

STAMELL

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Kotter was the CEO of the company
Tunney sued! His expert's testimony
sank the case!

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CLAY

So Tunney blew him up.

ND Agent #1 hurries over...

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Chasing down Tunney's family, not a
pretty picture. After he lost his
job and his lawsuit, wife left him,
took the kid. Bitter custody
battle. Court-appointed
psychiatrist deemed Tunney
"potentially unstable."

SLOAN

So he blows up the court system...

CLAY

Ok. But what about our boy, Russo?

A beat of quiet in the room. Stamell hesitates, then...

STAMELL

We've been looking under every rock
and the dirt under those rocks, but
so far, not a single instance of
contact between Tunney and Russo
prior to today.

Clay takes this in, shares a look with Sloan.

EXT. ECHO PARK POND - BENCH - LATE AFTERNOON

Kari nervously sits, looking out at the POND - the afternoon
sun paints it amber, a folder on her lap, a pen clipped to
it. Then Mike sits next to her. Close. Stares straight ahead.

MIKE

Just keep looking at the water.
Authorities are looking for a solo
man on the run. If we look like a
couple, no one will give me a
second glance...

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KARI

I understand...
(noticing)
...you changed your clothes...

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MIKE

Cops almost caught me. Saw what I was wearing.

KARI

I know, heard about it on the news. They said there were more developments but they were confidential for now.

MIKE

I led them to Tunney's home. Hoped they'd find incriminating evidence.

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KARI

Good idea. So was picking this place. This time of day, everyone's taking in the sun on the water instead of people-watching. Kevin always said you were smart.

MIKE

Thanks...

(then)

...I wasn't sure you'd come...

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KARI

My husband gave you his 6-month knife; his father's six month knife. Stupid thing meant the world to him. Kevin wouldn't give it to a bad man...

(emotional beat, reflective)

I don't know what I'm going to do without him...

She trails off, hurting so much. Mike takes her in.

MIKE

When I was goin' through rough times after I was released, Kevin would tell me the key was to take it one day at a time. He also told me when he was struggling with addiction, you always stood by him. He said you were the strongest person he ever knew, ever would know. So I know you can get through the next 6 months. All the grief, all the pain. And just like Kevin taught me... if you can get through that, you can make it.

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She looks to him, tears in her eyes. She nods, crying.

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KARI

..okay...
(hands him the folder)
Good luck.

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~~Mike leans in. Kisses her on the cheek.~~

MIKE

Thank you.

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He hurries off. OFF Kari watching him.

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INT. LAPD COUNTERTERRORISM BUREAU - HALLWAY - SAME

ACTIVITY LEVEL still 11 on a scale of 1-10! Sloan shouts at someone into a phone...

SLOAN (INTO PHONE)

Well I'm looking in my email right now and I don't see shit!... Then send it again!... I'm not shouting!

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CLAY

(doesn't look up from a file)
Give 'em hell, Sloan.

SLOAN (INTO PHONE)

Ok. Got it.

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She hangs up then opens an email - it's from **USC SECURITY**. She opens an attachment. We watch her eyes (don't see what she sees) but her face lights up with excitement!

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SLOAN (CONT'D)

Well gather at the river and dip me in the water...

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STAMELL

(points to Sloan)
Her Louisiana's showin'! That's always a good sign!

CLAY

(hurrying over)
What'cha got?!

SLOAN

Just got off with USC campus security. Student reported her ID missing. They checked security cameras. Got Mike Russo swiping it, going into the library...

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