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JUDITH  
BARTHEL

GORDON

She said Crane moved out three weeks ago. No forwarding address.

BULLOCK

The man does not want to be found.

GORDON

I want to hit up the high school where Crane taught. Maybe one of his colleagues can help us track him down.

EXT. WOODS - DAY

Bruce hikes through the woods to a small creek. He stops before crossing and picks up a smooth riverbed stone.

Bruce puts the stone in his backpack and crosses. A few steps away, he stops. Something occurs to him.

Bruce heads back to the creek and picks up a second stone. He looks at it a long beat, then slips it in his backpack and starts off up the trail.

INT. GOTHAM HIGH SCHOOL - CLASSROOM - DAY

Gordon and Bullock are with Crane's colleague, biology teacher JUDITH BARTHEL.

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JUDITH

Gerald Crane was a good teacher. Focused. And a good father. He was very protective of his son, Jonathan. But he could be quiet, too. Somber. I think it had to do with his wife. She died six or seven years ago.

GORDON

How?

JUDITH

Car accident.

BULLOCK

Did Crane ever talk to you about fear or phobias?

Hearing this, Judith reacts with dread.

JUDITH

Someone's targeting phobics? Killing them?

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GORDON

Yes. Does that mean something to you?

JUDITH

These victims? Were they missing their adrenal glands?

A look between Gordon and Bullock.

BULLOCK

How do you know that?

Judith rises and crosses to a filing cabinet. She rifles through some files, then pulls a bound document.

JUDITH

This was an academic paper Gerald wrote a few months ago. He asked me to proof it for him.

She hands it to Gordon.

JUDITH (CONT'D)

Gerald had a theory that fear was an evolutionary flaw in humans. War, rape, theft, murder -- it was all caused by fear. He was obsessed with it.

GORDON

So Crane? He killed these people and took their glands to what? Test a theory?

JUDITH

No. Gerald wasn't trying to prove he was right about fear. He was trying to cure himself of it.

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Off Gordon and Bullock, CUT TO:

INT. GCPD - NYGMA'S LAB - DAY

Gordon and Bullock are with NYGMA, who's been looking over Crane's academic paper.

NYGMA

Crane's idea for curing fear was to inoculate himself against it.

GORDON

Like a disease?

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