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SPEAKERS:

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

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(NON-PERTINENT CONVERSATION)

1
2 CALABRESE, SR.: Well, when you get down there and you
3 write to me, and you wanna tell me
4 something, you don't want it to know
5 it's about you, say Smiley. You heard
6 from Smiley, he's in the army. He
7 joined the Army and the camp he's at,
8 he's not happy or where he's at, it's
9 not good. Let me know what the
10 situation's are over there, Frank.
11
12 FRANK, JR.: Yeah.
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14 CALABRESE, SR.: But use Smiley, ya know?
15
16 FRANK, JR.: Okay.
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18 CALABRESE, SR.: Like you're talking about somebody else.
19 That you, you ran, you talked to
20 Smiley. He was by the house or
21 something, ya know? Make up a card.
22 FRANK, JR.: Okay. So, that'll mean me?
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24 CALABRESE, SR.: That'll mean you and you know what I am,
25 don't you?
26
27 FRANK, JR.: What?
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29 CALABRESE, SR.: Sanno (ph).
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31 FRANK, JR.: Okay. Warden.
32
33 CALABRESE, SR.: Huh?
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1 FRANK, JR.: (LAUGHS).
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3 CALABRESE, SR.: Sanno. I'll say Sanno.
4
5 FRANK, JR.: Right.
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7 CALABRESE, SR.: And, ah, with that Frankie, if I tell
8 ya, I, ah, I talked to Sanno, I'm gonna
9 try to write back to you, son. I'll
10 write back to you because I know you
11 know if I don't spell a word right, you,
12 I can understand, but I'm embarrassed to
13 anybody else. So, ah, you know that I
14 will write back to you. And, ah, I'm
15 very, I'm very unhappy that Kurt never
16 sent me one letter, card or anything. I
17 don't really care about that. I, I care
18 about is, ah, I must have a, a doozy in
19 here.
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2 FRANK, JR.: Can't dwell on the old stuff.
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4 CALABRESE, SR.: No.
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6 FRANK, JR.: Ya gotta talk about the new stuff...
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8 CALABRESE, SR.: Right.
9
10 FRANK, JR.: ...Now.
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12 CALABRESE, SR.: The thing is ya got to do is you gotta
13 get out there and keep yourself out of
14 trouble. That's the most important
15 thing. Now, when you get out, and you
16 come to see me, I will tell you what to
17 tell (PAUSE) call, his name will not be,
18 his name, Jeff.
19
20 FRANK, JR.: Jeff.
21
22 CALABRESE, SR.: Ronnie. And, ah, then, then I will, ah,
23 I will tell you something little by
24 little. There's no sense now because
25 you're gonna be gone for another maybe
26 ten to twelve months yet. And, ah...
27
28 FRANK, JR.: Plus you still think I'm not gonna come
29 back.
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31 CALABRESE, SR.: Huh?
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33 FRANK, JR.: I said, plus you still think I'm not
34 gonna come back.
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36 CALABRESE, SR.: Come back where son?
37
38 FRANK, JR.: Well, you keep telling me, are you come
39 and visit me, are you gonna visit me?
40
41 CALABRESE, SR.: No. I know you are Frank, I'm...
42
43 FRANK, JR.: I feel sometimes ya think I'm not gonna
44 come and visit ya?
45
46 CALABRESE, SR.: Yeah, I gotta tell ya something. I have
47 no doubts you're coming back, son. Ah,

1 I think, ah, what happened in here, is
2 you and I got to understand each other a
3 little bit.
4
5 (LONG PAUSE)
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7 FRANK, JR.: It'll go by fast. It's gonna go by
8 fast.
9
10 CALABRESE, SR.: I ain't worried about that.

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1
2 CALABRESE, SR.: Yeah. It's a different world. And I
3 told you when we, when we get out there,
4 when, we're gonna have our own little
5 family. Not that we're gonna be
6 bothering anybody, but we don't want
7 anybody fucking with our families.
8 Nobody. Ya got pieces of shit out
9 there, that uncle of yours. If I had
10 him in here, I'd break his fucking face.
11 Break his fucking face. Never offered
12 your mother one bit of support after all
13 I did for that mother fucker. Because
14 of, ah, because of his kid getting his
15 fucking face fucked up, they blaming us
16 for that, too? Or wasn't he blame or
17 when, he blame it where is, the habits
18 he...the habits he taught him how to
19 fucking drink. I can't even look at
20 that fucking piece of shit in the book
21 and, and when I look at him, I get so
22 fucking aggravated, that little fucking
23 catman.
24
25 FRANK, JR.: Oh.
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27 CALABRESE, SR.: Like, ah, ah like it's, and then to do
28 it again after I went away.
29
30 FRANK, JR.: And I didn't know that. I didn't know
31 that.
32
33 CALABRESE, SR.: Well, we'll see, we'll see. What you
34 don't know is Ronnie and I were laying
35 on him.
36
37 FRANK, JR.: No, you told me.
38
39 CALABRESE, SR.: Yeah. Oh, I told you that?
40
41 FRANK, JR.: Yeah.
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43 CALABRESE, SR.: We were laying on him, we couldn't catch
44 him right. In fact, in fact, the car we
45 were gonna use is that blue one that we
46 sold. 'Member the blue one that Danny
47 sold for me? The blue Chevy?

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2 FRANK, JR.: The older one?
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4 CALABRESE, SR.: Yeah.
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6 FRANK, JR.: Yeah. I 'member that one.
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8 CALABRESE, SR.: We had that set up over there by him.
9 Right through his hands and then one
10 through his legs, Ronnie was gonna (UI)
11 right in the legs. Just to give him a
12 message and let him walk around crippled
13 the rest of his fucking life. I mean,
14 if anything, he tried to do that, if,
15 he, he's got a reputation for whenever
16 he's drinking, causing trouble.
17
18 FRANK, JR.: Oh, yeah?
19
20 CALABRESE, SR.: He's got, ah, he's got a real reputation
21 for that. And, ah, he does it, he does
22 cause trouble when there's a bunch of
23 other guys around because he knows
24 they'll always jump in.
25
26 FRANK, JR.: Then they go around and threaten
27 everybody that supposedly seen it or
28 something like that. Bartenders and all
29 that stuff.
30
31 CALABRESE, SR.: I don't know about that, Frank.
32
33 FRANK, JR.: Yeah, I thought that's...
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35 CALABRESE, SR.: I don't know about that.
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37 FRANK, JR.: ...I thought that's (UI).
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39 CALABRESE, SR.: I met him with Angelini.
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41 FRANK, JR.: Yeah, I you told me, er, I think you
42 told me.
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44 CALABRESE, SR.: Donald.
45
46 FRANK, JR.: Yeah.
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1 CALABRESE, SR.: Yeah. Donald come and represented him.
2 And Donald apologized and he had him
3 apologize. And I says, I don't know if
4 the apology's gonna be accepted, I told
5 Donald. I said, I talk to the father
6 first.
7
8 FRANK, JR.: Was he standing there when you said that
9 or no?
10
11 CALABRESE, SR.: No. No. We were talking alone. I met
12 him by Jimmy Stoffi's pizza, and we had
13 a private office over there, Jimmy let
14 us use. Captain was on that night,
15 Captain, I had Captain set it up. He
16 got a hold of me, he says, Donald wanted
17 to see me. I says, ah, 'cause I asked,
18 I wanted to see Cat, I made him and I
19 got a hold of him, I said, get a hold of
20 Cat, I wanna see him. (UI), he says,
21 that's when he let me know that, ah, the
22 other guy was gonna be there, too. I
23 said, good, I don't care who the fuck's
24 there. I went by myself. Donald don't
25 mean nothing to me. He's a nice man.
26
27 FRANK, JR.: Yeah.
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29 CALABRESE, SR.: Very respectful and I'm very respectful
30 to him.
31
32 FRANK, JR.: Is he like you or no?
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34 CALABRESE, SR.: Yeah, we get along.
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36 FRANK, JR.: No, I meant, one of...
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38 CALABRESE, SR.: (UI) what.
39
40 FRANK, JR.: ...One of these.
41
42 CALABRESE, SR.: Oh, yeah. Sure he is.
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1
2 FRANK, JR.: What about, are you still gonna use,
3 uhm, Frank, to talk to him?
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5 CALABRESE, SR.: Yeah, I'm still going to.
6
7 FRANK, JR.: Yeah.
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9 CALABRESE, SR.: Giudice.
10
11 FRANK, JR.: Yeah, he didn't talk to him yet?
12
13 CALABRESE, SR.: No.
14
15 FRANK, JR.: Oh.
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17 CALABRESE, SR.: No. I wanna send, ah, Mike Ricci to
18 talk with him.
19
20 FRANK, JR.: Yeah.
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22 CALABRESE, SR.: I wanna send Mike Ricci to talk to him.
23
24 FRANK, JR.: Does Mike know him?
25
26 CALABRESE, SR.: No, but it's very simple. Diane knows
27 him. So, I can have Diane set it up at
28 Mr. G's, and, ah, and, ah, have him go
29 meet, ah, Mike at Mr. G's, and Diane
30 could be in there and introduce 'em and
31 then leave.
32
33 FRANK, JR.: At least Frank'll tell ya what he's got
34 to say, so that'll, ya know?
35
36 CALABRESE, SR.: Yeah. I maybe have Twan go with Mike,
37 too. (PAUSE) It's, ah, I, I wish, I
38 wish he gets outta this fucking stupor
39 he's in. The hatred. Okay? He's
40 trying to blame everybody for what he
41 did himself. Listen. If we, if we
42 wanna stand there and blame, we can all
43 look in the mirror, we're all guilty,
44 aren't we? In our own way, we're all
45 guilty, aren't we? When you stop to
46 think about what I'm gonna say, aren't
47 ya, son? We are all guilty of

1 something, aren't we? When you stop and
2 say, look, I'm looking in the mirror.
3 Am I perfect? No, I'm not. So, ah, ah,
4 pointing the finger of guilt at the next
5 person isn't gonna heal nothing. What
6 I'd like to see done is, ah, I would
7 like to see for him to forget about it
8 and, and even what he said, I'm not
9 worried about the fucking assholes on
10 the street. Once I get outta here,
11 you're gonna see their fucking asses
12 curl. (PAUSE) The guy, the guy that I
13 wanna stick it to, and this is the guy
14 that I wanted to tell you to, last
15 night, is real bad, is Ralphie. I wanna
16 catch him with his fucking pants down
17 real good. 'Cause there's a mother
18 fucker that's...

19
20 FRANK, JR.: Curlie (ph)?

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22 CALABRESE, SR.: ...Ralphie, Curlie, yeah.

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24 FRANK, JR.: Oh.

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26 (NON_PERTENATE CONVERSATION)
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3 CALABRESE, SR.: I got a good surprise for him, when the
4 time comes and we'll see. The thing,
5 the thing, the thing is, ah, you know
6 where you hurt somebody the worse?
7 Where do you hurt 'em?
8
9 FRANK, JR.: In the pocket. Yeah. Yeah. Tell ya
10 what...
11
12 CALABRESE, SR.: And one, I always said you know
13 something? I always said when Larry and
14 I were partners, Larry made the
15 statement, he says, you know what,
16 Frank? The way we're moving, he says,
17 we, you don't know, maybe someday we'll
18 be running this whole fucking show. I
19 says, oh, ho, stop right there, buddy.
20 I says, I ain't interested in running
21 this whole show. I says, as far as I'm
22 concerned, I like sitting in the back
23 seat. I enjoy the back of theaters. I
24 says, I don't like the front lines. I
25 says, that's for guys that wanna be, I
26 don't wanna be.
27
28 FRANK, JR.: Seems like most of those guys do though.
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30 CALABRESE, SR.: Huh?
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32 FRANK, JR.: Seems like most of those guys do though.
33
34 CALABRESE, SR.: Yeah. Do what?
35
36 FRANK, JR.: Wanna be.
37
38 CALABRESE, SR.: Yeah. They wanna be. And you wanna
39 know something? It was coming more and
40 more and more to me. Ya know, I got
41 news for you. If, ah, if, ah, brother,
42 Jimmy wasn't there, I woulda been
43 running the show.
44
45 FRANK, JR.: Yeah?
46
47 CALABRESE, SR.: Yeah. I was next in line. Alright?
48 And I'm so fucking happy that I had

1 gotten that operation and everything,
2 (UI).
3
4 FRANK, JR.: Well, what about when he died? What,
5 what'd they just by-pass you or...
6
7 CALABRESE, SR.: Because I was away from it.
8
9 FRANK, JR.: So, then they gave it to, uhm...
10
11 CALABRESE, SR.: Johnny got it.
12
13 FRANK, JR.: ...Oh, Johnny got it, okay. Apes.
14 You're happy about that, though.
15
16 CALABRESE, SR.: Huh?
17
18 FRANK, JR.: I says, you were happy about that.
19
20 CALABRESE, SR.: Are you kidding? Not only did Johnny
21 get that spot, Johnny got two spots. He
22 became number two and, and a capo.
23
24 FRANK, JR.: Oh, really?
25
26 CALABRESE, SR.: Yeah.
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28 FRANK, JR.: Probably, well, I'll only met him one
29 time, dad.
30
31 CALABRESE, SR.: You only met Johnny one time?
32
33 FRANK, JR.: Yeah, at the, uhm, at least that I can
34 remember, at the club when we had that
35 picnic that time. You introduced me to
36 him.
37
38 CALABRESE, SR.: Nicest guy in the world.
39
40 FRANK, JR.: For some reason, I remember it. I don't
41 remember what he looks like. I mean, if
42 you, if he walked by me right now, I...
43
44 CALABRESE, SR.: He's a husky guy, bald, not bald, he got
45 hair here, but he shaves it all. He
46 gets it all like this. Ya know? Nicest
47 guy. He has, ah, very witty. Very
48 witty guy.

1
2 FRANK, JR.: Yeah?
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4 CALABRESE, SR.: Here, this guy, this guy sided for me
5 and Larry when, ah, when, ah, when
6 Annerino (ph) wanted to fuck Larry and
7 me. He wanted to try to steal Larry
8 from me. Johnny sided for me. And I
9 didn't know Johnny that well then. I
10 just knew Johnny maybe about two or
11 three years. And Johnny said, Johnny
12 told, ah, the Bull, he says, why don't
13 the fuck you leave them guys alone? He
14 says, why don't he leave them two kids
15 alone, he says. If they wanna be with
16 each other, why does he try to fucking
17 try to break 'em up?
18
19 FRANK, JR.: Ang said that?
20
21 CALABRESE, SR.: No. Johnny.
22
23 FRANK, JR.: Oh, oh. Johnny told Angelo. I was
24 gonna say no wonder why Ang said that.
25 So, you could have him to yourself, you
26 could have him, you guys, all to
27 himself.
28
29 CALABRESE, SR.: Johnny came, Johnny came to our rescue.
30 Johnny didn't come to my rescue once.
31 Johnny was to my rescue a couple of
32 times. Johnny fronted for me. But I
33 fronted for him for a couple of things,
34 too.
35
36 FRANK, JR.: What's he doing with that fucking idiot?
37
38 CALABRESE, SR.: But that's the kind of guy he is. Huh?
39
40 FRANK, JR.: What's he doing, I mean, if he's so
41 witty, what's he doing with that fucking
42 idiot?
43
44 CALABRESE, SR.: Frank, I, that's one thing I don't
45 understand. I don't understand that.
46 Witty doesn't mean that he's, that he's
47 a hundred percent smart. Johnny did
48 not know the ways we knew him. We, what

1 you don't understand, I gotta tell ya
2 something, I'm not gonna throw, ah, ah,
3 whaddaya call it? I'm not gonna, I'll
4 use this termigy (ph), I'm not gonna
5 slap myself on the back. But when I got
6 around these people in the sixties,
7 okay? That's when your mother, remember
8 she made the statement, when I got
9 around them in the sixties, I lived like
10 Dick Tracy. They used to laugh. They
11 used to laugh about it. They'd say,
12 boy, Frank's careful with everything.
13 He, he, if you call him, he'll come. He
14 won't talk, I'll be a son of a bitch in
15 the, in the late, around seventy-four,
16 seventy-five, I'd say about in the
17 middle, they started adapting my ways.
18
19 FRANK, JR.: Oh, yeah?
20
21 CALABRESE, SR.: Yeah. We all had nicknames. I gave,
22 the Bull used to be called N. Ya know
23 where the "N" in his name? Ang, ya
24 know? A-N. So, I used to call him, N.
25 Johnny was called, Dirty, because he
26 had Clean Air. That was the name of his
27 spot. Clean Air. That was the name of
28 his company.
29
30 FRANK, JR.: Johnny?
31
32 CALABRESE, SR.: Johnny Apes.
33
34 FRANK, JR.: Oh.
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36 CALABRESE, SR.: So, we used to call him, Dirty.
37
38 FRANK, JR.: Clean Air. Is that, do the, uhm, room
39 air things?
40
41 CALABRESE, SR.: No.
42
43 FRANK, JR.: Oh.
44
45 CALABRESE, SR.: He used to, he used to, you, ah, used to
46 spray all the restaurants.
47
48 FRANK, JR.: Oh.

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2 CALABRESE, SR.: He had guys going and spray the
3 restaurants. Ya know?
4
5 FRANK, JR.: I thought they were those smoke eaters.
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7 CALABRESE, SR.: No. And, ah, and, ah, (PAUSE) what's
8 his name? Big John was called Big
9 Stoop. Every, I gave everybody names.
10 After a while, everybody started using
11 them names. They called each other
12 that. Then I changed 'em again because
13 I didn't want them to know what we were
14 talking about. I gave the Bull, the
15 Bull, or we used to call him the Neck or
16 the Bull. We had two names for him.
17 So, if I was telling you in the story,
18 somebody'd think I was talking about two
19 different people, I'd be talking about
20 the Bull twice. I'd say, ya know, I
21 stopped over by the, the Neck the other
22 day and he was talking about this, but I
23 was very disappointed. Then we'll go on
24 to another su, oh, another thing, I
25 talked to the Bull. See? About
26 something else. So, they're thi,
27 somebody listening to you thinks I'm
28 talking about two different people.
29
30 FRANK, JR.: Uh huh.
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32 CALABRESE, SR.: And I wanted that on purpose 'cause I
33 never wanted anybody to hear what we
34 were talking about. And if they had us
35 bugged anywhere, they wouldn't know who
36 the fuck we were talking about. That's
37 why I did that. That's why it doesn't
38 make sense that these mother fuckers
39 know how sharp I was, that I am gonna go
40 deal with Matthew Russo? They know as
41 well as I'm sitting in here, Frank. I
42 have never charged Matthew Russo. Matt
43 told 'em that, but they, Matt, they told
44 Matt, either you set this guy up or
45 we're gonna put you in fucking jail.
46 Matthew never paid no interest to us,
47 Frank. Not one penny.
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1 FRANK, JR.: I'm just thinking about, uhm...
2
3 CALABRESE, SR.: What?
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5 FRANK, JR.: ...When you told me the other day that,
6 ah, Uncle Nick told Jimmy that he knew
7 karate. (LAUGHS). I thought about that
8 earlier today, too, and I was laughing.
9 I could see him telling...
10
11 CALABRESE, SR.: Well, that was, that was, they nicknamed
12 him, Karate.
13
14 FRANK, JR.: Oh, really?
15
16 CALABRESE, SR.: After that. Yeah. The Karate Kid. In
17 fact, ah, Sammy Carlisi, before, when,
18 oh, I seen him at Sammy's son's wedding.
19 And Sammy says, ah, where's the Karate
20 Kid at? I says, oh, he's coming. He'll
21 be here.
22
23 FRANK, JR.: (LAUGHS). And then I remember when he
24 kicked the stool.
25
26 CALABRESE, SR.: Yeah. (LAUGHS). They should only know,
27 well, I, want me to tell you something?
28 I, I would have to say, by now, if
29 Jimmy's doing time with him we have to
30 find out some things about Uncle Nicky.
31 I mean, you can't hide 'em all.
32 Especially if you're, you're doing, they
33 have to know the, ah, mood swings he
34 goes through.
35
36 FRANK, JR.: Well, I figure if he told Junior all
37 this stuff, you think he mighta told
38 Jimmy the same stuff.
39
40 CALABRESE, SR.: So what?
41
42 FRANK, JR.: No, I'm just, I was just, Jimmy...
43
44 CALABRESE, SR.: So what? What's that gonna prove?
45
46 FRANK, JR.: Oh, nothing. I was just wonderin', ya
47 know?
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1 CALABRESE, SR.: Ya know what Jimmy's gonna do? He's
2 gonna look at him, and look down at him
3 for that.
4
5 FRANK, JR.: Yeah. Well, I know.
6
7 CALABRESE, SR.: Because how could you talk about your
8 brother? Now, the thing that's, the
9 thing that's bothering him, see, and
10 this is where I put this together is,
11 what's bothering him is, you're, you
12 came back and became my son again. He
13 don't want that because now he can't
14 talk about that. He can't go tell
15 somebody, well, even his sons don't like
16 him. Okay?

(NON-PERTINENT CONVERSATION)

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3 FRANK, JR.: I mean, I'll see ya in the morning.
4
5 CALABRESE, SR.: ...If ya need a hand with something, let
6 me know. When you get out there.
7
8 FRANK, JR.: Well, I told ya, I'll just come to see
9 you, I still, ya know, I still wanna
10 feel that thing out with the, ah, with
11 the, with the, ya know, with my friend.
12 With the sports thing. Ya know?
13
14 CALABRESE, SR.: Yeah, you gotta stay this way.
15
16 FRANK, JR.: Right.
17
18 CALABRESE, SR.: But what I'm, what I'm gonna, what I may
19 wanna do is, is what I wanted to tell ya
20 is, is, ah, is I may make you partners
21 with Ronnie some day.
22
23 FRANK, JR.: Ah...
24
25 CALABRESE, SR.: But you have to earn that, Frankie. But
26 I tell ya right now up front.
27
28 FRANK, JR.: Alright.
29
30 CALABRESE, SR.: And, ah, he's a good guy and, ah...
31
32 FRANK, JR.: We ain't gonna have to answer to nobody
33 else.
34
35 CALABRESE, SR.: Nobody else. No fucking body else. No,
36 nobody else. No, we're not answering to
37 nobody else. Did any, did anybody else
38 fucking supply us? Only one guy...
39
40 FRANK, JR.: I don't know where all your friends are
41 now. I mean...
42
43 CALABRESE, SR.: One guy. And, and, ah, you can bet soon
44 as Joy gets out, she's gonna go try to
45 dirty Ronnie's ears up. If she hasn't
46 dirtied his ears up yet. But she's got
47 a fucking, she's got as much chance of

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doing that as she's got, ah, licking my
dick.

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