

CUT TO

INT. DANIEL LESTER/MELINDA GRANVILLE'S APARTMENT

Daniel is sitting across from Benson and Stabler on a sofa.

DANIEL LESTER
You think I hurt Annika?

BENSON (O.C.)
Did you?

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DANIEL LESTER

I can't believe this. I was in Boston. Here's my boarding pass. I stayed at the Ritz-Carlton.

(Hands over his
boarding pass to
Benson)

Why would I do anything to hurt her?

STABLER

Because she's carrying your child and you're about to marry another woman.

DANIEL LESTER

It's my baby? Are you sure?

BENSON

Annika was. Are you two sleeping together?

DANIEL LESTER

No. I love Melinda. Annika and I are through.

STABLER

Since when? You broke up 14 months ago and she's eight months pregnant.

(Shakes his head)

Gotta be some reason why she thinks that baby's yours.

DANIEL LESTER

It happened once. It was after we broke up. I went over to Annika's apartment to pick up some old receipts for my taxes. And we had a glass of wine and then another, and we ended up in bed. It was stupid. We laughed about it afterwards.

BENSON
Why'd you two break up?

DANIEL LESTER
We fought about money.

STABLER
Rose Granville has got to be paying you
a pretty good salary.

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DANIEL LESTER

That was the problem. Annika said I was selling out.

STABLER

But you didn't.

DANIEL LESTER

Look, my dad was a garbage man. He had six mouths to feed. Annika thought being a starving artist was cool. I knew it wasn't the life I wanted. Neither of us would change our minds, so we broke up.

STABLER

And Melinda didn't have anything to do with that decision?

DANIEL LESTER

No, Annika and I had broke up before Melinda even knew who I was.

BENSON

Does your fiancée know that you slept with her?

DANIEL LESTER

No. But I'm gonna have to tell her now.

Melinda is standing in the doorway.

MELINDA GRANVILLE

You don't have to tell me.

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