AN ALIEN!!

ALIEN COSTUME FANATIC

He's not sweating.

SECOND UFO FANATIO

leah. I maticod that too