

THE GODAFATHER (Vito and Michael in garden) (pg 1)

VITO

So, Barzini will move against you first. He will set up a meeting with someone you absolutely trust, guaranteeing your safety. And at that meeting you'll be assassinated. (PAUSE, sips some wine) I like to drink wine more than I used to. Anyway, I'm drinking more.

MICHAEL

It's good for you, Pop.

VITO

I don't know.....Your wife and children, are you happy with them?

MICHAEL

Very happy.

VITO

That's good. I hope you don't mind the way I keep going over this Barzini business.

MICHAEL

No, not at all.

VITO

It's an old habit. I spent my life trying not to be careless. Women and children can be careless, but not men. (PAUSE) How's your boy?

MICHAEL

He's good.

VITO (pg 2)

You know he looks more like you every day.

MICHAEL

He's smarter than I am. Three years old and he can read the funny papers.

VITO

Reads the funny papers (Smiles). I want you to arrange for a telephone man to check all the calls that go in and out of here....it could be anybody.

MICHAEL

I did it already. I took care of it.

VITO

Oh...that's right. I forgot.

MICHAEL

What's the matter? What's bothering you? I'll handle it. I told you I can handle it, I'll handle it.

VITO

I knew that Santino would have to go through this. And Fredo...well Fredo was.....But I never wanted this for you. I worked my whole life. I don't apologize, to take care of my family. And I refused to be a fool, dancing on a string held by all those big shots. I don't apologize, that's my life, but I thought when it was your time, you would be the one to hold the strings. Senator Corleone. Govenor Corleone. Something.

MICHAEL

Another pezzonavante.\* (Translation "Big Shot")

VITO (pg 3)

Just wasn't enough time, Michael. Wasn't enough time.

MICHAEL

We'll get there Pop. We'll get there.

VITO

(Kisses Michael on cheek) Now listen, whoever comes to you with this Barzini meeting, he's the traitor. Don't forget that. (Vito exits and leaves Michael with his thoughts)