

Mr. Monk Can't See a Thing

CHARACTERS:

ADRIAN MONK
DR. KROGER

PROPS:

SUNGLASSES
WALKING CANE

SETTING:

DR. KROGER'S OFFICE - MONK IS NOW REALLY "INTO" BEING BLIND. HE'S WEARING STYLISH RAY CHARLES SUNGLASSES. HE'S TAPPING AND SPINNING HIS WALKING CANE. HE'S COMPLETELY RELAXED AND UPBEAT. ALMOST SMUG.

DR. KROGER

Adrian, I don't know what to say.
After you got the diagnosis, you were so
despondent...

MONK

Was I?

DR. KROGER

Yes, you were catatonic. You were sitting
here, sobbing, because you thought you'd never
be able to look at Trudy's photos again.

MONK

All I know is: I've never been
happier. I'm at peace. Dig this-

DR. KROGER

"Dig this"...?

MONK

Yesterday, the School For The Blind
sent a woman over to teach me how to
get around. She wanted me to count
the steps from my front door to the
street. I said "Sweetheart, I've
been counting those steps for five
years. Forty four." So you see,
I've been preparing to be
blind my whole life!

DR. KROGER

What about work?

MONK

My work, my work is great.
I'd say I'm operating at-

or just below- Magoo level.

DR. KROGER

Adrian, I have to tell you, I'm a little concerned. Now, there are five stages of grief and I think You've already leapfrogged over at least three of them.

MONK

(chuckling)

I'm sorry to interrupt. But I was just thinking, you could be naked right now, and it wouldn't bother me.

DR. KROGER

Adrian, I'm not naked.

MONK

But you could be.

DR. KROGER

Look Adrian, I think that you're using this condition as an excuse to cut yourself off from the real world even more than usual. And the pendulum will swing back.

MONK

I don't think so.

DR. KROGER

Yes it will. This is what pendulums do. You could come crashing down. It would be very painful. I just refuse to believe you are happy, genuinely happy, having lost your eyesight.

MONK

It's the best thing that ever happened to me.