

## Mr. Monk Goes to the Dentist

### CHARACTERS :

ADRIAN MONK

NATALIE TEEGER

### SETTING :

A KITCHEN -- RANDY IS CONVINCED HIS DENTIST, DR BLOOM, AND THE DENTAL HYGIENIST KILLED A MAN WHILE HE WAS SEDATED DURING A DENTAL PROCEDURE. RANDY WANTS TO HIRE MONK TO INVESTIGATE. NATALIE LEADS MONK INTO THE KITCHEN TO DISCUSS.

NATALIE

Mr. Monk. This is Randy we're talking about. He would do anything for you.

MONK

And I would do anything for him... except for this. Natalie, I can't do it. I have this thing about dentists.

NATALIE

You have "this thing" about everything.

MONK

That's true. But dentists are in a separate category altogether. I can't even discuss it. I can't even think about discussing it. I can't even talk about thinking about discussing it.

NATALIE

Mr. Monk, everybody's afraid of dentists-

MONK

Not like this. Not like this.

NATALIE

Okay. How afraid are you? On a scale of one to ten?

MONK

Ten? I am so far beyond ten. I  
laugh at your ten! I lie awake at  
night dreaming about tens!  
(imagining dentists)  
That chair... and the drilling...  
and probing... the rinsing...

NATALIE

What do you do if you get a cavity?

MONK

I don't get cavities. I brush my  
teeth twelve times a day. I floss  
every ninety minutes.

NATALIE

So you've never been to a dentist?

MONK

Once. When I was twelve.

NATALIE

How did that go?

MONK

(quietly)  
Not well.

NATALIE

Mr. Monk, this is Randy. He's in  
pain.  
(an idea)  
How about this: you don't have to  
meet the dentist. You don't have to  
go into his office. You can just  
sit in the waiting room and look  
around. Just the waiting room.

*Monk considers this.*

NATALIE (cont'd)

I'll be right there the whole time.

MONK

(gulping)  
So will I.