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ANGELA  
Booth will think so. Especially since it was a married man.

BRENNAN  
Who?

ANGELA  
She wouldn't tell me. She told me they first kissed at the opening of the Egyptian exhibit and it's been hot and heavy ever since.

BRENNAN  
Statistically, most female murder victims are killed by their lovers.

ANGELA  
Sweetie, I liked Kristen, so could you please not say "statistically" and "rationally" and "typically" when we talk about her?

BRENNAN  
I'm sorry, Ange. I'll try.

ANGELA  
No, I'm sorry, sweetie. I guess I'm freaked that someone we see everyday did this

Brennan nods and hugs Angela.

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INT. MEDICO-LEGAL LAB / CONFERENCE AREA - DAY

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DR. HARLAN BANCROFT, 55, aforementioned El Supremo of the Jeffersonian, more politician than scientist - powerful, smart, connected, patrician, looks down over his domain -

START →

> DR. HARLAN BANCROFT  
How can I aid your investigation?

BOOTH  
The entire building is a crime scene, Dr. Bancroft. I'd like you to explain that to your people.

> DR. HARLAN BANCROFT  
Of course. I'll post extra security, tell anyone who can work at home or in other wings of the Jeffersonian to do so.

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BOOTH

It might also help if you tell your people to cooperate with the FBI.

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DR. HARLAN BANCROFT

Yes, Agent Booth, of course. I don't know if you've had much cause to work with scientists. They are difficult people. By nature. Combative, skeptical, resistant.

BOOTH

I've noticed.

➤

DR. HARLAN BANCROFT

Have you identified the victim?

BOOTH

Unofficially. An intern named Kristen Reardon.

➤

DR. HARLAN BANCROFT

No relation to Ted Reardon?

BOOTH

His daughter. Dr. Reardon left the Jeffersonian for Georgetown University.

➤

DR. HARLAN BANCROFT

Ah, yes. In the interests of full disclosure, I was instrumental in that move.

BOOTH

You fired him?

➤

DR. HARLAN BANCROFT

I facilitated a necessary change.

BOOTH

Why necessary?

➤

DR. HARLAN BANCROFT

Excellent scientist, poor administrator. Does Reardon know about his daughter?

BOOTH

Dr. Brennan is informing him.

Bancroft reaches out to shake Booth's hand -

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DR. HARLAN BANCROFT  
I'd appreciate it if you kept me in  
the loop within the constraints of  
the law, of course.

Booth shakes his hand and watches him leave. Booth doesn't  
like this guy.

**STOP**

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~~INT. MEDICO-LEGAL LAB / OUTSIDE BRENNAN'S OFFICE - DAY~~

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~~POV SHOT - BRENNAN & DR. TED REARDON~~

~~talk in her office. Reardon is a rumpled, tweedy, academic  
in his late forties. He is obviously in pain as Brennan  
breaks the news to him.~~

~~REVEAL - BOOTH~~

~~is watching. Cam approaches -~~

~~CAM  
The victim's father? Ted Reardon?~~

~~BOOTH  
Yeah. Bones just told him that his  
daughter is dead.~~

~~CAM  
Rumor has it Bancroft banished  
Reardon from the Jeffersonian  
because he felt threatened  
politically.~~

~~BOOTH  
Why?~~

~~CAM  
Reardon had the staff's respect;  
Bancroft is good with the donors  
and Board.~~

~~DR. REARDON~~

~~breaks down -~~

~~BOOTH  
Did you know Kristen at all?~~

~~CAM  
Not at all. I'm okay with that  
today.~~

Awkwardly, Brennan puts a hand on Reardon's shoulder.

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Angela taps: the skeletons turn horizontal on a flat surface -

CAM

No, Kristen would have to be on the bottom against the table.

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ANGELA

In that case, the weapon would have to have been on the table.

ZACK

At a fixed angle. Makes sense.

CAM

Killer enters. Aldridge steps in front of Kristen...

START →

ANGELA

Killer pushes Aldridge, he falls back on Kristen.

ZACK

The weapon impales Kristen through the posterior thorax at a 67 degree angle.

CAM

Exits her anterior thorax, protruding enough to puncture Aldridge's shoulder blade...

ZACK

...at a 67 degree angle.

> DR. HARLAN BANCROFT (O.S.)

Very impressive.

They turn to see the head of the Jeffersonian -

> DR. HARLAN BANCROFT (CONT'D)

The death was accidental, then?

CAM

If it were accidental, why didn't Aldridge come forward?

> DR. HARLAN BANCROFT

I believe it was his intention to do exactly that. Dr. Aldridge arranged with the Jeffersonian's in-house counsel to meet with the Federal Attorney today to give his version of what happened that night.

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➤ DR. HARLAN BANCROFT (CONT'D)

Unfortunately, he ended up hanging in your serial killer vault before that could happen.

ANGELA

If it was an accident, why didn't he just tell Brennan during the interrogation?

➤ DR. HARLAN BANCROFT

Kyle Aldridge was my best friend but the man was a horse's ass. He never talked to anyone who wasn't at the top of the pyramid. It got him killed.

CAM

Our best suspect is still Kristen's father, Dr. Reardon.

➤ DR. HARLAN BANCROFT

Prove it. And watch your back. Whoever did this has killed two people already.

He points at Angela -

➤ DR. HARLAN BANCROFT (CONT'D)

If I were the killer, you'd be next, Ms. Montenegro.

ANGELA

Why?

➤ DR. HARLAN BANCROFT

You identified Kristen, you figured out...

(off the Angelator)

...this. Be careful.

~~STOP~~

Angela is shocked that he said such a thing. They all watch him leave -

ANGELA

I feel like I was just threatened.

Hodgins moves to put his arm around her.

FADE OUT.

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