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CALABRESE, SR.: Frank Calabrese, Sr.
FRANK, JR.: Frank Calabrese, Jr.

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(NON-PERTINENT CONVERSATION)

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2 CALABRESE, SR.: Well, I read that letter again last
3 night. He gave you that card.
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5 FRANK, JR.: It's kind of...to our advantage. If he's
6 really calling that guy a liar and a
7 bullshitter.
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9 CALABRESE, SR.: That's what I was pickin', that, I was
10 pickin' that out of that card, saying,
11 ah, that he. Of course it is not in
12 reverse Frankie. That could be in
13 reverse, you know what I'm sayin'. Now
14 he might be sayin', he may be thinking.
15 'Cause Harry's not getting anything from
16 anybody. And that's totally wrong.
17 That's totally fucking wrong. Okay. I'm
18 against that one thousand percent,
19 alright, he's not getting anything from
20 anybody. Because Joe Negal is dead and
21 that was his guy and all those other
22 guys went away. And the guy that's
23 runnin' the show, Johnny (UI), they
24 should be sending this guy something,
25 they should be sending his family
26 something.
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28 FRANK, JR.: That's my...
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30 CALABRESE, SR.: Until the guy dies.
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32 FRANK, JR.: That's my...
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34 CALABRESE, SR.: ...until Johnny dies. If he dies there



1 is no more hope for him because there's
2 nobody there that's gonna help him. But
3 that's the fuckin' mentality here. Now
4 he may not, he may be, I don't know. It
5 doesn't sound like Johnny to do nothin'
6 not to do something about that. I don't
7 Frankie, especially if, if ah he sent
8 his wife to see somebody, that they
9 needed some money for the house. Johnny
10 might do the best they can, alright.
11 Unless...
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13 FRANK, JR.: He did send somebody?
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15 CALABRESE, SR.: Huh...
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17 FRANK, JR.: He did somebody or are you saying if he
18 did.
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20 CALABRESE, SR.: If he did.
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22 FRANK, JR.: Oh.
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24 CALABRESE, SR.: You know, ah, ah, Ruth is his wife's
25 name.
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27 FRANK, JR.: Right. Yeah I remember, that.
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3 CALABRESE, SR.: Tony Borce, Tony Borce, when he died was
4 fifty years old.
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6 FRANK, JR.: He was fifty when he died, he was that
7 much older than you.
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9 CALABRESE, SR.: He kept himself in good shape, Frank.
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11 FRANK, JR.: Charlie, I was arguing with Charlie one
12 day he says, he was arguing about the
13 date when he died.
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15 CALABRESE, SR.: Tony Borsellino.
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17 FRANK, JR.: Yeah, yeah and I said, it couldn't be, a
18 but the day Charlie was sayin', made me
19 a lot older.
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21 CALABRESE, SR.: It made you a lot older?
22
23 FRANK, JR.: Yeah, it didn't make sense.
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25 CALABRESE, SR.: Uncle Nicky was here, I show you what,
26 we were, Uncle Nicky was married, we
27 were by his father-in-law when he lived
28 in Norridge. Remember when he lived in
29 Norridge? We were by his house, we were
30 sitting on the back porch. We had eaten
31 that day, on a Sunday, I'll never forget
32 it. And we were talking, him and I were
33 on the back porch talking about knowing
34 what was going to happen to Tony that
35 night. And, right around the time that
36 we were figuring it, all of a sudden, it
37 was real sunny and clouds were starting
38 to come. And I'll never forget that and
39 I made a comment, I says you think it's
40 God trying to say something.
41
42 FRANK, JR.: Oh, you knew and it bothered you?
43
44 CALABRESE, SR.: Huh.
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46 FRANK, JR.: It bothered you, knowing about it?
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1 CALABRESE, SR.: Oh, it bothered me, I loved that guy.
2
3 FRANK, JR.: But...
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5 CALABRESE, SR.: It bothered me. You want me to tell
6 you, I tried everything to save him. I
7 tried everything. I, I sat and I talked
8 to Ange, I says, Ange that guy's a man.
9 That fucking, fucking, that fucking
10 what's his name, ah, Butchie.
11
12 FRANK, JR.: (UI) Oh yeah.
13
14 CALABRESE, SR.: Huh?
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16 FRANK, JR.: Petrocelli.
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18 CALABRESE, SR.: Yeah, Butchie (UI) he was too much of a
19 man for Butchie. And he had Joe Negal's
20 ear. Butchie had Joe Negal's ear, well
21 then half of these fuckin' guys, they're
22 stealing. Butchie was a no good
23 motherfucker.
24
25 FRANK, JR.: Didn't you say he tried to set you up
26 too?
27
28 CALABRESE, SR.: Huh?
29
30 FRANK, JR.: Didn't you say he tried to set you up
31 too?
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33 CALABRESE, SR.: Well, he tried to always have sit downs.
34 And we'd win 'em, every sit down we had
35 won with them. They, they used to be
36 called the Wild Bunch. It was Harry,
37 Jimmy I., Tony and Butchie. They were
38 four partners, four partners, they were
39 called the Wild Bunch. But they were
40 fuckin' with almost everybody. They
41 weren't winning anything with us, they
42 weren't winning with Johnnie Bananas.
43 The, they, the only guys they were
44 winning with is, is nobody guys, that
45 here...you know what I mean, okay. We
46 had, we had a card game on Laramie on
47 the south side, that Butchie started
48 stickin' his nose in, in another

1 direction almost fuckin' up our game.
2
3 FRANK, JR.: Ah, I worked with the kid, the kid was a
4 big mouth but he was a harmless big
5 mouth.
6
7 CALABRESE, SR.: Who? His son?
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9 FRANK, JR.: Butchie's kid, yeah, I worked with him
10 with the city.
11
12 CALABRESE, SR.: So, so was Butchie.
13
14 FRANK, JR.: A big mouth.
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16 CALABRESE, SR.: Butchie's a big mouth. I'll never
17 forget, one day I walked up to him on
18 20, on 31st. Remember where that fish
19 joint was where you buy all the stuff to
20 go fishin and stuff like Canal there, it
21 was like a little shack that sold
22 fishing bait and stuff.
23
24 FRANK, JR.: I think I know what you're talkin'
25 about.
26
27 CALABRESE, SR.: Yeah, you know where the hot dog stand
28 is on that, that, that Toots' stand is
29 now?
30
31 FRANK, JR.: Yeah.
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33 CALABRESE, SR.: Right across the street from there, on
34 the north side of the street, before the
35 railroad, before the railroad tracks
36 there, 'cause when you go under, go
37 under the railroad tracks, you come up,
38 and there's the light at, at Canal. Well
39 he was standin' there and I, and I was
40 walkin' down 31st Street because I had
41 to meet the little guy. And I seen him
42 with his hood up of his truck. He had a
43 black pick-up truck with a camper back
44 on it. And ah, as I'm walkin' up, he
45 made a comment, he say man, what'd ya',
46 why, why did you walk up so sneaky. I
47 says sneaky, I says I'm just walkin' up,
48 I says what do you got, a guilty

1 conscience about something. I never
2 liked him. (UI) fuckin' hated him.
3 Well you scared the shit out of me. I
4 said well, you, I didn't ah, walk up to
5 you, I says I talked to you as I'm
6 comin' up to. And anyway ah, we sat
7 there and we talked for a, for a while
8 and he's telling me that he's was
9 looking for some pot for Turk. No,
10 because Turk was sick, he had cancer.

11
12 FRANK, JR.: Oh, oh okay.

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14 CALABRESE, SR.: But what he didn't tell me is he was
15 smoking pot (UI) that he was smoking pot
16 too. And, ah, he says yeah, Turk needs
17 it he says, the Doctor told him if he
18 can get it, he can have it, they want
19 him to take it, so ah, I says I don't
20 know where to get it, I don't know where
21 to fuckin' get that shit, I have no idea
22 nobody, if anybody sees me, they are
23 going to run a mile aways from me if I
24 asked them for that.

25
26 FRANK, JR.: (Laughs)

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28 CALABRESE, SR.: I says ah, see where you can do it, I
29 says I don't know where I can get it.
30 But they had, Turk's, they all had, ah,
31 brownie points with Turk. See Joe Negal
32 ah, and Turk were like this, that why we
33 couldn't get any fuckin' parlors at all
34 or sports joints with, with the horses.
35 I couldn't get any.

36
37 FRANK, JR.: They gave them all ta...

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39 CALABRESE, SR.: Gave 'em to them, we didn't have one, we
40 could have opened up one in Daley's
41 Ward, yeah, you know like call it
42 Daley's Ward.

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44 FRANK, JR.: Right.

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46 CALABRESE, SR.: We had the store and every thing but
47 they didn't let us have it, but let us
48 have it, you know why he didn't let us

1 have it. Him and Ange weren't getting
2 along anymore and he's the boss.
3
4 FRANK, JR.: Oh, they weren't getting along.
5
6 CALABRESE, SR.: No.
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8 FRANK, JR.: I thought they were close.
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10 CALABRESE, SR.: They used to be partners, they were
11 partners. (UI)
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13 FRANK, JR.: Maybe he seen something that nobody else
14 seen with Ange.
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16 CALABRESE, SR.: Ange, Turk didn't really care for Ange
17 because we couldn't do shit.
18
19 FRANK, JR.: Maybe he had his number.
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21 CALABRESE, SR.: Okay, and he was even commenting about
22 it, the Bull that he ah, won't give us
23 nothing, we asked for this and he won't
24 give us that, it was fuckin' him by
25 fuckin' us, because we were loyal to
26 him, we were getting fucked too.
27
28 FRANK, JR.: Yeah.
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30 CALABRESE, SR.: Okay, here, I'll give you a for
31 instance, look what Johnny did for every
32 one of his guys, he got them all in
33 legitimate businesses. He made it a
34 point for them all to get legit. Every
35 time we wanted to open a legitimate
36 business, he would talk us out of it.
37 Okay, Johnny, Johnny was out of
38 everybody, Johnny was the smartest.
39
40 FRANK, JR.: Now, ah, was ah, if you think about it,
41 I mean look here, look at Lefty, Lefty
42 doesn't know his left hand from his
43 right hand, and look at how successful
44 he was with Gene's. I, I mean, you
45 know, everyone made money.
46
47 CALABRESE, SR.: Johnny worked, Johnny thought in all
48 directions.

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2 FRANK, JR.: Hot dog stands, an, anything.
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4 CALABRESE, SR.: Carmichaels, when they bought
5 Carmichaels, he put, he put him.
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7 FRANK, JR.: The Jew that ran it.
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9 CALABRESE, SR.: The Jew only got percentage.
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11 FRANK, JR.: Right.
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13 CALABRESE, SR.: Ahm, ahm, the guy that died Lee, Lee.
14 Ah...
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16 FRANK, JR.: I think the Dotes, one of the Dotes too.
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18 CALABRESE, SR.: Dotes, he put them all in, in there, and
19 that joint popped and went like crazy
20 for a long time.
21
22 FRANK, JR.: Evergreen was the same way.
23
24 CALABRESE, SR.: Well, Evergreen he didn't have nothin'
25 to do with Dote had it.
26
27 FRANK, JR.: Yeah.
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29 CALABRESE, SR.: Yeah, no he, Johnnie didn't have it,
30 Dote had it. Johnnie got a piece of
31 (UI).
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33 FRANK, JR.: Ohh.
34
35 CALABRESE, SR.: But ah, all the places, that's only a, a
36 fraction.
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38 FRANK, JR.: Oh yeah, I know.
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40 CALABRESE, SR.: This guy's involved in a lot of shit,
41 you ought to see the buildings he owns.
42
43 FRANK, JR.: (UI)
44
45 CALABRESE, SR.: You know the building in Elmwood Park?
46
47 FRANK, JR.: Yeah.
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1 CALABRESE, SR.: That's a small one compared to the
2 building he's got in Oak Park.
3
4 FRANK, JR.: Oh really.
5
6 CALABRESE, SR.: He's got a bigger one than that in Oak
7 Park.
8
9 FRANK, JR.: (UI) the building alone. I mean the
10 buildings alone, Joey's building, and
11 building, and building and building.
12
13 CALABRESE, SR.: Joey? (Laughs) Joey, Joey, in, I would
14 say in the, in the last, lets go back
15 now about three years. Take three years,
16 go back all the way up to, I remember
17 him doing it when we mentioned about
18 that guy and his wife. Past then. That
19 guy and his wife.
20
21 FRANK, JR.: Oh.
22
23 CALABRESE, SR.: Past then, he started that. He was
24 buying buildings, reconstructing 'em,
25 selling them, look, anything he did
26 Johnny had a part of all that 'cause
27 they were partners. Joey and Johnny are
28 partners.
29
30 FRANK, JR.: Right, right;
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32 CALABRESE, SR.: See, so anything that went on between
33 them always, they always got a piece of
34 it.
35
36 FRANK, JR.: What do you think he's worth?
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38 CALABRESE, SR.: Joey? Johnny's worth more.
39
40 FRANK, JR.: Oh, really.
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42 CALABRESE, SR.: Oh, without a doubt. Johnny, Johnny
43 just, just in assets, Johnny's got to be
44 worth about 25 million dollars. Just in
45 assets, that we know of.
46
47 FRANK, JR.: (Whistles) Wow!
48

1 CALABRESE, SR.: Frankie, he has, he has two car dealers
2 too.
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4 FRANK, JR.: Yeah, yeah that, that's, that's where
5 the big money is.
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7 CALABRESE, SR.: He's got that, he's got, ah, he owns, I
8 own, I hate to tell you how many fuckin'
9 buildings he owns on Grand Avenue in
10 River Grove there. He's got that ah,
11 place where they do storms and screens.
12 Storms and screen windows.
13
14 CALABRESE, SR.: ...You know where he lives.
15
16 FRANK, JR.: Yeah.
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18 CALABRESE, SR.: Come ba, east of there on the same side
19 of the street, there, there's a place
20 that don't look like nothing they do
21 storms and screens.
22
23 FRANK, JR.: Oh really.
24
25 CALABRESE, SR.: They make them and they re-fix them.
26 That's his building. The hot dog stand
27 that used to be there...
28
29 FRANK, JR.: Right.
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31 CALABRESE, SR.: That's his building. The one across
32 street from his house, where Gat,
33 Gatways ah, ah, ah Crane used to be.
34 Gateway, Gateway.
35
36 FRANK, JR.: Yeah.
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38 CALABRESE, SR.: That's his building.
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40 FRANK, JR.: What about that, that, big, that big...
41
42 CALABRESE, SR.: The building behind the ah, behind the
43 what do you call it, Petey's building
44 behind...
45
46 FRANK, JR.: Right, right.
47
48 CALABRESE, SR.: And Johnny owns part of ah, the ah,

1 building where the Italian American Club
2 is. He owns that with Jackie Cerone's
3 son.
4
5 FRANK, JR.: That kid's an idiot.
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7 CALABRESE, SR.: Oh he's always been an idiot, always
8 been an idiot, but that's you talk about
9 (UI) everything should be like this
10 (UI). They armed him a long time ago,
11 and he ran to them like crazy. So he
12 gets a piece of it. So he gets a tax out
13 of it every month. Just from that.
14
15 FRANK, JR.: Were they (UI) or were they...
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17 CALABRESE, SR.: They armed, they armed Nick Giordano
18 (ph)...
19
20 FRANK, JR.: Oh really.
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22 CALABRESE, SR.: Giordano came running to me, so I found
23 out who it was so I fronted it for
24 Johnny. I told him, they were the guys
25 from Milwaukee. They want a piece of
26 this joint or he's in big trouble. Shit,
27 four guys went to see him, four of them,
28 two, two he buffed at, you tell him I'm
29 not doing nothin'. So then he came
30 runnin' to me. Oh, he cried Frankie, he
31 cried.
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33 FRANK, JR.: Poor mouth.
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35 CALABRESE, SR.: Cried. Huh?
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37 FRANK, JR.: Poor mouth, or just cried...
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39 CALABRESE, SR.: Poor mouth. In fact he closed the
40 company. He quit paying. Do you
41 remember when he went out of business.
42 He quit paying them. I told Johnny, I
43 says what do you want to do with this.
44 He says, ah, I'm going to wait until he
45 builds up again, he'll do it again. But
46 he won't bother no more now 'cause of
47 all the fuckin' problems. He don't need
48 it. He's getting \$200 a month from him.

1 Nick was cryin' like it was a million
2 dollars.
3
4 FRANK, JR.: He don't, Johnny don't do nothin' right,
5 he just...
6
7 CALABRESE, SR.: Huh?
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9 FRANK, JR.: Kinda stays to himself now.
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11 CALABRESE, SR.: Yeah, he, he stepped down Frank.
12
13 FRANK, JR.: He's smart, he's smart, he's smart, he's
14 smart...
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16 CALABRESE, SR.: See Joey's got the spot.
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18 FRANK, JR.: Yeah, I remember you saying that.
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20 CALABRESE, SR.: But there's a lot of friction. You got
21 south side guys and the friction in the
22 group and its all one system but you
23 have the friction.
24
25 FRANK, JR.: With the groups.
26
27 CALABRESE, SR.: You have, you're getting, you're
28 getting, ah...Johnny, Johnny's guys
29 Johnny, Joey's not getting a long with
30 ah, with ah, with, not with our Johnny
31 Apes, but with ah, the old man, what the
32 fuck's his name, Al, Al. The old man, I
33 don't think you ever met him Al, he's
34 from ah...
35
36 FRANK, JR.: Far south.
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38 CALABRESE, SR.: Not far south, he's the one from ah,
39 what the hell is that street. That Pete
40 used to live on, Pete, not Philly.
41 Thirty something, he had a pizza joint
42 there for years. He's a sleeper, nobody
43 knew who he was. He was, I knew who he
44 was, he was to look like, the look, he
45 used to work in the pizza joint, and
46 he's the boss. Al, not Al Pilotto, Al
47 Pilotto is from the Heights. Al
48 something, I can't think of his last

1 name, Al, they had a friction and
2 there's been a friction (UI) doing that
3 and 'cause Johnny was passed up and,
4 and, ah, and ah (UI) and ah, there's
5 conflict there. Because they think they
6 belong on the north side, east side,
7 they don't want him on the west side.
8 So there's a conflict there. So don't be
9 surprised, if a guy didn't have five
10 nice guys strong guys and they go and
11 take the whole fucking thing over. Take
12 over what what're you takin' over, oh
13 you know how you would, you're talking
14 about takin' over, you get all their
15 guys. That s what you get, you, you, you
16 would nail, you have to nail about 6, 7
17 guys.

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19 FRANK, JR.: That's it?

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21 CALABRESE, SR.: So you can clean house. That's all,
22 that's all, them are the one's with the
23 brains and the balls.

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25 FRANK, JR.: That's the one (UI)

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27 CALABRESE, SR.: Johnny is out of it, he wants no pinch.
28 He don't want no more time he knows that
29 he's got all the money he's ever gonna'
30 fuckin' need.

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32 FRANK, JR.: So he doesn't want to sit in jail the
33 rest of his life.

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35 CALABRESE, SR.: Right.

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37 FRANK, JR.: That's smart, he probably says the same
38 to you. There are only 6 or 7 guys
39 left, I don't want to deal with all
40 these other idiots, who does Joey got?
41 Joey ain't, anybody does he??

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43 CALABRESE, SR.: Well Joey's got...

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45 FRANK, JR.: I mean...

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47 CALABRESE, SR.: But here, hold on, when, I says 6 or 7
48 guys. Joey would be one of the guys you

1 would have to knock off. Because now his
2 guys are automatic, and he's got worth,
3 the guys with balls are going to call
4 around. They don't know, see they don't
5 know what's going on, so automatically
6 they would call around, just like with
7 Tony and his brother. All them guys was
8 to (UI) would get a hold of the boss
9 (UI) they were hiding guys. They were
10 doing things that no one else was doing.
11 They were, they had their own businesses
12 Frank. Tony owned two car dealerships,
13 look when you go home, I didn't notice
14 until a guy brought this to my
15 attention. Now you know...Greco Dean.
16

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18 FRANK, JR.: Um huh.

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20 CALABRESE, SR.: Well Dean knows about taxes. Well he can
21 get taxes lowered for you like he did
22 for us by Stoney, and he did for Ma in
23 the house in Elmwood Park. He looked up
24 Spilotros, he says I can't find nothin'
25 but buildings in there, you know who got
26 them all now Doc Pat. They had, just on
27 Lawrence in Norridge there's three six
28 flats, west, west of ah...west on
29 Lawrence. Remember where we used to
30 live on Prospect there, was it Prospect.
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32 FRANK, JR.: I don't remember the name of the street,
33 but I know...

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35 CALABRESE, SR.: Come east of there one block then
36 there's three, three, three, there's
37 either three, three flats or three six
38 flats. They own those, they own those
39 ah, I'd hate to tell you how many on the
40 north side of town that they own. They
41 were, they got, everybody didn't know
42 that they owned those buildings.
43

44 FRANK, JR.: Plus you know, what ever they had in
45 Vegas too.

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47 CALABRESE, SR.: Frank, he was stealing like crazy. He
48 was doing things like crazy. He was also

1 involved in drugs from what I
2 understand.
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4 FRANK, JR.: Yeah. I told you that. I said one kid
5 used, was close with them and he was
6 screwing around with drugs and then he
7 got caught with empty duffel bags with
8 residue in it and he stopped. He got
9 caught, he got off of it and he stopped.
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11 CALABRESE, SR.: Who was he supposed to be affiliated
12 with?
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14 FRANK, JR.: Michael.
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16 CALABRESE, SR.: Michael...
17
18 FRANK, JR.: ...Which was affiliated with his brother
19 (Laughs). This kid was flying himself
20 to, to what ever country and bringing it
21 in.
22
23 CALABRESE, SR.: Oh, he was flying, his own plane.
24
25 FRANK, JR.: Well he had a guy, a pilot. That yeah.
26
27 CALABRESE, SR.: Yeah, well let me tell you something
28 else. Let me see, let me see, how, how I
29 can put this...Michael. When I had that
30 incident with Tony, remember I told you
31 the incident I had with him, where we
32 almost got into a fight.
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34 FRANK, JR.: Oh, oh, oh yeah. I remember.
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36 CALABRESE, SR.: (UI)
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38 FRANK, JR.: I thought you meant Tony Centracchio.
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40 CALABRESE, SR.: No, no, Tony Spilotro. After that, that
41 same night. After the incident where him
42 and I went to a table and we sat there,
43 we sat there for about three hours
44 talking, at that time his brother wasn't
45 with him, Michael wasn't with him, and I
46 had told him, I says, you know, I says
47 ah, and the funny part about it we
48 became, from being almost bitter enemies

1 that night we became like back to
2 friends again and I think he needed
3 that, I think he needed to know that
4 people have to stand up to him and he
5 respected 'em more for that, and ah, I
6 says Michael had a lot of potential. I
7 says Michael was a good kid, I says I'll
8 tell you what, I says I would've taken
9 him with me in a minute if he wasn't
10 your brother. I know that he's your
11 brother and I know that you probably got
12 plans for him. Right after that he
13 started grooming his brother, right
14 after that. What I'm telling you is the
15 truth. Michael was a good kid, but Tony
16 ruined him. Tony ruined Michael.
17 Michael. Frankie, when I used to see
18 Michael, Michael use to come up and give
19 me a kiss and a hug. I'm going back
20 before he became a big shot.
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22 FRANK, JR.: I remember we used to go to the
23 restaurant, I remember he came by the
24 cottage with Tony one time.
25
26 CALABRESE, SR.: Yeah.
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28 FRANK, JR.: I remember that, you know, they used...
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30 CALABRESE, SR.: Yeah, Michael was a good kid. He was
31 good. Tony ruined him. Tony, Tony, he
32 had him believing that he was the boss.
33 Which is something Butch would do.
34 Butchie had a big party at the
35 Ambassador, a Christmas Party, during
36 the month of December, and he's telling
37 people up there that he is going to be
38 the new boss.
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40 FRANK, JR.: (UI)
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42 CALABRESE, SR.: That's the last spot you ever want to
43 try to say you want...It's gonna give it
44 to you, let it be given to me and do you
45 want me to tell you something. I
46 wouldn't want the fuckin' thing. So the
47 old man was going away then remember.
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1 FRANK, JR.: Joey?
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3 CALABRESE, SR.: Joey Aiuppa was going away. Ange was
4 going away, a lot of them was going
5 away, and he knew they were going.
6 (UI) wanted the spot. You know, they
7 were they were in ah, not in jail but
8 they were having their case.
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10 FRANK, JR.: Right.
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12 CALABRESE, SR.: Joey Aiuppa had a meeting before they
13 all went to jail and he told them he
14 wanted him knocked down, I don't care
15 how you do it, get him. I want him out.
16 The one that set that whole thing up
17 that happened, the best way to do it,
18 Johnnie, Johnnie told him what to do.
19
20 FRANK, JR.: So Johnnie was the one that set it all
21 up.
22
23 CALABRESE, SR.: Johnnie went to convince Carlisi to open
24 the door and he says he'll bite, to make
25 his brother without him there it ain't
26 gonna go. So, they got an old house
27 with Carlisi and you know who was there.
28 There was about fifteen guys there.
29
30 FRANK, JR.: Why so many?
31
CALABRESE, SR.: Because they thought they were being made
when they walked in.

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2 FRANK, JR.: Like, like you know he's trying to make
3 it sound like, your friends and your
4 family and everybody you can do that to.
5 But here he couldn't. Fecarotta was his
6 friend too, wasn't he.
7
8 CALABRESE, SR.: Who?
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10 FRANK, JR.: Fecarotta was his friend too, wasn't he?
11 Fecarotta...
12
13 CALABRESE, SR.: Yeah, yeah.
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15 FRANK, JR.: But Dad, he had made it sound like, you
16 know, it was all strangers, that he had
17 anything to do with.
18
19 CALABRESE, SR.: Oh yeah (UI)
20
21 FRANK, JR.: Like yeah, twice, right.
22
23 CALABRESE, SR.: You know, the time I had this happen to
24 me, he panicked. So he started to
25 panic. I had to slap him to get him out
26 of there. He panicked, I said get this
27 fuckin' car out of here. Ah, ah, ooh,
28 wh, what about your hand, I said get
29 this fuckin' car out of here.
30
31 FRANK, JR.: It was just the cap?
32
33 CALABRESE, SR.: Just the cap or we wouldn't be here
34 today.
35
36 FRANK, JR.: Yeah, but even that's bad, right.
37
38 CALABRESE, SR.: Oh, I had my hand on it. Good thing,
39 good...
40
41 FRANK, JR.: What did you cover it on purpose or, or
42 you didn't know?
43
44 CALABRESE, SR.: It set off by itself we were gettin'
45 ready to go do something. And you don't
46 put the cap in until you get there.

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2 FRANK, JR.: Right.
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4 CALABRESE, SR.: So we're passing, passin' the thing that
5 had the same reading as the thing were
6 gonna set off and we don't know it.
7
8 FRANK, JR.: Okay.
9
10 CALABRESE On the street.
11
12 FRANK, JR.: Right.
13
14 CALABRESE, SR.: On a side street, wh..., and there's a
15 transmitter there, that's setting off
16 the same type of setting that we have
17 on...we wouldn't be here.
18
19 FRANK, JR.: No, right.
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21 CALABRESE, SR.: We'd we've been in little pieces, if
22 that was and it's right there, it's
23 right next to it.
24
25 FRANK, JR.: Right, right.
26
27 CALABRESE, SR.: But it's not in, my hand is there and
28 I'm holding it in my hand, but there's a
29 bag there, a canvass bag, it blew my
30 fuckin' door off, blew the bag up, you
31 know there was blood squirting out all
32 over...
33
34 FRANK, JR.: No, I remember seeing on the ah, all
35 the, when you had to get them out.
36
37 CALABRESE, SR.: Yeah.
38
39 FRANK, JR.: Yeah, I remember.
40
41 CALABRESE, SR.: And ah, them finger's never right, see
42 'em.
43
44 FRANK, JR.: Yeah.
45
46 CALABRESE, SR.: But I didn't cry over it, I didn't cry
47 over it. He, he panicked. He stopped
48 the car and panicked.

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2 FRANK, JR.: (UI)
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4 CALABRESE, SR.: (UI) what are we gonna fucking do he
5 said (UI) I said get it out of here,
6 let's go. Oh, but your hand, now the
7 guy in the back seat, he ain't saying
8 nothin' either, and he's going...
9
10 FRANK, JR.: Tires?
11
12 CALABRESE, SR.: Yeah.
13
14 FRANK, JR.: Yeah. (Laughs) Was he doing the same
15 stupid thing?
16
17 CALABRESE, SR.: They were both in shock, you know, they
18 were shocked, I says, then I grabbed,
19 there was a towel there, a white towel,
20 we used to always bring four or five of
21 those, you never know when you needed
22 them. I put the towel and wrapped around
23 there that's, I had hit him first to get
24 movin', get this fuckin' car out of
25 here. Wake up Nick, snap out of it,
26 then, then he drove. And he's going,
27 I'm sorry, I says no, I'm sorry I had to
28 do that, I says but you were panicking.
29 I said we had to get out of there. You
30 can't stay there (UI - a loud speaker
31 with male voice making announcement over
32 conversation)
33
34 FRANK, JR.: Yeah.
35
36 CALABRESE, SR.: So we go. We go back, I get out of the
37 car with Poker and he takes that car,
38 and he goes and brings it some place in
39 that area.
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2 CALABRESE, SR.: You know Frank, ah not that I'm throwin'
3 ah (UI) I would run into people who
4 would say (UI) why did you bring I
5 didn't want to talk to him. They didn't
6 feel secure with him, Frank, they didn't
7 feel secure...
8
9 FRANK, JR.: I seen that with um, Philly, Pete at, at
10 first he always seen you and after
11 while, he started seeing me or Uncle
12 Nicky and I could see...where's your
13 father, isn't he coming, you know, stuff
14 like and I know, I told you a couple of
15 times too, you know what I met, you met
16 'em a couple after that, you, but um, I
17 remember kind of, you know, he was
18 plannin' on bein' with you, not Uncle
19 Nicky.
20
21 CALABRESE, SR.: He hates Uncle Nicky with a passion.
22
23 FRANK, JR.: You wanna a...
24
25 CALABRESE, SR.: Frankie, I'm tellin' you, before he went
26 away, before he went to trial I met him
27 and I gave him money. I gave him twenty
28 four thousand dollars, I gave him twenty
29 four thousand dollars, and I gave a
30 thousand dollars to ahhh (UI) Terry I
31 told him if you want to plea bargain,
32 it's still theirs (UI). Terry didn't go
33 (UI). Now they, they didn't have
34 anything for what they did with fuckin'
35 (UI) but did I hold anything for what
36 they did with fuckin' Philly, but I did
37 hold that against them? No, I gave them
38 twenty four thousand dollars and the
39 deal I made with Michael, Michael has
40 got to help support Terry. We give him,
41 we give, Ronnie gives him four and
42 Michael gives him four...hundred. So
43 that's eight hundred a month to his
44 wife. Philly gets the same thing. Uncle
45 Nicky would get the same thing but he
46 turned his back.
47

1 FRANK, JR.: (UI)
2
3 CALABRESE, SR.: What was here now is going down like
4 this.
5
6 FRANK, JR.: Right.
7
8 CALABRESE, SR.: Because, ah, it's not, it's not, as
9 profitable as it used to be.
10
11 FRANK, JR.: Now there's no, nobody's got no business
12 like you said, so...
13
14 CALABRESE, SR.: (UI) the only one, the only one who's
15 doing anything a little bit is Ronnie,
16 with Sammy Bills and a few other people,
17 but if it wasn't for Ronnie doing it
18 (UI). Uncle Nicky, unbeknownst to me
19 took all Pete's stuff and turned it over
20 to Chewy (ph). (UI) that's why their
21 such good friends, he sold it to him.
22
23 FRANK, JR.: Really?
24
25 CALABRESE, SR.: Without me knowing. I never knew about
26 it.
27
28 FRANK, JR.: See that's what I'm sayin'. You, you
29 don't know what he, what he, what he,
30 well you're finding out now, but you'll
31 probably find out more as it goes on.
32 What he, whatever he was doing when he
33 claims he just wants to be left alone.
34
35 CALABRESE, SR.: He had a card guy that was as good as
36 gold, alright, and he goes and sells him
37 to Poker. He tells me after he sells, I
38 says why did you do that? Why did you
39 sell them to Poker? (UI) Well I didn't
40 want no part of it, he didn't want no
41 part of it.
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2 CALABRESE, SR.: (Both talking over one another) Then he
3 would come to me...no, I gotta tell you
4 the truth about that Frank. Then he
5 would come, then I would tell him, I was
6 there, so I wasn't home. I'd say Nick
7 the car was there. I had somebody pick
8 me up. Now, 1970, right before 1970,
9 Frank, 60, what, hold it, hold it. Let
10 me get the story straight, 60, 1970,
11 right before 1970 Frank. I want to get
12 this right. Now 196-, 69. I called him
13 up, I was by, I was by ah, Slicker Sam's
14 (UI). I will never forget this to the
15 day I die. I called him up, I says you
16 wanna, you wanna come and have some
17 fish? I said I'm by Slicker Sams. I
18 was with a couple of guys so I figured
19 call him up and come. So he come over
20 there, we are all eating, and we're all
21 talkin'. And ah, I says to him, I says
22 what, what are your, what are your
23 plans. You going to stay with the
24 Teamsters or what? He says yeah. I
25 says, okay, good. I says, I says uh, you
26 know we're talking, I says we're starting
27 to climb. I says we're really starting
28 to climb good. I said I wish Larry were
29 still livin'. I says I could really use
30 him. He says to me uh, he says to me,
31 can I do somethin' with ya'? And I says
32 uh, would you like to? He says yeah.
33 Well Nick I says (UI) but this is not
34 all peaches and cream. I said sometime
35 you put in a lot of hours. I said what
36 I could do is maybe work you in a little
37 bit and uh, you know, give you uh, give
38 you an opportunity (UI) money, I would
39 give him 400 dollars a month, and at
40 that time that was pretty good money,
41 100 a week. Plus uh, any car he wanted
42 I give him. He give me the money, he'd
43 go make a loan but I already ready to
44 give the money back. He would give me
45 the check but I give the cash back.
46 See, he probably didn't tell you about
47 that neither did he. He'd tell you he

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bought the cars. He'd go give me the
check and I'd give him the cash. So uh,
as time going on I was telling him would
you be interested in doing anything
else? I says you know I says are you
capable of do...(UI) we talked you know
(UI) shotgun. Yeah, he says I'll do
whatever I have to do.

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3 CALABRESE, SR.: No we're finding out.
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5 FRANK, JR.: Okay, so don't do nothin' until...
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7 CALABRESE, SR.: No, we don't want, we want to stir up
8 anything...don't do nothin' until you ask
9 me, you asked me before you go because
10 (UI) know what I mean son, stop and
11 think about it.
12
13 FRANK, JR.: No, I understand. That's why I wanted to
14 ask you when it's okay should I...
15
16 CALABRESE, SR.: Toots Caruso told Mike, (UI) is finding
17 out (UI) you don't know Mike and Toots
18 are (UI).
19
20 FRANK, JR.: Oh, I thought it was Twan told Mike.
21
22 CALABRESE, SR.: No. Twan is gong to find out when the
23 stuff was missing.
24
25 FRANK, JR.: Oh, okay. So, alright, so it's Mike so
26 this way nobody says anything.
27
28 CALABRESE, SR.: Right, Mike's been doing this for years
29 now.
30
31 FRANK, JR.: So he's going, so, so he'll keep in
32 touch with you?
33
34 CALABRESE, SR.: Yeah, he's coming again in April.
35
36 FRANK, JR.: 'Cause he's comin' like once every month.
37
38 CALABRESE, SR.: He's comin' in April again, in fact,
39 he's comin' with Twan. In the meantime
40 if something comes up that's important,
41 he'll be here before then.
42
43 FRANK, JR.: Yeah, will.
44
45 CALABRESE, SR.: Yeah.
46
47 FRANK, JR.: And he's been reliable as far as...

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CALABRESE, SR.:

He's comin' up with stuff right now.

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3 FRANK, JR.: You remember what he told me about the
4 women, the day, like you said, he forgot
5 to tell me what you said. They were
6 telling me about what you had said.
7
8 CALABRESE, SR.: Yeah.
9
10 FRANK, JR.: The Pollock.
11
12 CALABRESE, SR.: The what?
13
14 FRANK, JR.: Pollock you said the Pollock?
15
16 CALABRESE, SR.: Pollock, Pollock, I told you, passenger
17 alright, him and Tires both were there,
18 Tires, then I had, I had to push them to
19 get out. Now. Now. Now.
20
21 FRANK, JR.: That's when Tires froze, the one time he
22 froze.
23
24 CALABRESE, SR.: That was the time. Two weeks prior to
25 that Tires froze and I told him why
26 don't you leave him. I said, why don't
27 you leave him. Now here's a guy that
28 he went and sided with, and after he
29 seen what he did, if he went with me,
30 he'd be stayin' there, I'da left him.
31
32 FRANK, JR.: Right. You said that was a rule, a
33 rule.
34
35 CALABRESE, SR.: You're fuckin' right. You ain't got the
36 balls don't pretend you got 'em. That's
37 right and then, then he's siding with
38 him, now.
39
40 FRANK, JR.: Hmm.
41
42 CALABRESE, SR.: Does that show you the mentality? He's
43 downed him how many different times. Now
44 he's siding with him. He can, he went
45 and told him the same thing he told
46 Curly, you can bet on it. Yeah, yeah, he
47 could of got his kids out of this.

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2 FRANK, JR.: I told you he, he talked, he said that
3 you know, Tires said he told, I told you
4 this, he told Uncle Joey, he says, we
5 know your brother's doin' something and
6 he's not supposed to be doin' it.
7
8 CALABRESE, SR.: He told this to who?
9
10 FRANK, JR.: Tires told it to Joy.
11
12 CALABRESE, SR.: To Joy.
13
14 FRANK, JR.: Uh huh. Remember I told you she told me
15 that.
16
17 CALABRESE, SR.: That he knows we're doin' somethin' that
18 we're not supposed to be doin'.
19
20 FRANK, JR.: Yeah.
21
22 CALABRESE, SR.: Who told us not to do it.
23
24 FRANK, JR.: Him. You, you had said that no, that
25 Johnny had said that you can do whatever
26 you want.
27
28 CALABRESE, SR.: Right.
29
30 FRANK, JR.: So you know now (UI) I'm just shocked
31 that he got Uncle Joey to be around
32 Tires.
33
34 CALABRESE, SR.: Yeah.
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3 FRANK, JR.: You got Uncle Nick's address right?
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5 CALABRESE, SR.: Yeah.
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7 FRANK, JR.: You gave it to me, you kept it.
8
9 CALABRESE, SR.: It's also in that card.
10
11 FRANK, JR.: Yeah, well I wrote in there when you
12 gave it to me.
13
14 CALABRESE, SR.: Yeah.
15
16 FRANK, JR.: I'll write somethin' out and then I'll
17 just give it to you later.
18
19 CALABRESE, SR.: Okay. And uh... (non-pertinent greeting
20 to UM)
21
22 FRANK, JR.: The uh, they should figure out a way
23 that he could uh, find out at least,
24 don't you think so Dad?
25
26 CALABRESE, SR.: What?
27
28 FRANK, JR.: Don't you think you should figure out a
29 way that he could find out, I'll walk
30 with ya' to the door.
31
32 CALABRESE, SR.: Yeah, uh I could tell him in the next
33 letter Frank. I could give him a
34 riddle.
35
36 FRANK, JR.: Oh you could.
37
38 CALABRESE, SR.: About Rota and Gus. See, see Rota we
39 have to figure how to spell Rota. He'll
40 know who that is. And Gus is him.
41
42 FRANK, JR.: Alright.
43
44 CALABRESE, SR.: You know what I mean.
45
46 FRANK, JR.: Alright.
47

1 CALABRESE, SR.: If we could figure, come up with quotes
2 from Rota he'll know who it is. That we
3 uh, think that Rota is doin' a little
4 uh...
5
6 FRANK, JR.: You said you already got a message out
7 that somebody to start keeping an eye on
8 him to see or check into it.
9
10 CALABRESE, SR.: Yeah.
11
12 FRANK, JR.: So...
13
14 CALABRESE, SR.: Yeah.
15
16 FRANK, JR.: ...We'll find out.
17
18 CALABRESE, SR.: Yeah.
19
20 FRANK, JR.: (UI) hear somethin' about that just to
21 see what happens.
22
23 CALABRESE, SR.: Well we're getting the message, we're
24 getting the message to Mickey...
25
26 FRANK, JR.: Right, but that's uh...
27
28 CALABRESE, SR.: To get out there to see his brother.
29 Then maybe they'll tell, maybe they will
30 explain to him too that there's somethin'
31 here that might stink. See Mickey
32 knows. I told Johnny 'cause Mickey went
33 and got Johnny for me about Rota.
34
35 FRANK, JR.: So Mickey knows.
36
37 CALABRESE, SR.: Mickey knows I, how I felt about Rota.
38 'Cause I went and I got, told Mickey to
39 get a hold of Johnny, that I wanted to
40 see him before we came in here.
41
42 FRANK, JR.: How's his brother feel about the guy,
43 does Mickey's brother like that guy or
44 not. Did Mickey ever say?
45
46 CALABRESE, SR.: You know somethin'? When I mentioned
47 that to Mickey and Johnny Matassa was
48 there, they both gave me a look like...

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2 FRANK, JR.: They didn't like him.
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4 CALABRESE, SR.: No, no, no.
5
6 FRANK, JR.: So that'd be good, if like you says, his
7 brother, that, that would work out
8 perfect.
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