

Mr. Monk and the Big Game

CHARACTERS:

ADRIAN MONK

NATALIE TEEGER

PROPS:

WHISTLE

BUTTON

SETTING:

A TRAIL -- MONK AND NATALIE WALK ALONG A PARTIALLY BURNT-OUT TRAIL. MONK NOTICES SOMETHING. HE BLOWS HIS STUPID WHISTLE.

MONK

TWEEET!

MONK

Oh, oh.

NATALIE

What?

He picks something off Natalie's jacket. It's a BURR- a thorn- like the one he found on the coach's jacket.

MONK (cont'd)

Burr.

Then, Monk notices a METAL BUTTON on the ground.

MONK

Natalie...

NATALIE

Oh...

Natalie picks it up. Monk recognizes it.

MONK (cont'd)

It's from Lynn Hayden's coat. Oh my god.

NATALIE

You think she could have been involved with the fire. Maybe that's why she was killed.

MONK

There's got to be a connection, but I don't see it.

(puzzled)

What happened here was an accident. Nobody was hurt. Nobody even knew she caused it. Hmmm...

Monk reaches for his whistle. Natalie grabs it from him.

NATALIE

Please. Don't.

MONK

It helps me think.

Natalie takes Monk's whistle and- TWEET!- she blows it. So now it has her germs on it. Monk can't use it. A beat. Monk takes ANOTHER COACH'S WHISTLE from his pocket. And blows it.

MONK (cont'd)

TWEEET!

(explaining)

Back up.

(then, thinking)

There's gotta be a connection...

(whistle)

Tweeeeeet. There's gotta be a connection. Tweeeeeet...