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Carolyn walks off. Raines gets up, crosses through the detectives' bullpen, Sandy following. He passes a PARROT in a cage. As Raines walks by, the parrot speaks:

PARROT

Bite me.

CAPTAIN DANIEL LEWIS"

RAINES

If I could get away with it, I would.

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Raines keeps going, Sandy right behind. He knocks on an open door.

LEWIS (O.S.)

Come in.

Raines goes inside, Sandy following.

INT. HOLLYWOOD STATION - CAPTAIN COOPER'S OFFICE - DAY

CAPTAIN DANIEL LEWIS, 50, is at his desk. This is a hard job and Lewis works hard. He often wishes everyone would just lighten the hell up.

START -

LEWIS

How you doing, Michael?

RAINES

Excellent. Why do you ask, Captain?

LEWIS

This is your first case back. Just wanted to see how its going.

RAINES

You mean because I accused that guy of being a child molester?

LEWIS

(playing)

Nah, that's nothing. Everyone does that. I probably do it five times a day. "Yeah, can I have a tall mocha, you child molesting bastard?"

RAINES

(playing along)
You don't really say that, do you?

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LEWIS

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(getting serious)
What in God's name were you
thinking? Accusing a grieving
father of being a child molester?

RAINES

Grieving father? First words out of his mouth upon entering his dead daughter's apartment were "Where's the money?"

LEWIS

Where is the money?

RAINES

I spent it on lottery tickets.

LEWIS

You get some for me?

RAINES

Do I look like an idiot? Of course I did.

(beat)

The money's in evidence.

LEWIS

Boudreau's threatening a lawsuit, you know.

RAINES

Well, that's interesting considering he hit me.

LEWIS

You wanna press charges?

RAINES

Nah.

LEWIS

You sure? Because I just about had him crapping in his pants just now. You should've seen it. Sweet.

RAINES

Even if he is a jerk, his daughter is dead.

LEWIS

(nods, then:)
And you're sure you're okay?

RAINES

Yeah, why?

LEWIS

Boudreau said he thought you had a screw loose. He said he it was like you were seeing someone who wasn't there.

Doing everything he can not to look at Sandy.

RAINES

Really?

LEWIS

If it was just him, I wouldn't think anything of it, but I got two officers who say they saw you at Boudreau's apartment--

RAINES

Boyer and Lance.

LEWIS

Actually just Boyer. Anyway, he says you were talking to yourself.

RAINES

I was. Talking to myself.

Raines shrugs. Lewis regards him for a moment, nods.

LEWIS

Well, if you ever want to talk to someone more interesting, my door's open.

Raines smiles, nods.

LEWIS

Anything on the case?

RAINES

I got some motel security camera footage I need someone to look at.

BOYER (V.O.) PRE-LAP

This is bullshit!

INT. HOLLYWOOD STATION - DETECTIVES' BULLPEN DAY
Raines loads a DVD into a computer.