

BONES - #306

"DR. TED REARDON"

BONES "Intern in the Incinerator"

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~~BOOTH  
Thank you, I know. But I need to  
be somewhere else.~~

~~BRENNAN  
Where?~~

~~BOOTH  
Bones, in the interrogation, always  
refer to the victim by her first  
name. Otherwise, just use science.~~

Brennan nods and walks into the interrogation room.

HARD CUT TO:

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INT. FBI / OBSERVATION ROOM - DAY

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Booth enters to find DR. TED REARDON, the victim's father in the room. On the monitors, Brennan seats herself before Dr. Kyle Aldridge, dressed in jail coveralls -

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DR. TED REARDON  
Kyle Aldridge seduced my daughter?

BOOTH  
That's what we're going to find out.

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INT. FBI / INTERROGATION ROOM - CONTINUOUS

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Kyle Aldridge and Brennan -

BRENNAN  
It was definitely Kristen's blood on your work table.

DR. KYLE ALDRIDGE  
That proves only that she was killed in my workroom.

BRENNAN  
What time did you leave the Jeffersonian that night?

DR. KYLE ALDRIDGE  
Shortly after eleven. I bumped into Evan Klumkew in the parking lot. Maybe he remembers. Oh, wait, didn't he used to be a suspect, too? Perhaps we did it together!

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BRENNAN

Kyle, I know you get everything you want by flaunting your superior intellect. But that won't work with me.

DR. KYLE ALDRIDGE

Why is that?

BRENNAN

I'm smarter than you are.

DR. KYLE ALDRIDGE

Look, Dr. Brennan, my workroom is not secure. Anyone could get in there.

BRENNAN

You were having an affair with Kristen.

DR. KYLE ALDRIDGE

I'm not willing to comment on that.

~~BRENNAN~~

~~You first kissed at the opening of the Egyptian Exhibit.~~

~~DR. KYLE ALDRIDGE~~

~~Obviously, Kristen was indiscreet.~~

Booth glances at Reardon. He is pale and furious, shutting his eyes tightly, his fists bunched -

BRENNAN

If your wife knew about Kristen she'd leave you, correct? And you would no longer be rich.

(off his silence)

The FBI calls that a motive.

Aldridge looks at her a moment, then -

DR. KYLE ALDRIDGE

Are you advising me, as a colleague, to get a lawyer?

BRENNAN

(surprised)

No!

DR. KYLE ALDRIDGE

I'm going to take your advice.

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DR. TED REARDON  
Son of a bitch.

Booth is watching Reardon carefully -

DR. TED REARDON (CONT'D)  
He killed my little girl. Threw  
her away down a garbage chute.  
There isn't a strong enough  
punishment to fit this crime.

**STOP** CUT TO:

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INT. FBI / BOOTH'S OFFICE - DAY

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Brennan and Booth

BRENNAN  
You made me do that so I'd  
appreciate how hard it is to  
question someone.

BOOTH  
No.

BRENNAN  
You made me tell Dr. Reardon his  
daughter was dead and you made me  
question Aldridge all so I'd  
understand that your job is hard.

BOOTH  
You're being paranoic.

BRENNAN  
Then why do you keep making me do  
things that you do better?

BOOTH  
Bones... I needed to watch  
Kristen's father while you  
questioned to Aldridge.

BRENNAN  
What? Why?

BOOTH  
Bancroft needed support to force  
Reardon out of the Jeffersonian.  
That help was Kyle Aldridge.

BRENNAN  
You used me to find out if Ted  
Reardon killed his daughter for  
sleeping with a political enemy?

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I read Dr. Reardon's book, too.

Off Brennan.

CUT TO:

24 INT. FBI / INTERROGATION ROOM - DAY (D/4)

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Booth is across Dr. Ted Reardon, kind and understanding.

BOOTH

I have a son. If I thought someone hurt him, I'd want to hang him, too.

> DR. TED REARDON

I didn't kill Kyle Aldridge.

BOOTH

He was a political enemy who slept with your daughter then murdered her when she threatened to tell his wife. Juries understand situations like that.

> DR. TED REARDON

There's no proof Kyle Aldridge killed my daughter.

BOOTH

Do you need proof?

> DR. TED REARDON

(sincerely)

Yes. And for a jury to be sympathetic to me, they'd need proof as well.

(then)

Do you have that proof, Agent Booth?

Booth regards Reardon for a moment, measuring him, then -

BOOTH

Aldridge didn't die from hanging.

Booth pushes the autopsy report over to Reardon -

> DR. TED REARDON

Succinylcholine? You can't prove succinylcholine poisoning.

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BOOTH

Nobody knows that better than you,  
Dr. Reardon.

Booth pushes Reardon's BOOK toward him -

BOOTH (CONT'D)

You literally wrote the book on it.

Reardon just looks at Booth.

**STOP**

CUT TO:

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~~INT. MEDICO-LEGAL LAB. / FORENSIC PLATFORM - NIGHT (N/4) 25~~

~~Hodgins indicates a near microscopic fragment of bronze on a monitor -~~

~~HODGINS~~

~~The micro-fragment in Aldridge's  
shoulder is 800 year old bronze.~~

~~CAM~~

~~800 year old bronze in Aldridge's  
back? 800 year old copper in  
Kristen's rib? Is that a  
coincidence?~~

~~HODGINS~~

~~I believe they are from the same  
weapon.~~

~~CAM~~

~~The spear head from the Widow's Son  
vault?~~

~~HODGINS~~

~~No, the spear head is made of pure  
copper.~~

~~CAM~~

~~Let's strive for clarity, shall we?~~

Hodgins pulls up the fragment of copper seen earlier on  
another monitor -

HODGINS

Bronze is a mixture of copper and  
tin. It's possible the copper in  
Kristen's wound was an unalloyed  
chip from a larger piece of bronze.  
Like a chocolate chip that didn't  
melt in the cake mix.

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