

## ***Synopsis: MR. MONK SAVES RASH NATALIE***

### ***Logline***

Adrian Monk faces his greatest challenge yet. A big general hospital is the backdrop for murder and suspense. Monk is called on to solve the murders and fight a toxic menace that threatens Natalie.

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Natalie comes down with a strange fever and rash. After passing out she is rushed to the hospital. Soon after, the hospital reports that foul play is suspected in the recent deaths of several patients. Monk, Stottlemeyer and Disher visit the widow of one of the patients. When checking the dead man's car, Monk notices an air freshener in the shape of a dog having a terrible odor. The lab reports that the air freshener is laden with toxins. Disher learns that the wealthy female victim was the owner of a chain of pet stores and that the widow of the male victim is a dog trainer at one of the stores. The detectives discover that Natalie and Julie were given a “pet goody bag” by a volunteer at the pet store when taking their parrot there recently. The bag contained a pet air freshener that Natalie complained smelled awful. The detectives know they're on to something.

The officers need to have Natalie's air freshener checked see if too has toxins. Monk feeling guilty because he's been avoiding Natalie and her “germs,” volunteers to search her house for the freshener. He obtains a contamination suit to wear during the search. Monk slips and falls his way into finding the evidence. He runs out of the house in his strange apparel, scaring the neighborhood children. The lab matches the toxic ingredients in Natalie's air freshener with the other evidence.

Stottlemeyer and Monk visit the attending physician, Dr. Tobias, at home. Monk is transfixed on Mrs. Tobias' charm bracelet of dogs and cats because one charm is missing. Later when they stop by the pet store, Monk is astonished to see a pet charm in the lost and found box. He deduces that Mrs. Tobias was the volunteer giving out the goody bags, losing her dog charm when she was there. They learn that both Dr. and Mrs. Tobias are associated with several radical animal organizations—ones that use violence against those they feel are abusing animals.

Monk gets into “here's what happened” mode, outlining how Dr. and Mrs. Tobias were behind the murders of the two patients. Stottlemeyer and Disher rush off to arrest the Tobiases. Monk and Julie stay behind with Natalie. Julie is sleeping at her mother's bedside and Monk is across the room asleep in a chair. A nurse wearing a surgeon's mask alerts Monk that a contagious person was just admitted and that all guests need to be cleared. He follows the nurse down a dark hall. He notices her charm bracelet and realizes that it's Mrs. Tobias. He locks her in a room and rushes back to Natalie's room. Julie is in tears—a man just injected something into Natalie's IV. Natalie is gasping for air. Julie pleads with Monk to save her—the “call” button had been cut by the man. Monk tells Julie to run for help. With a determined look in his eyes, Monk takes off his surgeon's mask and gives Natalie mouth-to-mouth resuscitation saving her life.

The doctors and nurses rush in along with Stottlemeyer and Disher who have Dr. Tobias with them in handcuffs. Everyone lauds Monk for saving Natalie's life. The more he hears about it the dizzier he gets. Monk collapses and is admitted to the hospital. The next day Stottlemeyer, Disher, Natalie and Julie visit Monk in the hospital. He is enjoying his stay, breathing in the pure oxygen from the oxygen mask. Natalie was given an antidote for her allergic reaction and is fine. Natalie and Julie can't thank Mr. Monk enough.