THE MENTALIST PRIMER

RED-HANDED

WHY RED-HANDED 1X6

Because this is the episode where Jane buys Cho a watch. (Well, sort of.) And he calls Cho his girlfriend. (Sort of.)



Background: the case involves a missing casino owner (who turns out to be, yes, murdered). While investigating the casino, Jane decides to hang around and play blackjack. He wins a lot of money by counting cards (and is eventually asked to leave). He comes back to the office with presents for Lisbon and Van Pelt. He passes them out (they're very expensive necklace/earring sets).

Cho walks in and sees what's going on.



Cho: He and Rigsby walk up to Jane. "So where's our stuff?"

Jane: "Your stuff?"

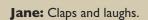
Cho: "Well, you didn't get stuff just for the ladies. That would be creepy." Exchanges glances with Rigsby, then looks back at Jane, waiting.



Jane: Looks Cho up and down, looks over at Rigsby, then dips into his bag again. He pulls out two small boxes. He tosses the first to Cho and says, "Who's your daddy?" Tosses the next to Rigsby and breaks out in a grin. "Ah?"

Rigsby: "Thanks, man."

Cho: Smiles. "Thanks."



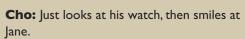




Cho: Opens the box. "Yeah, it must be worth a lot of money because this is the ugliest watch I've ever seen." He holds it up and grins.

Jane: Shrugs, still smiling. "It's horrible. I asked for the most expensive watches they had."

Rigsby: Puts on his watch—is really happy. "Oh, thanks, man."







Jane takes the team out for a treat and they end up at a bar, playing poker. After a conversation about how Jane won the money, Lisbon decides it's time to call it a night. She returns her necklace and earrings to Jane, saying that 'playtime is over' and that the jewelry is a 'waste'. Van Pelt, reluctantly, does the same. The ladies get up and leave.

Jane looks at Cho.

Cho: Says immediately, "I'm not giving mine back."

Rigsby: "No way."

Jane: They all smile and Jane holds up his beer bottle—they toast each other. "That's my boys. Live it up." They all drink, Jane watching Cho.



Next day, Jane has decided to worm his way into a private poker game in order to trap his suspect. Cut to Cho and Rigsby, investigating the murdered man's library, trying to find a survelliance DVD. They're not having any luck, so Cho gets out his cell and starts dialing. Cut to the poker game.

Jane: Cell rings. He gets it out and looks at the display, then smiles and says to the man next to him. "Ah. New girlfriend."