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3 FRANK, JR.: Does, does Nitti own it now? Does Nitti  
4 own that building now or do they own  
5 part of it?  
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7 CALABRESE, SR.: No, no, they...  
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9 FRANK, JR.: They just rent?  
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11 CALABRESE, SR.: They rent it. They're, Frankie, they're  
12 in bad shape.  
13  
14 FRANK, JR.: Johnny was in trouble some, trouble or  
15 something. Kurt's seen him down in  
16 court.  
17  
18 CALABRESE, SR.: Yeah, but he, he's got his, he went to  
19 court last year. (WHISPERS).  
20  
21 FRANK, JR.: Oh, he did?  
22  
23 CALABRESE, SR.: Yeah, he got off (UI).  
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25 FRANK, JR.: Was that what's Kurt's been in court for  
26 or did he have his own problem? Kurt  
27 said he had his own problem, I thought  
28 he was going in after Kurt.  
29  
30 CALABRESE, SR.: That was when Kurt went to court for  
31 traffic.  
32  
33 FRANK, JR.: Yeah, something. Kurt went to court for  
34 something...  
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36 CALABRESE, SR.: Or were you on the street?  
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38 FRANK, JR.: ...No, I was in. Kurt told me when he  
39 came to see me that one time.  
40  
41 CALABRESE, SR.: Yeah, he was having some problems, but  
42 I'm gonna tell you what, Frank.  
43 (TALKING SOFTLY) Kid, took care of all  
44 his obligations (UI).  
45  
46 FRANK, JR.: Oh, yeah.  
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48 CALABRESE, SR.: He owed that forty that I gave him, he's  
49 down to I think maybe ten thousand or  
50 something, paid it off, paid...

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2 FRANK, JR.: Oh, he don't have no, I remember, that  
3 one time you said, he says, he wasn't  
4 gonna do it anymore.  
5  
6 CALABRESE, SR.: Then he changed his mind.  
7  
8 FRANK, JR.: So...  
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10 CALABRESE, SR.: You know why, because I put somebody on  
11 him, I said here's the guy you're gonna  
12 answer to when I'm not here, so, ah,  
13 I'll take care of that.  
14  
15 FRANK, JR.: Let me guess, probably the Tall Guy.  
16 (LAUGHS).  
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18 CALABRESE, SR.: So, he says, ah, no, he says, I'll take  
19 care of that, I says, well, he won't  
20 bother you. You leave it someplace and  
21 he'll pick it up. And he's done that.  
22 He, and I, (UI).  
23  
24 FRANK, JR.: (UI). That's good. I mean, at least  
25 he's, you know, he's living up to his  
26 word.  
27  
28 CALABRESE, SR.: Yeah, but you want me to tell you  
29 something? I like Johnny.  
30  
31 FRANK, JR.: I always like him. I always thought  
32 John was a nice guy.  
33  
34 CALABRESE, SR.: He was, he was just so strapped. Then  
35 when I told him. Johnny, this is my  
36 money. I says this is for my family.  
37 This is my money.  
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39 FRANK, JR.: He...  
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41 CALABRESE, SR.: He just looked at me, and says Frank, he  
42 says I'm gonna do the best I can please  
43 go along with me, I say, you got it.  
44 You know what, Frankie, I swear to God  
45 brings some good ones. Because I've  
46 never, ever, never once, if a guy flatly  
47 refuses me, then it's a different story.  
48 The only time you ever seen me slap a  
49 guy was with, ah, Peachy that time. And  
50 who else, when Peachy, when Peachy was  
51 bad mouthin' us on the street. And

1 lying to us and telling us that it was  
2 (UI) his fucking money. Then he's  
3 telling us the guy (UI) that's, stuff  
4 like that. But you never, and a guy,  
5 there was nobody, ever, never not one I  
6 can't remember one. You know what we  
7 used to do (UI) but nobody ever. That's  
8 why we got away with so much because  
9 when a guy had a problem we enlisted  
10 him. We didn't push it, we put him on  
11 the book, put him on the book. And if a  
12 guy couldn't pay the gambling, knock it  
13 down, see what he could pay. Once you  
14 got the original back, the rest was  
15 nothing because you already made all of  
16 yours, you know?

17  
18 FRANK, JR.: Yeah, I know.

19  
20 CALABRESE, SR.: Frank we started off with fourteen  
21 thousand dollars. That's how I started  
22 out... fourteen thousand dollars. I  
23 told you I went to them and got the  
24 money.

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3 CALABRESE, SR.: Wacko, anyway, I want to talk to you  
4 some more about, ah Uncle Eddie (UI)  
5 don't give them an ultimatum, don't do  
6 that play mind games with them. Frank,  
7 you know how to do that good, you played  
8 mind games with him because he is pissed  
9 off about (UI) with Tommie.  
10  
11 FRANK, JR.: Tommie.  
12  
13 CALABRESE, SR.: What, what, what I'd like to see here  
14 done, is maybe when you get on the  
15 street, talk to Big Guy about this guy  
16 getting his fuckin legs broken.  
17  
18 FRANK, JR.: I'll do that.  
19  
20 CALABRESE, SR.: Because he didn't do it once, he did it  
21 twice.  
22  
23 FRANK, JR.: Yeah, right.  
24  
25 CALABRESE, SR.: Okay, and ah, I'm sure it can be done,  
26 the thing, the thing, the thing is I  
27 don't want him hurt, for what he's doing  
28 ah, not worth that.  
29  
30 FRANK, JR.: Right.  
31  
32 CALABRESE, SR.: And I don't want no part of that, but  
33 the thing is, he put his fuckin' hands  
34 on the kids once after being told, don't  
35 do it again he went back a the second  
36 time. So, he deserves what he gets.  
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1 FRANK, JR.: Really. Uncle Nicky never did any of  
2 that stuff with you, right? He worked  
3 all the time legitimate job. Whatever  
4 made him...  
5  
6 CALABRESE, SR.: One time we were talking at, ah, Slicker  
7 Sams. This was in the, ah, sixties,  
8 '66? After Larry died. Was it after  
9 Larry, let me think a minute. No, yes.  
10 It was after Larry died. Yes. So, it  
11 had to be '67 or '68. I, I would think  
12 it was either '68 or '69, Frankie.  
13  
14 FRANK, JR.: ...Oh, so it was after Larry died then  
15 and...  
16  
17 CALABRESE, SR.: Yeah, so, ah, we were talking and, ah,  
18 I, he says to me I'd like to get into,  
19 something like you know what you're  
20 doin'. I said, Nick, I said, I would  
21 like to have you with me, but you know,  
22 this is a rough life, Nick. And he  
23 says, ah, and at that time he wasn't  
24 doin' any of this.  
25  
26 FRANK, JR.: Uh huh.  
27  
28 CALABRESE, SR.: You know, none of that. And, ah, I  
29 says, ah, it's a rough life, Nick, and I  
30 says, but, ah, I says I can't promise  
31 you where we're gonna go, but, ah, you  
32 know, in the meantime I always got him  
33 all his jobs. Any job that Uncle Nicky  
34 had, I got. When he worked at Marina  
35 City, not Marina City, when he worked at  
36 that building, ah, the Hancock Building.  
37 I got him that job through my friend,  
38 Frank Paula. I got him the job at the  
39 Teamster's, downtown. He didn't get  
40 that job. I, I got him that job. Or  
41 with Davie that time and twice I got him  
42 with the union, twice he fucked it up  
43 and wouldn't tell me. Ah...  
44  
45 FRANK, JR.: I mean, I wa, why I was wondering like  
46 what made him decide because I really  
47 think that he, once he started, doin'

1 that. He, he didn't want to be there no  
2 more. It just seemed like it.  
3  
4 CALABRESE, SR.: I wish he would have told me.  
5  
6 FRANK, JR.: Yeah.  
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8 CALABRESE, SR.: You know, if he would've told me, if he  
9 had been honest with me and said,  
10 listen, I only want to do this part. I  
11 don't want to do that part.  
12  
13 FRANK, JR.: Yeah, right.  
14  
15 CALABRESE, SR.: I would've respected that.  
16  
17 FRANK, JR.: I know, I just...  
18  
19 CALABRESE, SR.: Cheech didn't do it.  
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21 FRANK, JR.: I mean, I mean you were.  
22  
23 CALABRESE, SR.: Cheech come on like he wanted to and  
24 then when push came to shove, he  
25 wouldn't do it.  
26  
27 FRANK, JR.: Right.  
28  
29 CALABRESE, SR.: And what did we do with him?  
30  
31 FRANK, JR.: I mean, what made him just tell ya, I'd  
32 like to start, ah...  
33  
34 CALABRESE, SR.: He just blended right in, Frank.  
35  
36 FRANK, JR.: Yeah.  
37  
38 CALABRESE, SR.: He didn't say no to nothing.  
39  
40 FRANK, JR.: I know. I know now just becomes like  
41 nothin' hap...happens and I think it's  
42 bothering him.  
43  
44 CALABRESE, SR.: Frank, whatever I got, whatever I had  
45 when we go home, I'm going to send him  
46 something. I, I can't...  
47  
48 FRANK, JR.: (COUGHS).  
49  
50 CALABRESE, SR.: ...I can't forever.  
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1 FRANK, JR.: I know. I'm not talking about that.  
2  
3 CALABRESE, SR.: (UI) anymore but the thing is I wanna  
4 still help him. He, he's...  
5  
6 FRANK, JR.: I'm talking about his own mind is, his,  
7 his biggest enemy and you know?  
8  
9 CALABRESE, SR.: Yeah, because you know what, Frank? He  
10 created fear in himself. He created  
11 fear because he knows his thinking ain't  
12 right. You don't see me fearing  
13 anything do you? Cuz I don't have no.  
14 I'm not ah scared of dying in prison.  
15 If I have to, I don't want to. Believe  
16 me, I don't want to.  
17  
18 FRANK, JR.: Well, I don't think anybody does.  
19  
20 CALABRESE, SR.: But the thing is, if I have to, I have  
21 to. But am I gonna, am I gonna put  
22 people away. No, I can't do that, no.  
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1 FRANK, JR.: I know, I know he was scared.  
2 Especially when, ah, the tall guy came  
3 around. When you sent for...  
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5 CALABRESE, SR.: Frank, he asked to see him.  
6  
7 FRANK, JR.: Yeah, see, he didn't make it sound like  
8 that to me though.  
9  
10 CALABRESE, SR.: He, he asked to see him. He reached out  
11 for him.  
12  
13 FRANK, JR.: He said, you know, the two of you guys  
14 together and you know.  
15  
16 CALABRESE, SR.: That's the guilty conscience.  
17  
18 FRANK, JR.: Uh huh.  
19  
20 CALABRESE, SR.: (LAUGHS) The, the two of you guys  
21 together, that's the guilty conscience.  
22 That's, you see when a person's guilty,  
23 Frank.  
24  
25 FRANK, JR.: Cuz that, that's what he was trying to  
26 tell me how dangerous the tall guy was.  
27 Ya know, he said he was the one that  
28 was with you that time with, uhm, with,  
29 ah, ah...  
30  
31 CALABRESE, SR.: Farmer (ph).  
32  
33 FRANK, JR.: Yeah, and his wife.  
34  
35 CALABRESE, SR.: Yeah.  
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37 FRANK, JR.: So, and they was trying to make you look  
38 like a bad guy, too, because he was  
39 saying, see the wife was innocent so  
40 that what, what stopped...  
41  
42 CALABRESE, SR.: Wait, wait, wait a minute. I want to  
43 show you right there. I want to show  
44 you right there.  
45  
46 FRANK, JR.: Wha, what?  
47  
48 CALABRESE, SR.: He knows nothing about that. Yeah, I  
49 know. He knows nothing about it all of



1 what he read. Okay. He has no idea of  
2 no conception. But you want me tell you  
3 about an innocent guy? Tell him about  
4 half 'n half in Cicero. Shooting the  
5 man next to the guy that had nothing to  
6 do with nothing. That he was involved  
7 with.

8  
9 FRANK, JR.:

Well, I, I know.

10  
11 CALABRESE, SR.:

And Rota, and Rota. And now you'll say,  
12 well, wait a minute. He just said about  
13 my father being, ah, being the innocent  
14 one over there. And yet this woman, but  
15 he didn't think about what this other  
16 guy had with nothing to do with this  
17 other guy at all completely. An  
18 innocent Polish guy that worked every  
19 day from eight to five.  
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