

THE GODFATHER

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1A INT DAY: DON'S OFFICE (SUMMER 1945)

The PARAMOUNT Logo is presented austerely over a black background. There is a moment's hesitation, and then the simple words in white lettering:

THE GODFATHER

While this remains, we hear: "I believe in America." Suddenly we are watching in CLOSE VIEW, AMERIGO BONASERA, a man of sixty, dressed in a black suit, on the verge of great emotion.

BONASERA

America has made my fortune.

As he speaks, THE VIEW imperceptibly begins to loosen.

BONASERA

I raised my daughter in the American fashion; I gave her freedom, but taught her never to dishonor her family. She found a boy friend, not an Italian. She went to the movies with him, stayed out late. Two months ago he took her for a drive, with another boy friend. They made her drink whiskey and then they tried to take advantage of her. She resisted; she kept her honor. So they beat her like an animal. When I went to the hospital her nose was broken, her jaw was shattered and held together by wire, and she could not even weep because of the pain.

He can barely speak; he is weeping now.

BONASERA

I went to the Police like a good American. These two boys were arrested and brought to trial. The judge sentenced them to three years in prison, and suspended the sentence. Suspended sentence! They went free that very day. I stood in the courtroom like a fool, and those bastards, they smiled at me. Then I said to my wife, for Justice, we must go to The Godfather.

1A (CONT.)

By now, THE VIEW is full, and we see Don Corleone's office in his home. The blinds are closed, and so the room is dark, and with patterned shadows. We are watching BONASERA over the shoulder of DON CORLEONE. TOM HAGEN sits near a small table, examining some paperwork, and SONNY CORLEONE stands impatiently by the window nearest his father, sipping from a glass of wine. We can HEAR music, and the laughter and voices of many people outside.

DON CORLEONE

Bonasera, we know each other for years, but this is the first time you come to me for help. I don't remember the last time you invited me to your house for coffee...even though our wives are friends.

BONASERA

What do you want of me? I'll give you anything you want, but do what I ask!

DON CORLEONE

And what is that Bonasera?

BONASERA whispers into the DON's ear.

DON CORLEONE

No. You ask for too much.

BONASERA

I ask for Justice.

DON CORLEONE

The Court gave you justice.

BONASERA

An eye for an eye!

DON CORLEONE

But your daughter is still alive.

BONASERA

Then make them suffer as she suffers. How much shall I pay you.

Both HAGEN and SONNY react.

1A (CONT.)

DON CORLEONE

You never think to protect yourself with real friends. You think it's enough to be an American. All right, the Police protect you, there are Courts of Law, so you don't need a friend like me. But now you come to me and say Don Corleone, you must give me justice. And you don't ask in respect or friendship. And you don't think to call me Godfather; instead you come to my house on the day my daughter is to be married and you ask me to do murder...for money.

BONASERA

America has been good to me...

DON CORLEONE

Then take the justice from the judge, the bitter with the sweet, Bonasera. But if you come to me with your friendship, your loyalty, then your enemies become my enemies, and then, believe me, they would fear you...

Slowly, Bonasera bows his head and murmurs.

BONASERA

Be my friend.

DON CORLEONE

Good. From me you'll get Justice.

BONASERA

Godfather.

DON CORLEONE

Some day, and that day may never come, I would like to call upon you to do me a service in return.

1B EXT DAY: MALL (SUMMER 1945)

A HIGH ANGLE of the CORLEONE MALL in bright daylight. There are at least five hundred guests filling the main courtyard and gardens. There is music and laughter and dancing and countless tables covered with food and wine.

1B (CONT.)

DON CORLEONE stands at the Gate, flanked on either side by a son: FREDO and SONNY, all dressed in the formal attire of the wedding party. He warmly shakes the hands, squeezes the hands of the friends and guests, pinches the cheeks of the children, and makes them all welcome. They in turn carry with them gallons of homemade wine, cartons of freshly baked bread and pastries, and enormous trays of Italian delicacies.

The entire family poses for a family portrait: DON CORLEONE, MAMA, SONNY, his wife SANDRA, and their children, TOM HAGEN and his wife, THERESA, and their BABY; CONSTANZIA, the bride, and her bridegroom, CARLO RIZZI. As they move into the pose, THE DON seems preoccupied.

DON CORLEONE

Where's Michael?

SONNY

He'll be here Pop, it's still early.

DON CORLEONE

Then the picture will wait for him.

Everyone in the group feels the uneasiness as the DON moves back to the house. SONNY gives a delicious smile in the direction of the Maid-of-Honor, LUCY MANCINI. She returns it. Then he moves to his wife.

SONNY

Sandra, watch the kids. They're running wild.

SANDRA

You watch yourself.

HAGEN kisses his WIFE, and follows THE DON, passing the wine barrels, where a group of FOUR MEN nervously wait. TOM crooks a finger at NAZORINE, who double-checks that he is next, straightens, and follows HAGEN.

1C EXT DAY: MALL ENTRANCE (SUMMER 1945)

Outside the main gate of the Mall, SEVERAL MEN in suits, working together with a MAN in a dark sedan, walk in and out of the rows of parked cars, writing license plate numbers down in their notebooks. We

1C (CONT.)

HEAR the music and laughter coming from the party in the distance.

A MAN stops at a limousine and copies down the number.

1B (CONT.)

BARZINI, dignified in a black homburg, is always under the watchful eyes of TWO BODYGUARDS as he makes his way to embrace DON CORLEONE in the courtyard.

1C (CONT.)

The MEN walk down another row of parked cars. Put another number in the notebook. A shiney new Cadillac with wooden bumpers.

1B (CONT.)

PETER CLEMENZA, dancing the Tarantella joyously, bumping bellies with the ladies.

CLEMENZA
Paulie...wine...WINE.

He mops his sweating forehead with a big handkerchief. PAULIE hustles, gets a glass of icy black wine, and brings it to him.

PAULIE
You look terrif on the floor!

CLEMENZA
What are you, a dance judge?
Go do your job; take a walk
around the neighborhood...see
everything is okay.

PAULIE nods and leaves; CLEMENZA takes a breath, and leaps back into the dance.

1C (CONT.)

The MEN walk down another row of parked cars. Put another number in the notebook.

1B (CONT.)

TESSIO, a tall, gentle-looking man, dances with a NINE-YEAR-OLD GIRL, her little black party shoes planted on his enormous brown shoes.

1C (CONT.)

The MEN move on to other parked cars, when SONNY storms out of the gate, his face flushed with anger, followed by CLEMENZA and PAULIE.

SONNY

Buddy, this is a private party.

The MAN doesn't answer, but points to the DRIVER of the sedan. SONNY menacingly thrusts his reddened face at him. The DRIVER merely flips open his wallet to a green card, without saying a word. SONNY steps back, spits on the ground, turns, and walks away, followed by CLEMENZA, PAULIE, and another TWO MEN. He doesn't say a thing for most of the walk back into the courtyard, and then, muttered to PAULIE.

SONNY

Goddamn FBI...don't respect nothing.

1D INT DAY: DON'S OFFICE (SUMMER 1945)

DON CORLEONE sits quietly behind his massive desk in the dark study.

NAZORINE

...a fine boy from Sicily, captured by the American Army, and sent to New Jersey as a prisoner of war...

DON CORLEONE

Nazorine, my friend, tell me what I can do.

NAZORINE

Now that the war is over, Enzo, this boy is being repatriated to Italy. And you see, Godfather...
(he wrings his hands,
unable to express
himself)

He...my daughter...they...

DON CORLEONE

You want him to stay in this country.

1D (CONT.)

NAZORINE

Godfather, you understand everything.

DON CORLEONE

Tom, what we need is an Act of Congress to allow Enzo to become a citizen.

NAZORINE

(impressed)

An Act of Congress!

HAGEN

(nodding)

It will cost.

The DON shrugs; such are the way with those things; NAZORINE nods.

NAZORINE

Is that all? Godfather, thank you...

(backing out, enthusiastically)

Oh, wait till you see the cake I made for your beautiful daughter!

NAZORINE backs out, all smiles, and nods to the GOD-FATHER. DON CORLEONE rises and moves to the Venetian blinds.

HAGEN

Who do I give this job to?

The DON moves to the windows, peeking out through the blinds.

DON CORLEONE

Not to one of our paisans...give it to a Jew Congressman in another district. Who else is on the list for today?

The DON is peeking out to the MEN around the barrel, waiting to see him.

HAGEN

Francesco Nippi. His nephew has been refused parole. A bad case.

1E EXT DAY: MALL (SUMMER 1945)

WHAT HE SEES:

NIPPI waits nervously by the barrel.

HAGEN (O.S.)

His father worked with you in the
freight yards when you were young.

LUCA BRASI sitting alone, grotesque and quiet.

HAGEN (O.S.)

He's not on the list, but Luca
Brasi wants to see you.

1D (CONT.)

The DON turns to HAGEN.

DON CORLEONE

Is it necessary?

HAGEN

You understand him better than
anyone.

The DON nods to this. Turns back to the blinds and
peeks out.

1E (CONT.)

WHAT HE SEES:

MICHAEL CORLEONE, dressed in the uniform of a Marine
Captain, leads KAY ADAMS through the wedding crowd,
occasionally stopped and greeted by FRIENDS of the
family.

1D (CONT.)

The DON, inside the office, peering through the
blinds, following them.

1E (CONT.)

MICHAEL moves through the crowd, embraces MAMA and
introduces her to his GIRL.

1F EXT DAY: OFFICE WINDOW (SUMMER 1945)

The DON's eyes peering through the blinds.

1G EXT DAY: MALL TABLES (SUMMER 1945)

KAY and MICHAEL settle by a table on the edge of the wedding, burdened down with plates of food and glasses and wine. She is exhilarated by the enormity of the affair, the music and the vitality.

KAY

I've never seen anything like it.

MICHAEL

I told you I had a lot of relatives.

KAY looking about, a young and lively thing in a gift shop. We see what she sees:

Her interest is caught by THREE MEN standing by the wine barrels.

KAY

(amused)

Michael, what are those men doing?

MICHAEL

They're waiting to see my father.

KAY

They're talking to themselves.

MICHAEL

They're going to talk to my father, which means they're going to ask him for something, which means they better get it right.

KAY

Why do they bother him on a day like this?

MICHAEL

Because they know that no Sicilian will refuse a request on his daughter's wedding day.

1H EXT DAY: WEDDING PARTY (SUMMER 1945)

CONNIE CORLEONE, the Bride, is pressing the bodice of her overly-fluffy white gown against the groom, CARLO

1H (CONT.)

RIZZI. He is bronzed, with curly blondish hair and lovely dimples. She absolutely adores him and can barely take her eyes from him long enough to thank the various GUESTS for the white envelopes they are putting into the large white purse she holds. In fact, if we watch carefully, we can see that one of her hands is slid under his jacket, and into his shirt, where she is provocatively rubbing the hair on his chest. CARLO, on the other hand, has his blue eyes trained on the bulging envelopes, and is trying to guess how much cash the things hold.

Discreetly, he moves her hand off of his skin.

CARLO
(whispered)
Cut it out, Connie.

The purse, looped by a ribbon of silk around CONNIE's arm, is fat with money.

PAULIE (O.S.)
What do you think? Twenty grand?

A little distance away, a young man, PAULIE GATTO, catches a prosciutto sandwich thrown by a friend, without once taking eyes from the purse.

PAULIE
Who knows? Maybe more. Twenty, thirty grand in small bills cash in that silk purse. Holy Toledo, if this was somebody else's wedding!

SONNY is sitting at the Wedding Dais, talking to LUCY MANCINI, the Maid of Honor. Every once in a while he glances across the courtyard, where his WIFE is talking with some WOMEN.

He bends over and whispers something into LUCY's ear.

SANDRA and the WOMEN are in the middle of a big, ribald laugh.

WOMAN
Is it true what they say about your husband, Sandra?

SANDRA's hands separate with expanding width further and further apart until she bursts into a peal of

1H (CONT.)

laughter. Through her separated hands she sees the Wedding Dais. SONNY and LUCY are gone.

1J INT DAY: DON'S HALL & STAIRS (SUMMER 1945)

The empty hallway. The bathroom door opens and LUCY surreptitiously steps out. She looks up where SONNY is standing on the second landing, motioning for her to come up.

She lifts her petticoats off the ground and hurries upstairs.

1G (CONT.)

KAY and MICHAEL.

KAY

(in a spooky low tone)

Michael, that scarey guy...Is he a relative?

She has picked out LUCA BRASI.

MICHAEL

No. His name is Luca Brasi. You wouldn't like him.

KAY

(Excited)

Who is he?

MICHAEL

(Sizing her up)

You really want to know?

KAY

Yes. Tell me.

MICHAEL

You like spaghetti?

KAY

You know I love spaghetti.

MICHAEL

Then eat your spaghetti and I'll tell you a Luca Brasi story.

She starts to eat her spaghetti.

1G (CONT.)

She begins eating, looking at him eagerly.

MICHAEL

Once upon a time, about fifteen years ago, some people wanted to take over my father's olive oil business. They had Al Capone send some men in from Chicago to kill my father, and they almost did.

KAY

Al Capone!

MICHAEL

My Father sent Luca Brasi after them. He tied the two Capone men hand and foot, and stuffed small bath towels into their mouths. Then he took an ax, and chopped one man's feet off...

KAY

Michael...

MICHAEL

Then the legs at the knees...

KAY

Michael you're trying to scare me...

MICHAEL

Then the thighs where they joined the torso.

KAY

Michael, I don't want to hear anymore...

MICHAEL

Then Luca turned to the other man...

KAY

Michael, I love you.

MICHAEL

...who out of sheer terror had swallowed the bath towel in his mouth and suffocated.

The smile on his face seems to indicate that he is telling a tall story.

1G (CONT.)

KAY

I never know when you're telling me the truth.

MICHAEL

I told you you wouldn't like him.

KAY

He's coming over here!

LUCA comes toward them to meet TOM HAGEN halfway, just near their table.

MICHAEL

Tom...Tom, I'd like you to meet Kay Adams.

KAY

(having survived LUCA)
How do you do.

MICHAEL

My brother, Tom Hagen.

HAGEN

Hello Kay. Your father's inside, doing some business.
(privately)
He's been asking for you.

MICHAEL

Thanks Tom.

HAGEN smiles and moves back to the house, LUCA ominously following.

KAY

If he's your brother, why does he have a different name?

MICHAEL

My brother Sonny found him living in the streets when he was a kid, so my father took him in. He's a good lawyer.

1K INT DAY: DON'S OFFICE (SUMMER 1945)

DON CORLEONE at the window. He has seen the intimacy of the YOUNG COUPLE.

1K (CONT.)

LUCA (O.S.)

Don Corleone...

THE DON turns to the stiffly formal LUCA, and he moves forward to kiss his hand. He takes the envelope from his jacket, holds it out, but does not release it until he makes a formal speech.

LUCA

(with difficulty)

Don Corleone...I am honored, and grateful...that you invited me to your home...on the wedding day of your...daughter. May their first child...be a masculine child. I pledge my never ending loyalty.

(he offers the envelope)

For your daughter's bridal purse.

DON CORLEONE

Thank you, Luca, my most valued friend.

THE DON takes it, and then LUCA's hand, which he squeezes so tightly we might imagine it to be painful.

LUCA

Let me leave you, Don Corleone. I know you are busy.

He turns, almost an about-face, and leaves the study with the same formality he entered with. DON CORLEONE breathes more easily, and gives the thick envelope to HAGEN.

DON CORLEONE

I'm sure it's the most generous gift today.

HAGEN

The Senator called--apologized for not coming personally, but said you'd understand. Also, some of the Judges...they've all sent gifts. And another call from Virgil Sollozzo.

DON CORLEONE is not pleased.

HAGEN

The action is narcotics. Sollozzo has contacts in Turkey for the poppy,

LK (CONT.)

HAGEN (Cont'd.)

in Sicily for the plants to process down to morphine or up to heroin. Also he has access to this country. He's coming to us for financial help, and some sort of immunity from the law. For that we get a piece of the action, I couldn't find out how much. Sollozzo is vouched for by the Tattaglia family, and they may have a piece of the action. They call Sollozzo the Turk. He's spent a lot of time in Turkey and is suppose to have a Turkish wife and kids. He's suppose to be very quick with the knife, or was, when he was younger. Only in matters of business and with some reasonable complaint. Also he has an American wife and three children and he is a good family man.

THE DON nods.

HAGEN

He's his own boss, and very competent.

DON CORLEONE

And with prison record.

HAGEN

Two terms; one in Italy, one in the United States. He's known to the Government as a top narcotics man. That could be a plus for us; he could never get immunity to testify.

DON CORLEONE

When did he call?

HAGEN

This morning.

DON CORLEONE

On a day like this. Consiglere, do you also have in your notes that the Turk made his living from Prostitution before the war, like the Tattaglias do now. Write that down before you forget it. The Turk will wait.

1K (CONT.)

We now begin to hear a song coming over the loud-speakers from outside. In Italian, with unmistakable style.

DON CORLEONE

What that? It sounds like Johnny.

He moves to the window, pulls the blinds up, flooding the room with light.

DON CORLEONE

It is Johnny. He came all the way from California to be at the wedding.

HAGEN

Should I bring him in.

DON CORLEONE

No. Let the people enjoy him. You see? He is a good godson.

HAGEN

It's been two years. He's probably in trouble again.

1L EXT DAY: MALL (SUMMER 1945)

JOHNNY FONTANE on the bandstand, singing to the delight and excitement of the wedding GUESTS.

KAY

I didn't know your family knew Johnny Fontane.

MICHAEL

Sure.

KAY

I used to come down to New York whenever he sang at the Capitol and scream my head off.

MICHAEL

He's my father's godson; he owes him his whole career.

JOHNNY finishes the song and the CROWD screams with delight. They call out for another when DON CORLEONE appears.

1L (CONT.)

DON CORLEONE

My Godson has come three thousand miles to do us honor and no one thinks to wet his throat.

At once a dozen wine glasses are offered to JOHNNY, who takes a sip from each as he moves to embrace his GODFATHER.

JOHNNY

I kept trying to call you after my divorce and Tom always said you were busy. When I got the Wedding invitation I knew you weren't sore at me anymore, Godfather.

DON CORLEONE

Can I do something for you still? You're not too rich, or too famous that I can't help you?

JOHNNY

I'm not rich anymore, Godfather, and...my career, I'm almost washed up...

He's very disturbed. The GODFATHER indicates that he come with him to the office so no one will notice. He turns to HAGEN.

DON CORLEONE

Tell Santino to come in with us. He should hear some things.

They go, leaving HAGEN scanning the party looking for SONNY.

1M INT DAY: DON'S HALLWAY (SUMMER 1945)

HAGEN glances up the staircase.

HAGEN

Sonny?

Then he goes up.

1N INT DAY: DON'S UPSTAIRS ROOM (SUMMER 1945)

SONNY and LUCY are in a room upstairs; he has lifted her gown's skirts almost over her head, and has her standing up against the door. Her face peeks out

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(CONT)

from the layers of petticoats around it like a flower in ecstasy.

LUCY

Sonnyeeeeeeee.

Her head bouncing against the door with the rhythm of his body. But there is a knocking as well. They stop, freeze in that position.

HAGEN(O.S.)

Sonny? Sonny, you in there?

1P

INT. DAY: DON'S UPSTAIRS HALLWAY (SUMMER 1945)

Outside, HAGEN by the door.

HAGEN

The old man wants you; Johnny's here... he's got a problem!

SONNY (O.S.)

Okay. One minute.

HAGEN hesitates. We HEAR LUCY's head bouncing against the door again. TOM leaves.

1L

(CONT)

JOHNNY

... The main character in this film is a guy just like me. I wouldn't even have to act, just be myself.

Everybody knows I'm perfect for it, but the head of the studio won't give it to me, won't even tell me why.

It could be the thing to put me back on top. Godfather, what should I do, oh what should I do?

DON CORLEONE

You can act like a man. Like a man!

He takes a handful of Johnny's hair, and forcibly shakes him.

1L

(CONTD)

DON CORLEONE

Is this how you turned out? A Hollywood finocchio who cries like a woman: what should I do, oh what should I do?

Hagen and Johnny cannot refrain from laughing at the Don's mimicry. He is pleased.

DON CORLEONE

You spend time with your family?

JOHNNY

Sure... sure I do.

DON CORLEONE

Good. A man who doesn't spend time with his family can never be a real man.

You look terrible Johnny, I want you to eat well and rest. And then, at the end of the month, this Hollywood big shot will give you the part you want.

JOHNNY

It's too late, all the contracts have been signed. The picture starts in a week.

DON CORLEONE

I'll make him an offer he can't refuse...

He takes Johnny to the door, pinching his cheek hard enough to hurt.

... now go back to the party and leave everything to me.

He closes the door, smiling to himself. Turns to Hagen.

DON CORLEONE

When does my daughter leave with her bridgroom?

HAGEN

Right after they cut the cake... in a few minutes. Your new son-in-law, do we give him something important?

1L (CONT)

DON CORLEONE

Never. Give him a living.
What else do you have on
your list?

HAGEN

Virgil Sollozzo can't be
put off... we'll have to
give him a day next week.

DON CORLEONE

We'll discuss Sollozzo when
you get back from California.

HAGEN

When am I going?

DON CORLEONE

Tonight. I want you to
talk to that movie bigshot
and settle this business for
Johnny.
Is there anything else, I'd
like to go to my daughter's
wedding.

HAGEN

I called the hospital. Consigliere
Genco won't last out the night.

DON CORLEONE

(sadly)

Genco will wait for me.
Santino, tell your brothers
they will come with me to
see Genco. Also Johnny.

SONNY

And Michael?

DON CORLEONE

All my sons.

1R EXT DAY: MALL (SUMMER 1945)

Now all the wedding GUESTS excitedly clap their hands over the entrance of the cake; NAZORINE is beaming as he wheels in a serving table containing the biggest, gaudiest, most extravagant wedding cake ever baked, an incredible monument of gratitude. The CROWD is favorably impressed: they begin to clink their knives or forks against their glasses, in the traditional request for the Bride to cut the cake and kiss the Groom. Louder and louder, five hundred forks hitting five hundred glasses.

13 EXT DAY: MALL (SUMMER 1945)

Silence.

HIGH ANGLE ON THE MALL, late day. The GUESTS are gone. A single black car is in the courtyard.

1S (CONT.)

FREDDIE is behind the driver's seat: the DON enters the car, looks at MICHAEL, who sits between SONNY and JOHNNY in the rear seat.

DON CORLEONE
Will your girl friend get back
to the city all right?

MICHAEL
Tom said he'd take care of it.

The DON pulls the door shut; and the car pulls out, through the gate of the great Corleone Mall.

2A INT DAY: HOSPITAL CORRIDOR (SUMMER 1945)

A long white hospital corridor, at the end of which we can see a grouping of FIVE WOMEN, some old and some young, but all plump and dressed in black.

DON CORLEONE and his SONS move toward the end. But then the DON slows, putting his hand on MICHAEL's shoulder. MICHAEL stops and turns toward his FATHER. The two look at one another for some time. SILENCE. DON CORLEONE then lifts his hand, and slowly touches a particular medal on MICHAEL's uniform.

DON CORLEONE
What was this for?

MICHAEL
For bravery.

DON CORLEONE
And this?

MICHAEL
For killing a man.

DON CORLEONE
What miracles you do for
strangers.

MICHAEL
I fought for my country. It
was my choice.

DON CORLEONE
And now, what do you choose
to do?

2A (CONT.)

MICHAEL
I'm going to finish school.

DON CORLEONE
Good. When you are finished,
come and talk to me. I have
hopes for you.

Again they regard each other without a word. MICHAEL
turns, and continues on. DON CORLEONE watches a
moment, and then follows.

2B INT DAY: HOSPITAL ROOM (SUMMER 1945)

DON CORLEONE enters the hospital room, moving closest
to OUR VIEW. He is followed by his SONS, JOHNNY and
the WOMEN.

DON CORLEONE
(whispered)
Genco, I've brought my sons to
pay their respects. And look,
even Johnny Fontane, all the
way from Hollywood.

GENCO is a tiny, wasted skeleton of a man. DON
CORLEONE takes his bony hand, as the others arrange
themselves around his bed, each clapping the other
hand in turn.

GENCO
Godfather, Godfather, it's your
daughter's wedding day, you
cannot refuse me. Cure me,
you have the power.

DON CORLEONE
I have no such power,,,but
Genco, don't fear death.

GENCO
(with a sly wink)
It's been arranged, then?

DON CORLEONE
You blaspheme. Resign yourself.

GENCO
You need your old Consigliere.
Who will replace me?

2B (CONT.)

GENCO (Cont'd.)

(suddenly)

Stay with me Godfather. Help me meet death. If he sees you, he will be frightened and leave me in peace. You can say a word, pull a few strings, eh? We'll outwit that bastard as we outwitted all those others.

(clutching his hand)

Godfather, don't betray me.

The DON motions all the others to leave the room. They do. He returns his attention to GENCO, holding his hand and whispering things we cannot hear, as they wait for death.

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3 INT NIGHT: AIRPLANE (SUMMER 1945)

FADE IN:

The interior of a non-stop Constellation. HAGEN is one of the very few passengers on this late flight. He looks like any young lawyer on a business trip. He is tired from the difficult preparations and duties that he has just executed during the wedding. On the seat next to him is an enormous, bulging briefcase. He closes his eyes.

4 INT NIGHT: HONEYMOON HOTEL (SUMMER 1945)

The honeymoon hotel: CARLO and CONNIE. CARLO is in his undershorts, sitting up on the bed, anxiously taking the envelopes out of the silk bridal purse and counting the contents. CONNIE prepares herself in the large marble bathroom. She rubs her hands over his bronze shoulders, and tries to get his interest.

5 INT NIGHT: DON'S OFFICE (SUMMER 1945)

DON CORLEONE in his office. LUCA BRASI sitting near to him.

DON CORLEONE

Luca, I am worried about this man Sollozzo. Find out what you can,

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DON CORLEONE (Cont'd.)
through the Tattaglias. Let them believe you could be tempted away from the Corleone Family, if the right offer was made. Learn what he has under his fingernails...

6 INT NIGHT: MANCINI APT. HALL (SUMMER 1945)

The hallway of an apartment building. SONNY enters, climbs two steps at a time. He knocks, and then whispers.

SONNY
It's me, Sonny.

The door opens, and two lovely arms are around him, pulling him into the apartment.

7 INT NIGHT: LUCA'S ROOM (WINTER 1945)

LUCA BRASI's tiny room. He is partly dressed. He kneels and reaches under his bed and pulls out a small, locked trunk. He opens it, and takes out a heavy, bullet-proof vest. He puts it on, over his wool undershirt, and then puts on his shirt and jacket. He takes his gun, quickly disassembles, checks, and reassembles it. And leaves.

5 (CONT.)

A CLOSE VIEW of DON CORLEONE thinking quietly.

8 INT NIGHT: MOVING TRAIN (SUMMER 1945)

MICHAEL and KAY on a train, speeding on their way to New Hampshire.

9 INT NIGHT: SUBWAY (WINTER 1945)

LUCA, in his bulky jacket, sitting quietly on an empty subway train.

3 (CONT.)

HAGEN on the Constellation. He reaches into his briefcase, and takes out several pictures and papers.

3 (CONT.)

One photograph is of a smiling man, JACK WOLTZ, linked arm in arm with fifteen movie stars on either side, including a lovely young child star to his immediate right.

HAGEN considers other papers.

5 (CONT.)

DON CORLEONE looks, and then moves HAGEN into an embrace. He straightens his arms and looks at TOM deeply.

DON CORLEONE

Remember my new Consigliere, a lawyer with his briefcase can steal more than a hundred men with guns.

10A EXT DAY: WOLTZ ESTATE GATE (SUMMER 1945)

JACK WOLTZ ESTATE. HAGEN stands before the impressive gate, armed only with his briefcase. A GATEMAN opens the gate, and TOM enters.

10B EXT DAY: WOLTZ GARDENS (SUMMER 1945)

HAGEN and WOLTZ comfortably stroll along beautiful formal gardens, martinis in hand.

WOLTZ

You should have told me your boss was Corleone, Tom, I had to check you out. I thought you were just some third rate hustler Johnny was running in to bluff me.

(a piece of statuary)

Florence, thirteenth century.
Decorated the garden of a king.

They cross the garden and head toward the stables.

WOLTZ

I'm going to show you something beautiful.

They pass the stables, and come to rest by a stall with a huge bronze plaque attached to the outside

10B (CONT.)

wall: "KHARTOUM." TWO SECURITY GUARDS are positioned in chairs nearby; they rise as WOLTZ approaches.

WOLTZ

You like horses? I like horses,
I love 'em. Beautiful, expensive
Racehorses.

The animal inside is truly beautiful. WOLTZ whispers to him with true love in his voice.

WOLTZ

Khartoum...Khartoum...You are looking at six hundred thousand dollars on four hoofs. I bet even Russican Czars never paid that kind of dough for a single horse. But I'm not going to race him I'm going to put him out to Stud.

10C INT NIGHT: WOLTZ DINING ROOM (SUMMER 1945)

HAGEN and WOLTZ sit at an enormous dining room table, attended by SEVERAL SERVANTS. Great paintings hang on the walls. The meal is elaborate and sumptuous.

HAGEN

Mr. Corleone is Johnny's Godfather. That is very close, a very sacred religious relationship.

WOLTZ

Okay, but just tell him this is one favor I can't give. But he should try me again on anything else.

HAGEN

He never asks a second favor when he has been refused the first. Understood?

WOLTZ

You smooth son of a bitch, let me lay it on the line for you, and your boss. Johnny Fontane never gets that movie. I don't care how many Dago, Guinea, wop Greaseball Goombahs come out of the woodwork!

10C (CONT.)

HAGEN

I'm German-Irish.

WOLTZ

Okay my Kraut-Mick friend, Johnny will never get that part because I hate that pinko punk and I'm going to run him out of the Movies. And I'll tell you why. He ruined one of Woltz Brothers' most valuable proteges. For five years I had this girl under training; singing lessons! Acting lessons! Dancing lessons! We spent hundreds of thousands of dollars--I was going to make her a star. I'll be even more frank, just to show you that I'm not a hard-hearted man, that it wasn't all dollars and cents. That girl was beautiful and young and innocent and she was the greatest piece of ass I've ever had and I've had them all over the world. Then Johnny comes along with that olive oil voice and guinea charm and she runs off. She threw it all away to make me look ridiculous. A MAN IN MY POSITION CANNOT AFFORD TO BE MADE TO LOOK RIDICULOUS!

11A EXT DAY: GENCO OLIVE OIL CO. (SUMMER 1945)

An unimposing little building in New York City on Mott Street with a large old sign: "GENCO OLIVE OIL IMPORTS, INC." next to an open-faced fruit market.

A dark Buick pulls up, and a single small man, whom we cannot see well because of the distance, gets out and enters the building. This is VIRGIL SOLLOZZO.

11B INT DAY: OLIVE OIL OFFICES (SUMMER 1945)

Looking toward the staircase we can hear SOLLOZZO's footsteps before he actually rises into view. He is a small man, very dark, with curly black hair. But wiry, and tight and hard, and obviously very dangerous. He is greeted at the head of the stairs by SONNY, who takes his hand and shakes it, introducing himself. For a moment, there is a complex of handshaking quite formal, and whispered respectful

11B (CONT.)

introductions. Finally, SOLLOZZO is taken into the DON's glass paneled office; the two principals are introduced. They are very respectful of one another. Folding chairs are brought in by FREDDIE, and soon they are all sitting around in a circle; the DON, SOLLOZZO, SONNY, HAGEN, FREDDIE, CLEMENZA and TESSIO. The DON is the slightest bit foolish with all his compatriots, whereas SOLLOZZO has brought no one. Throughout all that transpires, however, it is clear that this scene is between two men: SOLLOZZO and DON CORLEONE.

SOLLOZZO

My business is heroin, I have poppy fields, laboratories in Marseilles and Sicily, ready to go into production. My importing methods are as safe as these things can be, about five per cent loss. The risk is nothing, the profits enormous.

DON CORLEONE

Why do you come to me? Why do I deserve your generosity?

SOLLOZZO

I need two million dollars in cash...more important, I need a friend who has people in high places; a friend who can guarantee that if one of my employees be arrested, they would get only light sentences. Be my friend.

DON CORLEONE

What percentages for my family?

SOLLOZZO

Thirty per cent. In the first year your share would be four million dollars; then it would go up.

DON CORLEONE

And what is the percentage of the Tartaglia family?

SOLLOZZO nods toward HAGEN.

SOLLOZZO

My compliments. I'll take care of them from my share.

11B (CONT.)

DON CORLEONE

So. I receive 30 per cent just for finance and legal protection. No worries about operations, is that what you tell me?

SOLLOZZO

If you think two million dollars in cash is just finance, I congratulate you Don Corleone.

There is a long silence; in which each person present feels the tension. The DON is about to give his answer.

DON CORLEONE

I said I would see you because I've heard you're a serious man, to be treated with respect...

(pause)

But I'll say no to you.

We feel this around the room.

DON CORLEONE

I'll give you my reasons. I have many, many friends in Politics. But they wouldn't be so friendly if my business was narcotics instead of gambling. They think gambling is something like liquor, a harmless vice...and they think narcotics is dirty business.

SOLLOZZO takes a breath.

DON CORLEONE

No...how a man makes his living is none of my business. But this proposition of yours is too risky. All the people in my family lived well the last ten years, I won't risk that out of greed.

SOLLOZZO

Are you worried about security for your million?

DON CORLEONE

No.

11B (CONT.)

SOLLOZZO

The Tattaglias will guarantee your investment also.

This startles SONNY; he blurts out.

SONNY

The Tattaglia family guarantees our investment?

SOLLOZZO hears him first, and then very slowly turns to face him. Everyone in the room knows that SONNY has stepped out of line.

DON CORLEONE

Young people are greedy, and they have no manners. They speak when they should listen. But I have a sentimental weakness for my children, and I've spoiled them, as you see. But Signor Sollozzo, my no is final.

SOLLOZZO nods, understands that this is the dismissal. He glances one last time at SONNY. He rises; all the others do as well. He bows to the DON, shakes his hand, and formally takes his leave. When the footsteps can no longer be heard:

The DON turns to SONNY.

DON CORLEONE

Santino, never let anyone outside the family know what you are thinking. I think your brain is going soft from all that comedy you play with that young girl.

TWO OFFICE WORKERS are carrying an enormous floral display with the word "THANK YOU" spelled out in flowers.

DON CORLEONE

What is this nonsense?

HAGEN

It's from Johnny. It was announced this morning. He's going to play the lead in the new Woltz Brothers film.

10D INT DAY: WOLTZ'S BEDROOM (SUMMER 1945)

It is large, dominated by a huge bed, in which a man, presumably WOLTZ, is sleeping. Soft light bathes the room from the large windows. We move closer to him until we see his face, and recognize JACK WOLTZ. He turns uncomfortably; mutters, feels something strange in his bedsheets. Something wet.

He wakens, feels the sheets with displeasure; they are wet. He looks at his hand; the wetness is blood. He is frightened, pulls aside the covers, and sees fresh blood on his sheets and pajamas. He grunts, pulls the sheets off further, and is terrified to see a great puddle of blood in his bed. He feels his own body frantically, moving, down, following the blood, until he is face to face with the great severed head of Khartoum lying at the foot of his bed. Just blood from the hacked neck. White reedy tendons show. He struggles up to his elbows in the puddle of blood to see more clearly. Froth covers the muzzle, and the enormous eyes of the animal are yellowed and covered with blood.

WOLTZ tries to scream; but cannot. No sound comes out. Then, finally and suddenly an ear-splitting scream of pure terror escapes from WOLTZ, who is rocking on his hands and knees in an uncontrolled fit, blood all over him.

11B (CONT.) (SUMMER 1945)

CLOSE VIEW on the GODFATHER. Nodding.

DON CORLEONE
Send Johnny my congratulations.

-----FADE OUT-----

(SCENES 12 & 13 OMITTED)

FADE IN:

14 EXT DAY: FIFTH AVENUE (WINTER 1945)

Fifth Avenue in the snow. Christmas week. People are bundled up with rosy faces, rushing to buy presents.

KAY and MICHAEL exit a Fifth Avenue department store, carrying a stack of gaily wrapped gifts, arm in arm.

KAY
We have something for your
mother, for Sonny, we have the

14 (CONT.)

KAY (Cont'd.)
tie for Fredo and Tom Hagen
gets the Reynolds pen...

MICHAEL
And what do you want for Christmas?

KAY
Just you.

They kiss.

15 INT DAY: HOTEL ROOM (WINTER 1945)

CLOSE ON a wooden radio, playing quiet music. THE
VIEW PANS AROUND the dark hotel room, curtained
against the daylight.

MICHAEL (O.S.)
We'll have a quiet, civil ceremony
at the City Hall, no big fuss, no
family, just a couple of friends
as witnesses.

The two are in each other's arms in a mess of bed-
sheets on the two single beds that they have pushed
together.

KAY
What will your father say?

MICHAEL
As long as I tell him beforehand
he won't object. He'll be hurt,
but he won't object.

KAY
What time do they expect us?

MICHAEL
For dinner. Unless I call and
tell them we're still in New
Hampshire.

KAY
Michael.

MICHAEL
Then we can have dinner, see a
show, and spend one more night.

He moves to the telephone.

15 (CONT.)

MICHAEL (Cont'd.)

Operator. Get me
(fill in number)

KAY

Michael, what are you doing?

MICHAEL

Shhh, you be the long distance
operator. Here.

KAY

Hello...this is Long Distance. I
have a call from New Hampshire.
Mr. Michael Corleone. One moment
please.

She hands the phone to MICHAEL who continues the
deception.

MICHAEL

Hello, Tom? Michael. Yeah...
listen, we haven't left yet. I'm
driving down to the city with Kay
tomorrow morning. There's something
important I want to tell the old
man before Christmas. Will he be
home tomorrow night?

16A INT DAY: OLIVE OIL OFFICE (WINTER 1945)

HAGEN in the Olive Oil Company office. In the back-
ground, through the glass partitions, we can see the
DON, at work in his office. TOM is tired, and
steeped in paperwork.

HAGEN (O.S.)

Sure. Anything I can do for you.

MICHAEL (O.S.)

No. I guess I'll see you Christmas.
Everyone's going to be out at Long
Beach, right?

TOM

Right.

He smiles. MICHAEL has hung up. He looks at the
piles of work, and can't face it. He rises, puts on
his coat and hat, and continues out.

16A (CONT.)

He peeks into the DON's office.

HAGEN

Michael called; he's not leaving New Hampshire until tomorrow morning. I've got to go, I promised Theresa I'd pick up some toys for the kids.

The DON smiles and nods.

TOM smiles, and leaves; OUR VIEW remaining with DON CORLEONE. FREDDIE is sitting on a bench in the corner, reading the afternoon paper. He puts aside the papers the office manager has prepared for him, and then moves to FREDDIE, raps his knuckles on his head to take his nose out of the paper.

DON CORLEONE

Tell Paulie to get the car from the lot; I'll be ready to go home in a few minutes.

FREDDIE

I'll have to get it myself; Paulie called in sick this morning.

DON CORLEONE

That's the third time this month. I think maybe you'd better get a healthier bodyguard for me. Tell Tom.

FREDDIE

(going)

Paulie's a good kid. If he's sick, he's sick. I don't mind getting the car.

FREDDIE leaves. He slowly puts on his jacket. Locks out his window.

16B EXT DUSK: OLIVE OIL CO. (WINTER 1945)

FREDDIE crosses the street.

16A (CONT.)

OFFICE MANAGER

Buon Natale, Don Corleone.

16A (CONT.)

The MANAGER helps him on with his overcoat. Once again, the DON glances out his window.

The black car pulls up; FREDDIE driving.

DON CORLEONE
Merry Christmas.
(handing the MANAGER
an envelope)

And he starts down the stairs.

16B (CONT.)

The light outside is very cold, and beginning to fail. When FREDDIE sees his FATHER coming, he moves back into the driver's seat. The DON moves to the car, and is about to get in when he hesitates, and turns back to the long, open fruit stand near the corner.

The PROPRIETOR springs to serve him. The DON walks among the trays and baskets, and merely points to a particular piece of fruit. As he selects, the MAN gingerly picks the pieces of fruit up and puts them into a paper bag. The DON pays with a five dollar bill, waits for his change, and then turns back to the car.

17 EXT DUSK: POLKS TOY STORE (WINTER 1945)

TOM HAGEN exits carrying a stack of presents, all gift wrapped. He continues past the windows. As he walks, someone walks right in his way. He looks up. It is SOLLOZZO.

He takes TOM by the arm and walks along with him.

SOLLOZZO
(quietly)
Don't be frightened. I just want
to talk to you.

A car parked at the curb suddenly flings its rear door open.

SOLLOZZO
(urgently)
Get in; I want to talk to you.

17 (CONT.)

HAGEN pulls his arm free. He is frightened.

HAGEN
I haven't got time.

TWO MEN suddenly appear on either side of him.

SOLLOZZO
Get in the car. If I wanted to kill
you you'd be dead already. Trust me.

HAGEN, sick to his stomach, moves with his ESCORTS, leaving our VIEW on the Mechanical windows gaily bobbing the story of Hansel and Gretel. We HEAR the car doors shut, and the car drive off.

18 EXT NIGHT: RADIO CITY - PHONE BOOTH (WINTER 1945)

RADIO CITY MUSIC HALL during the Christmas show. KAY and MICHAEL exit; tears are still streaming down her cheeks, and she snuffles, and dries her tears with Kleenex. KAY nostalgically hums "The Bells of Saint Mary's," as they walk arm in arm.

KAY
Would you like me better if I
were a nun?

MICHAEL
No.

KAY
Would you like me better if I
were Ingrid Bergman?

They have passed a little enclosed newsstand. KAY sees something that terrifies her. She doesn't know what to do. MICHAEL still walks, thinking about her question.

KAY
(a little voice)
Michael?

MICHAEL
I'm thinking about it.

KAY
Michael...

18 (CONT.)

MICHAEL

No, I would not like you better
if you were Ingrid Bergman.

She cannot answer him. Rather she pulls him by the arm, back to the newsstand, and points. His face goes grave.

The headlines read: "VITO CORLEONE SHOT,
CHIEFTAIN GUNNED DOWN."

MICHAEL is petrified; quickly he takes each edition, drops a dollar in the tray, and hungrily reads through them. KAY knows to remain silent.

MICHAEL

(desperately)

They don't say if he's dead or alive.

19 EXT DUSK: OLIVE OIL CO. (WINTER 1945)

DON CORLEONE by the fruit stand; he is about to move to the car, when TWO MEN step from the corner. Suddenly, the DON drops the bag of fruit and darts with startling quickness toward the parked car.

DON CORLEONE

Fredo, Fredo!

The paper bag has hit the ground, and the fruit begins rolling along the sidewalk, as we HEAR gunshots.

Five bullets catch the DON in the back; he arches in pain, and continues toward the car.

The PROPRIETOR of the fruit stand rushes for cover, knocking over an entire case of fruit.

The TWO GUNMEN move in quickly, anxious to finish him off.

Their feet careful to avoid the rolling fruit. There are more GUNSHOTS.

FREDDIE is hysterical; he tries to get out of the car; having difficulty opening the door. He rushes out, a gun trembling in his hand; his mouth open. He actually drops the gun.

The gun falls amid the rolling fruit.

19 (CONT.)

The GUNMEN are panicked. They fire once more at the downed DON CORLEONE. His leg and arm twitch where they are hit; and pools of blood are beginning to form.

The GUNMEN are obviously in a state of panic and confusion; they disappear around the corner as quickly as they came.

The PEOPLE about the avenue have all but disappeared: rather, we catch glimpses of them, poking their heads safely from around corners, inside doorways and arches, and from windows. But the street itself is now empty.

FREDDIE is in shock; he looks at his FATHER; now great puddles of blood have formed, and the DON is lifeless and face down in them.

FREDDIE falls back on to the curb and sits there, saying something we cannot understand. He begins to weep profusely.

9 (CONT.)

LUCA BRASI riding alone on a subway car, late at night. He gets off.

He emerges at a subway terminal, proceeds out.

20 EXT NITE: NIGHT CLUB STREET (WINTER 1945)

LUCA walks down the late night street. He approaches an elegant New York Nightclub, whose gaudy neon sign is still winking this late at night. He waits and watches. Then the sign goes out; and he proceeds into the club.

21 INT NITE: NIGHTCLUB (WINTER 1945)

The main floor of the Nightclub is very large, with endless glistening wooden floors. Now, at this late time, the chairs have been stacked on the tables and a NEGRO JANITOR is waxing them. A single HAT-CHECK GIRL is counting her receipts. LUCA moves past the empty bandstand, and sits at the bar. ANOTHER MAN, dark and very well-built, moves behind the bar.

MAN

Luca...I'm Bruno Tattaglia.

21 (CONT.)

LUCA

I know.

LUCA looks up; and out of the shadows emerges SOLLOZZO.

SOLLOZZO

Do you know who I am?

LUCA Nods.

SOLLOZZO

You've been talking to the
Tattaglias. They thought we
could do business.

LUCA listens.

SOLLOZZO

I need somebody strong to protect
my operation, physically. I've
heard you're not happy with your
family, you might make a switch.

LUCA

If the money is good enough.

SOLLOZZO

On the first shipment, I can
guarantee you fifty thousand
dollars.

LUCA looks at him; he had no idea the offer would be
so good.

SOLLOZZO extends his hand, but LUCA pretends not to
see it, rather, he busies himself putting a cigarette
in his mouth. BRUNO TATTAGLIA, behind the bar, makes
a cigarette lighter magically appear, and holds it to
LUCA's cigarette. Then, he does an odd thing; he drops
the lighter on the bar, and puts his hand lightly on
LUCA's, almost patting it.

22A INT NITE: SONNY'S LIVING ROOM (WINTER 1945)

The telephone in SONNY's house is ringing. He
approaches it, obviously fresh from a nap.

SONNY

Yeah.

VOICE (O.S.)

Do you recognize my voice?

22A (CONT.)

SONNY

I think so. Detective squad?

VOICE (O.S.)

Right. Don't say my name, just listen. Somebody shot your father outside his place fifteen minutes ago.

SONNY

Is he alive?

VOICE (O.S.)

I think so, but I can't get close enough. There's a lot of blood. I'll try to find out more.

SONNY

Find out anything you can...you got a Grand coming.
(click)

SONNY cradles the phone. An incredible rage builds up in him, his face actually turning red. He would like to rip the phone to pieces in his bare hands. Then he controls it. Quickly, he dials another number.

SONNY

Theresa, let me talk to Tom. Not yet? Have him call me as soon as he gets home.

He hangs up.

SANDRA (O.S.)

Sonny? Sonny, who is it?
(she enters the room)
What is it?

SONNY

(calmly)
They shot the old man.

SANDRA

Oh God...

SONNY

Honey...don't worry. Nothing else is going to happen.

There is a POUNDING on the door. A BABY starts crying.

22A (CONT.)

SANDRA
(really frightened)
SONNY?

SONNY reaches into a cabinet drawer, takes out a gun, and moves quickly. He opens the front door quickly. It is CLEMENZA. He enters, SONNY closes the door. SANDRA goes to look after the baby.

CLEMENZA
(excited)
You heard about your father?

SONNY
Yeah.

CLEMENZA
The word is out in the streets
that he's dead.

SONNY
Where the hell was Paulie, why
wasn't he with the Don?

CLEMENZA
Paulie's been a little sick all
winter...he was home.

SONNY
How many times did he stay home the
last couple of months?

CLEMENZA
Maybe three, four times. I always
asked Freddie if he wanted another
bodyguard, but he said no. Things
have been so smooth the last ten
years...

SONNY
Go get Paulie, I don't care how sick
he is. Pick him up yourself, and
bring him to my father's house.

CLEMENZA
That's all? Don't you want me to
send some people over here?

SONNY
No, just you and Paulie.

CLEMENZA leaves; SONNY moves to SANDRA, who sits on
the couch weeping quietly, comforting her BABY.

22A (CONT.)

SONNY

A couple of our people will come to stay here. Do whatever they say; I'm going over to the main house. If you want me, use Pop's special phone.

The telephone rings again. SONNY answers it.

SONNY

Hello.

SOLLOZZO (O.S.)

Santino Corleone?

SANDRA moves behind him, anxious to know who it is. SONNY indicates that she be quiet.

SONNY

Yeah.

SOLLOZZO (O.S.)

We have Tom Hagen. In about three hours he'll be released with our proposition. Don't do anything until you've heard what he has to say. You can only cause a lot of trouble. What's done is done.

(a pause)

Don't lose that famous temper of yours.

SONNY

(quietly)

I'll wait.

22B EXT. NITE: MALL (WINTER 1945)

FULL VIEW ON THE CORLEONE MALL. It is night, but the courtyard is bathed with white light from floodlights on the tops of all the houses. It is very cold. We see the figure of SONNY cross the Mall, and let himself into the main house.

22C INT. NITE: DON'S KITCHEN (WINTER 1945)

SONNY walks into the empty, darkened house. Then he calls out.

SONNY

Ma? Ma, where are you.

22C (CONT.)

The kitchen door swings open. He moves quickly and takes her by the arm. He is deliberately calm.

SONNY

Ma, I just got a call. Pop's hurt
...I don't know how bad.

MAMA

(quietly)
Santino? Have they killed him?

SONNY

(almost in tears)
We don't know yet, Ma.

MAMA

I'll get dressed. In case we can
see him...

She moves out of the kitchen, and continues upstairs. SONNY turns the gas from the pan of peppers she was frying. He takes some bread without thinking, and dips it in the oil, and sloppily eats some of the pappers, as he moves into his father's office.

22D INT NITE: DON'S OFFICE (WINTER 1945)

He switches the lights on in the DON's office. The massive desk dominates the room. SONNY moves quickly to the telephone, pulling a small chair to the side of the desk, and dials a number.

SONNY

Tessio...This is Santino Corleone.
I want fifty reliable
men out here.

TESSIO (O.S.)

I heard, Sonny...but what about
Clemenza's regime?

SONNY

I don't want to use Clemenza's
people right now. Understood?

He hangs up. He moves quickly to a wall safe; operates the dial, and removes a small notebook. He takes it back to the desk, and runs over the list of numbers with his forefinger.

22D (CONT.)

We follow the names, until the finger stops at one: LUCA BRASI. SONNY dials the number. There is no answer.

SONNY

Luca.

23A INT NITE: BUILDING (WINTER 1945)

The interior of an abandoned building. SEVERAL MEN in suits and ties sit around in the booths.

HAGEN sits in one: SOLLOZZO sits across from him.

SOLLOZZO

I know you're not in the muscle end of the family--so I don't want you to be afraid. I want you to help the Corleones and I want you to help me.

HAGEN's hands are trembling as he tries to put a cigarette in his mouth. ONE of the BUTTON MEN brings a bottle of rye to the table, and pours a little into a delicate, flowered china cup. HAGEN sips gratefully.

SOLLOZZO

Your boss is dead...

HAGEN is overwhelmed: actual tears spring to his eyes. SOLLOZZO pauses respectfully.

SOLLOZZO

(pushing the bottle)

Have some more. We got him outside his office, just before I picked you up. You have to make the peace between me and Santino.

HAGEN still is focused on the grief of losing the old man.

SOLLOZZO

Sonny was hot for my deal, right? You know it's the smart thing to do, too. I want you to talk Sonny into it.

HAGEN

(pulling himself together)

Sonny will come after you with everything he's got.

23A (CONT.)

SOLLOZZO rises, impatiently.

SOLLOZZO

That's going to be his first reaction. You have to talk some sense into him. The Tattaglia family stands behind me with all their people. The other New York Families will go along with anything that prevents a full scale war.

He leans closer to HAGEN.

SOLLOZZO

The Don was slipping; in the old days I could never have gotten to him. Now he's dead, nothing can bring him back. Talk to Sonny, talk to the Caporegimes, Clemenza and Tessio...it's good business.

HAGEN

Even Sonny won't be able to call off Luca Brasi.

SOLLOZZO

I'll worry about Luca. You take care of Sonny and the other two kids.

HAGEN

I'll try...It's what the Don would want us to do.

SOLLOZZO

(lifting his hands
in an expression
of harmlessness)

Good...then you can go...
(he escorts him to
the door)

I don't like violence. I'm a
businessman, and blood is a big
expense.

He opens the door; they step out together.

23B EXT NITE: BUILDING

HAGEN, SOLLOZZO exit.

But a car pulls up, and ONE of SOLLOZZO'S MEN rushes out. He indicates with some urgency that he wants

23B (CONT.)

to talk to SOLLOZZO in private.

Then SOLLOZZO moves with a grave expression. He opens the door, indicating that HAGEN should be led back in.

SOLLOZZO

The old man is still alive. Five bullets in his Sicilian hide and he's still alive.

He leans back (he gives a fatalistic shrug)

Bad luck for me, bad luck for you.

22E EXT NITE: MALL (WINTER 1945)

MICHAEL driving during the night. There is a little fog in the air, and moisture has formed on the windshield, making it difficult to see well. The wipers move across the view, as the gate of the Corleone Mall appears before us, still decorated for Christmas. The courtyard is bathed with white floodlight, giving this place a cold and isolated look. The narrow entrance mouth of the Mall is sealed off with a link chain. There are strange cars parked along the curving cement walk. SEVERAL MEN are congregated about the gate and chain; ONE of them approaches MICHAEL's car.

MAN

Who're you?

ANOTHER peeks his ugly face almost right up to MICHAEL, and then turns.

MAN 2

It's the Don's kid; take the car, I'll bring him inside.

The FIRST MAN opens the car door, and MICHAEL steps out.

22F INT NITE: HALL (WINTER 1945)

The Hallway of the main house is filled with MEN MICHAEL doesn't recognize. They pay little attention to him. Most of them are waiting; sitting uncomfortably; no one is talking.

22G INT NITE: DON'S LIVING ROOM (WINTER 1945)

MICHAEL moves into the living room; there is a Christmas tree, and countless greeting cards taped to the walls.

THERESA HAGEN is sitting stiffly on the sofa, smoking a cigarette; on the coffee table in front of her is a water glass half filled with whiskey. On the other side of the sofa sits CLEMENZA; his face is impassive, but he is sweating, and the cigar in his hand glistens slickly black with his saliva. PAULIE GATTO sits tensely and alone on the other side of the room. CLEMENZA sees MICHAEL, looks up at him.

CLEMENZA

Your mother's at the hospital with the old man: He's gonna pull through.

MICHAEL nods his relief.

MICHAEL

Thanks.

He moves to THERESA.

MICHAEL

(gently)

You heard from Tom yet?

Without looking up, she clings to him for a moment, and trembles. Occasionally, STRANGE MEN will cross through the room; everyone speaks in a whisper.

MICHAEL

(taking her hand)

C'mon.

He leads her into his father's office without knocking.

22H INT NITE: DON'S OFFICE (WINTER 1945)

SONNY and TESSIO are huddled around a yellow pad. They look up, startled.

SONNY

Don't worry, Theresa; they just want to give Tom the proposition, then they're going to turn him loose.

He reassuringly hugs THERESA, and then to MICHAEL's surprise, he kisses him on the cheek.

22H (CONT.)

SONNY

I was worried when we couldn't get in touch with you in that hick town.

MICHAEL

How's Mom?

SONNY

Good. She's been through it before. Me too. You were too young to know about it. You better wait outside; there're some things you shouldn't hear.

MICHAEL

I can help you out...

SONNY

Oh no you can't, the old man'd be sore as hell if I let you get mixed up in this.

MICHAEL

Jesus Christ, he's my father, Sonny.

SONNY

Theresa.

She understands, and leaves them alone.

SONNY

All right, Mikey...who do we have to hit, Clemenza or Paulie?

MICHAEL

What?

SONNY

One of them fingered the old man.

MICHAEL didn't realize that the men waiting outside were on trial for their lives.

MICHAEL

Clemenza? No, I don't believe it.

SONNY

You're right, kid, Clemenza is okay. It was Paulie.

MICHAEL

How can you be sure?

22H (CONT.)

SONNY

On the three days Paulie was sick this month, he got calls from a payphone across from the old man's building. We got people in the phone company.

(he shrugs)

Thank God it was Paulie...we'll need Clemenza bad.

MICHAEL is just realizing the gravity and extent of the situation.

MICHAEL

Is it going to be all-out war, like last time?

SONNY

Until the old man tells me different.

MICHAEL

Then wait, Sonny. Talk to Pop.

SONNY

Sollozzo is a dead man, I don't care what it costs. I don't care if we have to fight all the five families in New York. The Tattaglia family's going to eat dirt. I don't care if we all go down together.

MICHAEL

(softly)

That's not how Pop would have played it.

SONNY

I know I'm not the man he was. But I'll tell you this and he'll tell you too. When it comes to real action, I can operate as good as anybody short range.

MICHAEL

(calmly)

All right, Sonny. All right.

SONNY

Christ, if I could only contact Luca.

MICHAEL

Is it like they say? Is he that good?

22H (CONT.)

Outside, we HEAR THERESA cry out, almost a scream of relief. Then open the door and rush out.

Everyone is standing: in the doorway, TOM HAGEN is wrapped in a tight embrace with his WIFE.

HAGEN

If I plead before the Supreme Court,
I'll never do better than I did
tonight with that Turk.

22J EXT NITE: MALL, FEATURING DON'S HOUSE (WINTER 1945)

The windows of the main house are dark except for the DON's study. It stands out against the cold, dark night.

22K INT NITE: DON'S LIVING ROOM (WINTER 1945)

The living room is empty, save for PAULIE GATTO sitting on the edge of the sofa. The clock reads: 4:00 a.m.

22L INT NITE: DON'S OFFICE (WINTER 1945)

SONNY, MICHAEL, HAGEN, CLEMENZA and TESSIO; all exhausted, in shirtsleeves, about to fall asleep. It is four in the morning; there is evidence of many cups of coffee and many snacks. They can barely talk anymore.

HAGEN

Is the hospital covered?

SONNY

The cops have it locked in and I got my people there visiting Pop all the time. What about the hit list.

HAGEN widens his sleepy eyes, and looks at the yellow pad.

HAGEN

Too much, too far, too personal. The Don would consider this all purely a business dispute: Get rid of Sollozzo, and everything falls in line. YOU don't have to go after the Tattaglias.

22L (CONT.)

CLEMENZA nods.

HAGEN

What about Luca? Sollozzo didn't seem worried about Luca. That worries me.

SONNY

If Luca sold out we're in real trouble.

HAGEN

Has anyone been able to get in touch with him?

SONNY

No, and I've been calling all night. Maybe he's shacked up.

HAGEN

Luca never sleeps over with a broad. He always goes home when he's through. Mike, keep ringing Luca's number.

MICHAEL, very tired, picks up the phone, and dials the number once again. He can hear the phone ringing on the other end but no one answers. Then hangs up.

HAGEN

Keep trying every fifteen minutes.
(exhausted)

SONNY

Tom, you're the Consigliere, what do we do if the old man dies?

HAGEN

Without your father's political contacts and personal influence, the Corleone family loses half its strength. Without your father, the other New York families might wind up supporting Sollozzo, and the Tattaglias just to make sure there isn't a long destructive war. The old days are over, this is 1946; nobody wants bloodshed anymore. If your father dies...make the deal, Sonny.

SONNY

(angry)
That's easy to say; it's not your father.

22L (CONT.)

HAGEN

(quietly)

I was as good a son to him as you
or Mike.

SONNY

Oh Christ Tom, I didn't mean it
that way.

HAGEN

We're all tired...

SONNY

OK, we sit tight until the old man
can give us the lead. But Tom, I
want you to stay inside the Mall.
You too, Mike, no chances. Tessio,
you hold your people in reserve, but
have them nosing around the City.
The hospital is yours; I want it
tight, fool-proof, 24 hours a day.

There is a timid knock on the door.

SONNY

What is it?

PAULIE GATTO looks in.

CLEMENZA

I tol' you to stay put, Paulie...

PAULIE

The guy at the gate's outside...
says there's a package...

SONNY

Tessio, see what it is.

TESSIO gets up, leaves.

PAULIE

You want me to hang around?

SONNY

Yeah. Hang around.

PAULIE

Outside?

CLEMENZA

Outside.

22L (CONT.)

PAULIE

Sure.

He closes the door.

SONNY

Clemenza. You take care of Paulie. I don't ever want to see him again. Understood?

CLEMENZA

Understood.

SONNY

Okay, now you can move your men into the Mall, replace Tessio's people. Mike, tomorrow you take a couple of Clemenza's people and go to Luca's apartment and wait for him to show. That crazy bastard might be going after Sollozzo right now if he's heard the news.

HAGEN

Maybe Mike shouldn't get mixed up in this so directly. You know the old man doesn't want that.

SONNY

OK forget it, just stay on the phone.

MICHAEL is embarrassed to be so protected. He dials Luca Brasi's number once again. The ring repeats, but no one answers.

TESSIO comes back, carrying Luca Brasi's bullet-proof vest in his hand. He unwraps it; there is a large fish wrapped inside.

CLEMENZA

A Sicilian message: Luca Brasi sleeps with the fishes.

21 (CONT.)

INT NITE: NIGHTCLUB (WINTER 1945)

LUCA sits at the Bar of the Tattaglia Nightclub, as we remember him. BRUNO TATTAGLIA had just patted his hand.

21 (CONT.)

LUCA looks up at him. Then SOLLOZZO pats the other hand, almost affectionately. LUCA is just about to twist his hands away, when they both clamp down as hard as they can. Suddenly, a garrote is thrown around his neck, and pulled violently tight. His face begins to turn to purple blotches, and then totally purple, right before our eyes; his tongue hangs out, in a far more extreme way than a normal tongue could. His eyes bulge.

ONE of the MEN looks down at him in disgust as LUCA's strength leaves him.

BRUNO

(making an ugly face)

Oh Christ...all over the floor.

SOLLOZZO lets LUCA's hand go with a victorious smile on his face.

LUCA falls to the floor.

SOLLOZZO

The Godfather is next.

-----FADE OUT-----

FADE IN:

24 EXT DAY: CLEMENZA'S HOUSE (WINTER 1945)

Morning in a simple Brooklyn suburb. There are rows of pleasant houses; driveway after driveway, down the block. A dark, somber young man of thirty-one or two walks with a noticeable limp down the sidewalk, and rings the bell. This is ROCCO LAMPONE. The woman of the house, MRS. CLEMENZA, talks to him through the screen door, and then points to the side of the house. ROCCO moves to the garage, which is specially heated, and in which CLEMENZA is busy at work washing a shiny brand new Lincoln. LAMPONE admires the car.

LAMPONE

Nice.

CLEMENZA

Crazy Detroit delivered it with a wooden bumper. They're going to send me the chrome bumpers in a couple months. I waited two years for this car to come with wooden bumpers!

24 (CONT.)

He scrubs and polishes with great affection.

CLEMENZA

Today you make your bones on Paulie.
You understand everything?

LAMPONE

Sure.

As he scrubs around the glove compartment, he opens it, unwraps a gun and gives it to LAMPONE.

CLEMENZA

.22 soft-nosed load. Accurate up
to five feet.

LAMPONE expertly puts the gun away. GATTO's car pulls into the driveway, and he sounds the horn.

The two men walk to the car. GATTO is driving, a bit nervous, like he doesn't know what is up. LAMPONE gets in the rear seat; CLEMENZA in the front, making a grunt of recognition. He looks at his wristwatch, as though wanting to chide PAULIE for being late. PAULIE flinches a little when he sees LAMPONE will ride behind him; he half turns:

PAULIE

Rocco, sit on the other side. A
big guy like you blocks my rear-
view mirror.

CLEMENZA turns sourly to PAULIE.

CLEMENZA

Goddamn Sonny. He's running scared.
He's already thinking of going to
the mattresses. We have to find a
place on the West Side. Paulie,
you know a good location?

PAULIE relaxes a bit; he thinks he's off any possible hook he was on. Also there's the money he can make by selling Sollozzo any secret location.

PAULIE

I'll think about it.

CLEMENZA

(grunting)

Drive while you thinking; I wanna
get to the City this month!

The car pulls out.

25A EXT DAY: PAULIE'S CAR - ON ROAD (WINTER 1945)

Inside PAULIE drives; and CLEMENZA sits in a grump.
OUR VIEW does not show LAMPONE in the rear seat.

25B EXT DAY: PAULIE'S CAR AT TUNNEL (WINTER 1945)

The Car crosses to the Midtown Tunnel in the
late Winter light.

25C INT DAY: PAULIE'S CAR IN TUNNEL (WINTER 1945)

Inside the tunnel; GATTO doesn't like not
seeing LAMPONE. He tries to adjust his rear-
view mirror to catch a glimpse of him.

CLEMENZA

Pay attention!

26 EXT DAY: PAULIE'S CAR AT MATTRESS (WINTER 1945)

The car is parked in the City. PAULIE comes
down from an available apartment and gets back
into the car.

PAULIE

Good for ten men...

CLEMENZA

OK, go to Arthur Avenue; I'm
suppose to call when I found
somethin'.

The car pulls off.

27A EXT DAY: RESTAURANT (WINTER 1945)

New part of the city; the car pulls up in a parking lot. CLEMENZA gets out, glances at LAMPONE, then to PAULIE.

CLEMENZ

You wait; I'll call.

He walks, tucking his shirt into his pants, around the corner and enters the Luna Restaurant.

27B INT DAY: RESTAURANT (WINTER 1945)

CLEMENZA enters the little restaurant, sits down at a table. The WAITERS know him; immediately put a bottle of wine, some bread--and then a plate of veal on his table. He eats.

27C EXT DAY: RESTAURANT (WINTER 1945)

CLEMENZA exits the restaurant, belches, adjusts his pants; he is well fed.

We move with him around the corner, not knowing what to expect has happened to Paulie.

There is the car; PAULIE is still sitting behind the wheel, LAMPONE in the rear seat. CLEMENZA steps in.

CLEMENZA

He talked my ear off. Want us to go back to Long Beach; have another job for us. Rocco, you live in the City; can we drop you off?

ROCCO o.s.

Ah, I left my car at your place.

CLEMENZA

OK, then you gotta come back.

The car pulls out. By now, PAULIE is completely relaxed and secure.

PAULIE

You think we'll go for that last place?

CLEMENZA

Maybe, or you gotta know now.

PAULIE

Holy cow, I don't gotta know nothing.

28 EXT DAY: PAULIE'S CAR ON CAUSEWAY (WINTER 1945)

The car moves along the reedy beach area of the causeway. Inside, CLEMENZA turns to PAULIE.

CLEMENZA

Paulie, pull over. I gotta take a leak.

The car pulls off the Causeway, into the reeds. CLEMENZA steps out of the car, OUR VIEW MOVING with him.

He turns his back three quarters from us (we can no longer see the car), unzips, and we hear the sound of urine hitting the ground. We wait on this for a moment; and then there are two GUNSHOTS. CLEMENZA finishes his leak, zips up and turns, moving back to the car.

PAULIE is dead, bleeding from the mouth; the windows behind him are shattered.

CLEMENZA

Leave the gun.

LAMPONE gets out, the two men walk through the reeds a few feet where there is another car. They get in, and drive off.

-----FADE OUT-----

29A EXT DAY: MALL (WINTER 1945)

HIGH ANGLE OF THE MALL. It is late afternoon. Many strange cars are parked on the nearby streets. We can see the group of BUTTON MEN, stationed here and there, obviously sentries with concealed weapons.

MICHAEL walks along in the rear yard.

He is bundled in a warm marine coat. He looks at the strange men, regarding them with an uncertain awe. They look back at him, at first suspiciously and then with the respect of his position. He is like an exile Prince. He wanders past them, and hesitates and looks at the yard.

A rusted set of garden swings; and other home playground equipment. The basketball ring now half coming off. This is where he was a child. Then a shout.

CLEMENZA o.s.

Mike. Hey Mikey; telephone.

29A (CONT.)

CLEMENZA had shouted from the kitchen window. MICHAEL hurries into the house.

29B INT DAY: DON'S KITCHEN (WINTER 1945)

CLEMENZA is in the kitchen, cooking over an enormous pot. He points to the kitchen wall phone which is hanging off the hook.

CLEMENZA

Some dame.

MICHAEL picks it up.

MICHAEL

Hello. Kay?

KAY o.s.

How is your father?

MICHAEL

He'll be OK.

KAY o.s.

(pause)

I love you.

He glances at the THUGS in the kitchen. Tries to shield the phone.

KAY o.s.

I LOVE YOU.

MICHAEL

Yeah Kay, I'm here.

KAY o.s.

Can you say it?

MICHAEL

Huh?

KAY o.s.

Tell me you love me.

MICHAEL glances at the HOODS at the kitchen table. He curls up in a corner, and in a quarter voice:

MICHAEL

I can't...

29B (CONT.)

KAY o.s.

Please say it.

MICHAEL

Look. I'll see you tonight, OK?

KAY o.s.

OK.

(click)

CLEMENZA is getting ready to build a tomato sauce for all the button men stationed around the house.

CLEMENZA

MICHAEL How come you don't tell that nice girl you love her...here, learn something...you may have to feed fifty guys some day. You start with olive oil...fry some garlic, see. And then fry some sausage...or meat balls if you like...then you throw in the tomatoes, the tomato paste...some basil; and a little red wine...that's my trick.

SONNY peeks into the kitchen; sees CLEMENZA

SONNY

You take care of Paulie?

CLEMENZA

You won't see Paulie anymore. He's sick for good this winter.

MICHAEL starts to leave.

Yeah Kay...

SONNY

Where are you going?

Can you say...

MICHAEL

To the city.

Huh?

SONNY

(to Clemenza, dipping bread into the sauce)
Send some bodyguards.

MICHAEL

I don't need them, Sonny. I'm just going to see Pop in the hospital. Also, I got other things.

29B (CONT.)

CLEMENZA

Sollozzo knows Mike's a civilian.

SONNY

OK, but be careful.

30 EXT NITE: CAR

MICHAEL sits in the rear seat, calmly, as he is being driven into the city. THREE BUTTONMEN are crowded into the front seat.

31 INT NITE: HOTEL LOBBY

MICHAEL crosses the lobby, past lines of servicemen trying to book rooms.

32 INT NITE: HOTEL

MICHAEL and KAY eating a quiet dinner at the hotel. He is preoccupied, she's concerned.

MICHAEL

Visitng hour ends at eight thirty. I'll just sit with him; I want to show respect.

KAY

Can I go to the hospital with you?

MICHAEL

I don't think so. You don't want to end up on page 3 of the Daily News.

KAY

My parents don't read the Daily News. All right, if you think I shouldn't. I can't believe the things the papers are printing. I'm sure most of it's not true.

MICHAEL

I don't think so either.
(silence)
I better go.

32 (CONT.)

KAY

When will I see you again?

MICHAEL

I want you to go back to New
Hampshire...think things over.

He leans over her; kisses her.

KAY

When will I see you again?

MICHAEL

Goodbye.

Quietly, he moves out the door.

KAY lies on the bed a while, and then, to herself:

KAY

Goodbye.

33A EXT NITE: DON'S HOSPITAL (WINTER 1945)

A taxi pulls up in front of a hospital, marked clearly with a neon sign "HOSPITAL--EMERGENCY". MICHAEL steps out, pays the fare...and then stops dead in his tracks.

MICHAEL looks.

He sees the hospital in the night; but it is deserted. He is the only one on the street. There are gay, twinkling Christmas decorations all over the building. He walks, slowly at first, and then ever so quickly, up the steps. He hesitates, looks around. This area is empty. He checks the address on a scrap of paper. It is correct. He tries the door; it is empty. He walks in.

33B INT NITE: HOSPITAL LOBBY (WINTER 1945)

MICHAEL stands in the center of an absolutely empty hospital lobby. He looks to the right; there is a long, empty corridor. To the left: the same.

HIGH FULL ANGLE, as MICHAEL walks through the desolated building lit by eerie green neon lighting. All we hear are his sole footsteps.

33B (CONT.)

He walks up to a desk marked "INFORMATION". No one is there. He moves quickly to a door marked "OFFICE"; swings into it; no one is there. He looks onto the desk: There is half a sandwich, and a half-filled bottle of coke.

MICHAEL

Hello? Hello?

Now he knows something is happening, he moves quickly, alertly. MICHAEL walking down the hospital corridors; all alone. The floors have just been mopped. They are still wet.

33C INT NITE: HOSPITAL STAIRS

Now he turns onto a staircase; ever quickening; up several flights.

33D INT NITE: 4TH FLOOR CORRIDOR

He steps out onto the fourth floor. He looks. There are merely empty corridors. He takes out his scrap of paper; checks it. "Room 4A". Now he hurries, trying to follow the code of hospital rooms; following the right arrows, quicker and quicker they flash by him. Now he stops, looks up "4A--Corleone". There is a special card table set up there with some magazines...and some smoking cigarettes still in the ashtray--but no detectives, no police, no bodyguards.

33E INT NITE: DON'S ROOM 4A

Slowly he pushes the door open, almost afraid at what he will find. He looks. Lit by the moonlight through the window, he can see a FIGURE in the hospital bed alone in the room, and under a transparent oxygen tent. All that can be heard is the steady though strained breathing. Slowly MICHAEL walks up to it, and is relieved to see his FATHER, securely asleep. Tubes hang from a steel gallows beside the bed, and run to his nose and mouth.

VOICE (O.S.)

What are you doing here?

This startles MICHAEL; who almost jumps around. It is a NURSE lit from the light behind her in the hallway.

33E (CONT.)

NURSE

You're not supposed to be here now.

MICHAEL calms himself, and moves to her.

MICHAEL

I'm Michael Corleone--this is my father. What happened to the detectives who were guarding him?

NURSE

Oh your father just had too many visitors. It interfered with the hospital service. The police came and made them all leave just ten minutes ago.

(comfortingly)

But don't worry. I look in on him.

MICHAEL

You just stand here one minute...

Quickly he moves to the telephone, dials a number.

MICHAEL

Sonny...Sonny--Jesus Christ, I'm down at the hospital. I came down late. There's no one here. None of Tessio's people--no detectives, no one. The old man is completely unprotected.

SONNY (O.S.)

All right, get him in a different room; lock the door from the inside. I'll have some men there inside of fifteen minutes. Sit tight, and don't panic.

MICHAEL

(furiously, but kept inside)

I won't panic.

He hangs up; returns to the NURSE...

NURSE

You cannot stay here...I'm sorry.

MICHAEL

(coldly)

You and I are going to move my father right now...to another room on another floor...Can you disconnect those tubes so we can wheel the bed out?

NURSE

Absolutely not! We have to get permission from the Doctor.

MICHAEL

You've read about my father in the papers. You've seen that no one's here to guard him. Now I've just gotten word that men are coming to this hospital to kill him. Believe me and help me.

NURSE

(frightened)

We don't have to disconnect them; we can wheel the stand with the bed.

She does so...and they perform the very difficult task of moving the bed and the apparatus, out of the room.

33F INT NITE: 4TH FLOOR HOSPITAL (WINTER 1945)

They roll the bed, the stand, and all the tubes silently down the corridor. We hear FOOTSTEPS coming up the stairs. MICHAEL hears them, stops.

MICHAEL

Hurry, into there.

They push it into the first available room. MICHAEL peeks out from the door. The footsteps are louder; then they emerge. It is ENZO, NAZORINE's helper, carrying a bouquet of flowers.

MICHAEL

(stepping out)

Who is it?

ENZO

Michael...do you remember me, Enzo, the baker's helper to Nazorine, now his son-in-law.

33F (CONT.)

MICHAEL

Enzo, get out of here. There's going to be trouble.

A look of fear sweeps through ENZO's face.

ENZO

If there...will be trouble...
I stay with you, to help. I owe it to the Godfather.

MICHAEL thinks, realizes he needs all the help he can get.

MICHAEL

Go outside; stand in front...
I'll be out in a minute.

33G INT NITE: DON'S SECOND HOSPITAL ROOM (WINTER 1945)

They part. MICHAEL moves into the hospital room where they put his FATHER.

NURSE

(frightened)

He's awake.

MICHAEL looks at the OLD MAN, his eyes are open, though he cannot speak. MICHAEL touches his face tenderly.

MICHAEL

Pop...Pop, it's me Michael.
Shhhh, don't try to speak.
There are men who are coming to try to kill you. But I'm with you...I'm with you now...

The OLD MAN tries to speak...but cannot. MICHAEL tenderly puts his finger to his FATHER's lips.

33H EXT NITE: DON'S HOSPITAL STREET (WINTER 1945)

Outside the hospital is empty save for a nervous ENZO, pacing back and forth brandishing the flowers as his only weapon. MICHAEL exits the hospital and moves to him. They both stand under a lamppost in the cold December night. They are both frightened; MICHAEL gives ENZO a cigarette, lights it. ENZO's hands are trembling, MICHAEL's are not.

33H (CONT.)

MICHAEL

Get rid of those and look like
you've got a gun in your pocket.

The windows of the hospital twinkle with Christmas
decorations.

MICHAEL

Listen...

We HEAR the sound of a single automobile coming.
MICHAEL and ENZO look with fear in their eyes. Then
MICHAEL takes the bouquet of flowers and stuffs them
under his jacket. They stand, hands in their pockets.

A long low black car turns the corner and cruises
by them. MICHAEL's and ENZO's faces are tough, im-
passive. The car seems as though it will stop; and
then quickly accelerates. MICHAEL and ENZO are re-
lieved. MICHAEL looks down; the BAKER's hands are
shaking. He looks at his own, and they are not.

Another moment goes by and we can hear the distant
sound of police sirens. They are clearly coming
toward the hospital, getting louder and louder.
MICHAEL heaves a sigh of relief.

In a second, a patrol car makes a screaming turn in
front of the hospital; then two more squad cars follow
with uniformed POLICE and DETECTIVES. He smiles his
relief and starts toward them. TWO huge, burly
POLICEMEN suddenly grab his arms while ANOTHER frisks
him. A massive POLICE CAPTAIN, spattered with gold
braid and scrambled eggs on his hat, with beefy red
face and white hair seems furious. This is McCLUSKEY.

McCLUSKEY

I thought I got all you guinea
hoods locked up. Who the hell
are you and what are you doing
here?

ANOTHER COP standing nearby:

COP

He's clean, Captain.

MICHAEL studies McCLUSKEY closely.

MICHAEL

(quietly)

What happened to the detectives who
were supposed to be guarding my father?

33H (CONT.)

McCLUSKEY

(furious)

You punk-hood. Who the hell are you to tell my my business. I pulled them off. I don't care how many Dago gangsters kill each other. I wouldn't lift a finger to keep your old man from getting knocked off. Now get the hell out of here; get off this street you punk, and stay away from this hospital.

MICHAEL stands quiet.

MICHAEL

I'll stay until you put guards around my father's room.

McCLUSKEY

Phil, lock this punk up.

A DETECTIVE

The Kid's clean, Captain...He's a war hero, and he's never been mixed up in the rackets...

McCLUSKEY

(furious)

Goddam it, I said lock him up. Put the cuffs on him.

MICHAEL

(deliberately, right to McCLUSKEY's face, as he's being handcuffed)
How much is the Turk paying you to set my father up, Captain?

Without any warning, McCLUSKEY leans back and hits MICHAEL squarely on the jaw with all his weight and strength. MICHAEL groans, and lifts his hand to his jaw. He looks at McCLUSKEY; we are his VIEW and everything goes spinning, and he falls to the ground, just as we see HAGEN and CLEMENZA'S MEN arrive.

-----FADE OUT-----

34A EXT DAY: MALL (WINTER 1945)

HIGH ANGLE VIEW of THE CORLEONE MALL. The gateway now has a long black car blocking it. There are more

34A (CONT.)

BUTTON MEN stationed more formally; and some of them visibly carrying rifles; those of the houses close to the courtyard have MEN standing by open windows. It is clear that the war is escalating. A car pulls up and out get CLEMENZA, LAMPONE, MICHAEL and HAGEN. MICHAEL's jaw is wired and bandaged. He stops and looks up at the open window. We can see MEN holding rifles.

MICHAEL

Christ, Sonny really means business.

They continue walking. TESSIO joins them. The various BODYGUARDS make no acknowledgment.

CLEMENZA

How come all the new men?

TESSIO

We'll need them now. After the hospital incident, Sonny got mad. We hit Bruno Tattaglia four o'clock this morning.

34B INT DAY: DON'S HALLWAY

They enter the house past the scores of new and strange faces.

34C INT DAY: DON'S OFFICE (WINTER 1945)

SONNY is in the DON's office; he is excited and exuberant.

SONNY

I've got a hundred button men on the streets twenty-four hours a day. If Sollozzo shows one hair on his ass he's dead.

He sees MICHAEL, and holds his bandaged face in his hand, kiddingly.

SONNY

Mikey, you look beautiful!

MICHAEL

Cut it out.

34C

(CONT)

SONNY

The Turk wants to talk! The nerve of that son of a bitch. After he craps out last night, he wants a meet.

HAGEN

Was there a definite proposal?

SONNY

He wants us to send Mike to hear his proposition. The promise is the deal will be so good we can't refuse.

HAGEN

What will they do about Bruno Tattaglia?

SONNY

That's part of the deal: Bruno cancels out what they did to my father.

HAGEN

Sonny, we should hear what they have to say.

SONNY (Poss. Italian accent)

No, no Consigliere. Not this time. No more meetings, no more discussings no: more Sollozzo tricks. Give them one message: I want Sollozzo. If not, it's all out war. We go to the mattresses, we put all the button men on the streets, and we get Sollozzo.

HAGEN

The other families won't sit still for all out war.

SONNY

Then they hand me Sollozzo.

HAGEN

Your father wouldn't want to hear you: this is not a personal thing, this is business.

34C

(CONT)

SONNY

They shot my father, business my
ass.

HAGEN

Even the shooting of your father
was business, not personal.

SONNY

Business will just have to hurt.
No more advice on how to patch
it Tom. You just help me win.
Understood?

Hagen bows his head; he is deeply concerned.

HAGEN

I found out about this Captain
McCluskey who broke Mike's jaw.
He's definitely on Sollozzo's
payroll, and for big money. Mc Cluskey's
agreed to be the Turk's bodyguard. What
you have to understand Sonny, is that
while Sollozzo is guarded like this,
he's invulnerable. Nobody has ever
gunned down a New York Police Captain.
Never. It would be disastrous. All the
five families would come after you
Sonny; the Corleone family would be
finished, even the Don's political
protection would run for cover. So
just... take that into consideration.

SONNY

McCluskey, Mc Cluskey. Mc Cluskey can't
stay with the Turk forever. We'll wait.

MICHAEL

We can't wait. No matter what Sollozzo
says about a deal, he's figuring out
how to kill Pop. You have to get Sollozzo
now.

CLEMENZA

Mike's right.

SONNY

Go what about McCluskey? What about the
cop.

Michael stops him with a gesture.

34C

(CONT.)

MICHAEL

They want me to go to the conference with Sollozzo. Set up the meeting for two days from now. Sonny, get our informers to find out where the meeting will be held.. Insist it has to be a public place, a bar or restaurant at the height of the dinner hour. So I'll feel safe. The Cop and Sollozzo'll check me when I meet them, so I won't be able to carry a weapon, Clemenza, figure out a way to have one planted there for me.

(pause)

Then I'll kill them both.

Everyone in the room is astonished; they all look at MICHAEL. Silence. SONY suddenly breaks out in laughter. He points a finger at MICHAEL, trying to speak.

SONNY

You? You, the high-class college kid. You never wanted to get mixed up in the family business. Now you wanta gun down a police Captain just because you got slapped in the face.

(to Eagen, delighted)

He's taking it personal, it's just business and he's taking it personal.

Clemenza and Tessio are smiling, only Hagen is serious.

MICHAEL

(cold)

Show me the book where it says you can't kill a cop.

(he pauses)

- a dishonest cop. A crooked police official mixed up in the rackets who got what was coming to him, like any crook. We have newspaper people, don't we Tom?

Hagen nods.

34C

(CONT)

MICHAEL

(smiling like the Don)

They might even like a story like that.

HUGEN

(agreeing, a little chilled)

They might. They just might.

Nobody speaks. Nobody is laughing. They all look to Michael.

MICHAEL

Nothing personal, Sonny. It's strictly business.

35 INT DAY: CLEMENZA'S CELLAR (WINTER 1945)

CLOSE on a revolver.

CLEMENZA (O.S.)

It's as cold as they come,
impossible to trace.

(he turns it upside down)

Don't worry about prints Mike,
I put a special tape on the
trigger and butt. Here.

(he hands the gun to
another pair of hands)

Whatsamatter? Trigger too tight.

(it fires: very LOUD)

I left it noisy, so it'll scare
any pain-in-the-neck innocent
bystander away.

MICHAEL is alone with CLEMENZA in a cellar workshop.

CLEMENZA

Just let your hand drop to your
side, and let the gun slip out.
Everybody will still think you
got it. They'll be starin' at
your face, see? Then walk out
of the place real fast, but don't
run. Don't look anybody directly
in the eye, but don't look away
from them neither. Hey, they'll
be scared stiff o you, believe
me. Nobody's gonna bother with
you. Don't worry about nothing;
you'd be surprised how good
these things go. O.K., put your
hat on, let's see how you look.
Helps with identification.

They put the hat on; CLEMENZA adjusts it.

CLEMENZA

Mostly it gives witnesses an excuse
to change their identification when
we make them see the light. Then
you take a long vacation and we
catch the hell.

MICHAEL

How bad will it be?

CLEMENZA

Probably all the other families
will line up against us. But,

35 (CONT.)

CLEMENZA (Cont'd.)
 it's alright. These things have
 to happen once every ten years
 or so...gets rid of the bad blood.
 You gotta stop 'em at the
 beginning. Like they shoulda
 stopped Hitler at Munich, they
 shoulda never let him get away
 with that, they were just asking
 for big trouble...

36A INT DAY: DON'S HALL & LIVING ROOM (WINTER 1945)

MICHAEL steps into the foyer of the main house. A
 card table is set up with a man playing cards with
 three of the Corleone buttonmen.

He continues into the living room. It's a mess.
 SONNY asleep on the sofa. On the coffee table are the
 remains of a take-out Chinese food dinner, and a half-
 empty bottle of whisky. The radio is playing.

MICHAEL

Why don't you stop living like
 a bum and get this place cleaned
 up.

SONNY

What are you, inspecting the
 barracks?

(SONNY sits up with his
 head in his hands)

You ready? Did Clemenza tell you
 be sure to drop the gun right away?

MICHAEL

A million times.

SONNY

Sollozzo and McCluskey are going
 to pick you up in an hour and a
 half on Times Square, under the
 big Camels sign.

HAGEN

We don't let Mike go until we
 have the hostage, Sonny.

CLEMENZA

It's okay...the hostage is outside
 playing pinochle with three of
 my men.

36A (CONT.)

The phone rings in the DON's office.

SONNY

That could be a Tattaglia
informer with the meeting place.

36B INT DAY: DON'S OFFICE (WINTER 1945)

HAGEN has hurried into the Den to get the phone;
the OTHERS move in.

HAGEN's on the phone; he writes something down.

SONNY

One of Tattaglia's people?

HAGEN

No. Our informer in McCluskey's
precinct. Tonight at 8:00 he
signed out for Louis' Restaurant
in the Bronx. Anyone know it.

TESSIO

Sure, I do. It's perfect for
us. A small family place with
big booths where people can talk
in private. Good food. Everybody
minds their business. Perfect.

(he moves to the desk
and makes a crude drawing)

This is the entrance, Mike.
When you finish just walk out
and turn left, then turn the
corner. Clemenza, you gotta
work fast to plant the gun.
They got an old-fashioned toilet
with a space between the water
container and the wall. We can
tape the gun behind there.

CLEMENZA

Mike, they're gonna frisk you
in the car. You'll be clean so
they won't worry 'bout nothing.
In the restaurant, wait and talk
a while, then ask permission to
go. See? Then when you come
out, don't waste time; don't
sit down...you come out blasting.
And don't take chances. In the
head, two shots apiece. And out
as fast as your legs can move.

36B (CONT.)

SONNY

I want somebody very good, very safe to plant that gun. I don't want my brother coming out of that toilet with just his dick in his hand.

CLEMENZA

The gun will be there.

SONNY

(to MICHAEL, warmly)

You're on, kid...I'll square it with Mom your not seeing her before you left. And I'll get a message to your girl friend when I think the time is right.

CLEMENZA

We gotta move...

MICHAEL

O.K. How long do you think before I can come back?

SONNY

Probably a year...

HAGEN

(starting to crack)

Jesus, I don't know...

SONNY

Can you do it Mike?

MICHAEL moves out.

37 EXT NITE: CAMELS SIGN (WINTER 1945)

The enormous "CAMELS" sign, puffing smoke, below it stands MICHAEL, dressed in a warm overcoat, and wearing the hat CLEMENZA had given him. A long black car pulls around the corner and slows before him. The DRIVER, leaning over, opens the front door.

DRIVER

Get in, Mike.

He does, the car drives off.

38A EXT NITE: SOLLOZZO'S CAR (WINTER 1945)

Inside the car, SOLLOZZO reaches his hand over the back seat and shakes MIKE's hand.

SOLLOZZO

I'm glad you came, Mike. I hope we can straighten everything out. All this is terrible, it's not the way I wanted things to happen at all. It should never have happened.

MICHAEL

I want to settle things tonight. I want my father left alone.

SOLLOZZO

He won't be; I swear to you by my children he won't be. Just keep an open mind when we talk. I hope you're not a hothead like your brother, Sonny. It's impossible to talk business with him.

McCLUSKEY grunts.

McCLUSKEY

He's a good kid. He's all right. Turn around, up on your knees, facing me.

He gives MICHAEL a thorough frisk.

McCLUSKEY

I'm sorry about the other night Mike. I'm getting too old for my job, too grouchy. Can't stand the aggravation. You know how it is. He's clean.

38B EXT NITE: SOLLOZZO'S CAR - WEST SIDE HIGHWAY
(WINTER 1945)

MICHAEL looks at the DRIVER and then ahead to see where they're heading.

The car takes the George Washington Bridge. MICHAEL is concerned.

MICHAEL

We're going to New Jersey?

38B (CONT.)

SOLLOZZO

(sly)

Maybe.

MICHAEL closes his eyes.

38C EXT NITE: SOLLOZZO'S CAR ON G.W. BRIDGE (WINTER 1945)

The car speeds along the George Washington Bridge on its way to New Jersey. Then suddenly it hits the divider, temporarily lifts into the air, and bounces over into the lanes going back to New York. It then hits it very fast, on the way back to the city.

38D EXT NITE: SOLLOZZO'S CAR (WINTER 1945)

SOLLOZZO checks to see the cars that had been following, and then leans to the DRIVER.

SOLLOZZO

Nice work; I'll remember it.

MICHAEL is relieved.

39A EXT NITE: LUNA AZURA RESTAURANT (WINTER 1945)

The car pulls up in front of a little family restaurant in the Bronx: The "LUNA AZURA". There is no one on the street. MICHAEL looks to see if the DRIVER is going to get out with them. He gets out, and opens the door. SOLLOZZO, McCLUSKEY and MICHAEL get out; the DRIVER remains leaning against the car. They enter the restaurant.

39B INT NITE: LUNA AZURA (WINTER 1945)

A very small family restaurant with a mosaic tile floor. SOLLOZZO, MICHAEL and McCLUSKEY sit around a rather small round table near the center of the room. There are empty booths along the side walls; with a handful of CUSTOMERS, and ONE or TWO WAITERS. It is very quiet.

McCLUSKEY

Is the Italian food good here?

SOLLOZZO

Try the veal; it's the finest in New York.

39B (CONT.)

The solitary WAITER brings a bottle of wine to the table. They watch him silently as he uncorks it and pours three glasses. Then, when he leaves, SOLLOZZO turns to McCLUSKEY:

SOLLOZZO

I am going to talk Italian to Mike.

McCLUSKEY

Sure, you two go right ahead; I'll concentrate on my veal and my spaghetti.

SOLLOZZO now begins in rapid Sicilian. MICHAEL listening carefully and nodding every so often. Then MICHAEL answers in Sicilian, and SOLLOZZO goes on. The WAITER occasionally brings food; and they hesitate while he is there; then go on. Then MICHAEL, having difficulty expressing himself in Italian, accidentally lapses into English.

MICHAEL

(using English
for emphasis)

Most important...I want a sure guarantee that no more attempts will be made on my father's life.

SOLLOZZO

What guarantees can I give you? I am the hunted one. I've missed my chance. You think too highly of me, my friend...I am not so clever...all I want is a truce...

MICHAEL looks long and hard at SOLLOZZO, who is smiling holding his open hands up as if to say: "I have no tricks up my sleeve". Then he looks away and makes a distressed look on his face.

SOLLOZZO

What is it?

MICHAEL

Is it all right if I go to the bathroom?

SOLLOZZO is intuitively suspicious. He studies MICHAEL with his dark eyes. Then he thrusts his hand onto MICHAEL's thigh feeling in and around, searching for a weapon.

39B (CONT.)

McCLUSKEY

I frisked him; I've frisked
thousands of young punks; he's
clean.

He looks at a MAN sitting at a table opposite them;
indicating the bathroom with his eyes. The MAN nods,
indicating no one is there.

SOLLOZZO

Don't take too long.

MICHAEL gets up and calmly walks to the bathroom,
and disappears inside.

39C INT NITE: LUNA AZURA TOILET (WINTER 1945)

MICHAEL steps into the small bathroom; he is breathing
very hard. He actually uses the urinal. Then he
washes his hands with the bar of pink soap; and dries
them thoroughly. Then he moves to the booth, up to
the old-fashioned toilet. Slowly he reaches behind
the water tank; he panics when he cannot feel the
gun. We see behind the tank; his hand is just a few
inches from the gun...he gropes searchingly...finally
coming to rest on the gun.

CLOSE ON MICHAEL; the feel of it reassures him. Then
he breaks it loose from the tape holding it; he takes
a deep breath and shoves it under his waistband.
For some unexplainable reason he hesitates once again,
deliberately washes his hands and dries them. Then he
goes out.

39D INT NITE: LUNA AZURA (WINTER 1945)

He hesitates by the bathroom door; and looks at his
table. McCLUSKEY is eating a plate of spaghetti and
veal. SOLLOZZO turns around upon hearing the door,
and looks directly at MICHAEL. MICHAEL looks back.
Then he smiles and continues back to the table. He
sits down.

MICHAEL

Now I can talk. I feel much better.

The MAN by the far wall had been stiff with attention;
now he too relaxes. SOLLOZZO leans toward MICHAEL
who sits down comfortably and his hands move under
the table and unbutton his jacket. SOLLOZZO begins
to speak in Sicilian once again but MICHAEL's heart
is pounding so hard he can barely hear him.

39D (CONT.)

The WAITER comes to ask about the order, SOLLOZZO turns to speak, and without warning, MICHAEL shoves the table away from him with his left hand, and with his right hand puts the gun right against SOLLOZZO's head, just touching his temple. He pulls the trigger, and we see part of SOLLOZZO's head blown away, and a spray of fine mist of blood cover the entire area.

The WAITER looks in amazement; suddenly his white jacket is sprayed and stained with blood.

SOLLOZZO seems in a perpetual fall to the floor; though he seems to hang in space suspended.

MICHAEL pivots, and looks:

There is McCLUSKEY, frozen, the fork with a piece of veal suspended in air before his gaping mouth.

MICHAEL fires; catching McCLUSKEY in his thick bulging throat. He makes a horrible, gagging, choking sound. Then coolly, and deliberately, MICHAEL fires again, fires right through McCLUSKEY's white-topped skull.

The air is filled with pink mist.

MICHAEL swings toward the MAN standing by the bathroom wall.

He does not make a move, seemingly paralyzed.

Now he carefully shows his hands to be empty.

The WAITER steps backward through the mist of blood, and expression of horror on his face.

MICHAEL looks at his two victims:

SOLLOZZO still in his chair, side of his body propped up by the table.

McCLUSKEY finally falls from the chair to the table.

MICHAEL is wildly at a peak. He starts to move out.

His hand: is frozen by his side, STILL GRIPPING THE GUN.

He moves, not letting the gun go.

MICHAEL's face; frozen in its expression.

His hand: still holding the gun.

His face: finally he closes his eyes.

His hand relaxes, the gun falls to the floor with a dull thud.

He walks quickly out of the restaurant, looks back.

39D (CONT.)

He sees a frozen tableau of the murder; as though it had been recreated in wax.

Then he leaves.

-----FADE OUT-----

FADE IN:

40A INT DAY: MATTRESS (WINTER 1945)

A MAN in his shirtsleeves plays a sentimental tune on an old upright piano, while his cigarette burns on the edge. ANOTHER stands nearby, listening quietly.

A little distance away, TEN MEN sit around a crude table, quietly eating. They talk in low, relaxed voices, and there is an occasional laugh.

ROCCO LAMPONE stands by a window, which has been covered with a heavy-mesh wire grating, gazing out.

A large bowl of pasta is passed, and the MEN eat heartily.

The sentimental tune is continued over the following:

41A INT DAY: BODIES IN CAR (WINTER 1945)

A MAN and a WOMAN, blood coming out of their noses, lie still together in a bullet-riddled automobile.

41B INT DAY: BODY IN BARBER SHOP (WINTER 1945)

A MAN is covered by a sheet on the floor of a barber shop.

40B INT DAY: MATTRESS

Ten mattresses are spread out around the otherwise empty living room of an apartment. THREE or FOUR MEN including CLEMENZA, are taking naps.

An arsenal of hand guns are spread out on a card table.

The MEN at the table continue their dinner; passing and pouring the wine.

Trash is thrown in 2 or 3 garbage cans kept in the apartment.

41C INT DAY: BODY IN OFFICE (WINTER 1945)

A MAN, his clothes soaked in blood, lies on the floor of an office building, dead, under an enormous portrait of Harry S. Truman.

41D EXT DAY: BODY ON STOOP (WINTER 1945)

ANOTHER MAN, his trousers soaked in blood, lies spanning three steps of a front stoop.

40C INT NITE: MATTRESS (WINTER 1945)

TESSIO, sits in a simple straight-backed chair, doing a crossword puzzle.

A thin, boyish BUTTON MAN, writes a letter.

Six or seven empty mattresses, with tossed unmade blankets. Coffee cans beside them serve as ash trays.

A MAN by the table pulls the cork on another bottle of Ruffino, and wine is poured as the MEN eat.

41E EXT DAY: BODY IN ALLEY (WINTER 1945)

A CORPSE is half out of an overturned garbage can in a quiet alley.

41F INT DAY: BODY AT TABLE (WINTER 1945)

A MAN in a formal jacket and tie is slumped over a table, in a pool of blood on the tablecloth.

40D INT DAY: MATTRESS (WINTER 1945)

A neatly stacked pile of newspapers in the corner of an apartment. We catch a glimpse of one headline: "Five Family War..."

The table. The MEN are sitting around cracking nuts. ONE has fallen asleep on his arms at the table.

SEVERAL MEN are taking naps on the Mattresses.

The PIANO PLAYER finishes the tune with finesse. Picks up and takes a drag from his cigarette. The OTHER MAN nods appreciatively.

40D (CONT.)

MAN
Nice Augie...nice.

-----FADE OUT-----

42 EXT DAY: MANCINI BLDG. (SPRING '46)

Several cars are parked in front of a pleasant New York apartment building. We recognize a couple of SONNY's bodyguards loafing by the cars, pitching playing cards against the curb.

Inside the building, two others wait quietly by the rows of brass mailboxes: they have been there quite awhile.

Up one flight of stairs, a single man sits on the step, smoking a cigarette.

One of the men by the mailboxes checks his pocketwatch, which is attached to a key chain. We HEAR the sound of a door opening; they look up.

The man sitting on the step stands; and looks.

SONNY backs out of an apartment, the arms of LUCY MANCINI wrapped around him. She doesn't want to let go of him; she draws him back into the apartment for a moment, and then he comes out alone, adjusting his clothes.

He jauntily skips down the steps, trailed by the bodyguard on the first floor, and moves outside toward his car. The men quickly take up their positions. As he gets in his car:

DRIVER
Pick up your sister?

SONNY
Yeah.

The car drives off; accompanied and escorted by the bodyguards in their cars.

43 INT DAY: CONNIE'S HALL (SPRING '46)

He knocks on the door. No answer. Then again.

CONNIE'S VOICE
Who is it?

43 (CONT.)

SONNY

It's me, Sonny.

We hear the bolt slide back, and see the door open. SONNY enters, but CONNIE has quickly moved into the hallway, her back to him.

SONNY

(tenderly)

Connie, what is it?

He turns her around in his arms.

Her face is swollen and bruised; and we can tell from her rough, red eyes that she has been crying for a long time. As soon as he realizes what's happened, his face goes red with rage. She sees it coming, and clings to him, preventing him from running out of the apartment.

CONNIE

(desperately)

It was my fault! I started a fight with him and I tried to hit him so he hit me. He didn't even try to hit me hard Sonny, I walked into it.

Sonny listens, and calms himself. He touches her shoulder, the thin silk robe.

SONNY

I'm goin' to have the doctor come over and take a look at you.

He starts to leave.

CONNIE

Oh Sonny, please don't do anything. Please don't.

He stops, and then laughs good naturedly.

SONNY

Hey. Con. What'm I goin' to do? Make your kid a orphan before he's born.

She laughs with him. He kisses her reassuringly, and leaves.

44 EXT DAY: CONNIE'S STREET

CARLO settles down on the front steps of the 112th St. "Book" with SALLY RAGS and COACH, who have been drinking beer out of glasses and a pitcher of beer from around the corner. The ball game is blaring from the radio; and the kids on the street are still playing stickball.

CARLO has barely settled down, when the kids in the street suddenly scatter, and a car comes screeching up the block and to a halt in front of the candy store. The tires scream, and before it seems as though it has even stopped, a MAN comes hurtling out of the driver's seat, moving so fast that everyone is paralyzed. It is a moment before we recognize that it is SONNY.

His face is contorted with anger; in a split second he is on the stoop and has CARLO by the throat.

He pulls CARLO away from the others, trying to get him down into the street. But CARLO reaches out for the iron railing, and hangs on, his hands in a lock, cringing away, trying to hide his head and face in the hollow of his shoulders. His shirt is ripped away in SONNY's hand.

SALLY RAGS and COACH, merely sit, watching, stunned.

SONNY is pounding the cowered CARLO with all his strength, in a continuous monologue of indistinguishable cursing. His blows are powerful; and begin to draw blood.

The kids who have been playing stickball, move up, watching in fascination.

CARLO's hands are clenched tight around the railing.

SONNY beats him mercilessly.

Now SONNY's bodyguards' car pulls up, and they too become spectators.

SONNY's tight fists are going down like hammers, into CARLO's face and body.

CARLO's nose is bleeding profusely; but still he does nothing, other than hang onto the railing.

SONNY grabs hold of CARLO's massive body, and tries to drag him off of the hold on the railing, his

44 (CONT.)

teeth clenched in the effort. Then he tries loosening CARLO's locked hands; even biting them. CARLO screams but he does not let go.

It's clear that CARLO is much stronger than he is, and will not be moved. SONNY knees him in the mouth, and beats him more; but he is exhausted. Totally out of breath, he stammers haltingly to the bleeding CARLO.

SONNY

You...bastard...You...hurt my
sister...again...and I'll kill
...you.

He wipes the sweat from his face, and then turns suddenly, and hurries back to the car, in a moment his car is gone, leaving even his bodyguards in confusion. We notice ONE MAN with a sports jacket in the group of spectators especially interested.

CARLO finally relaxes the clenched, locked hands. He slumps onto the stoop.

-----FADE OUT-----

FADE IN:

45A EXT DAY: MALL (SPRING 1946)

HIGH ANGLE on the Corleone Mall. It is a gray, rainy day. Young BUTTON MEN in raincoats stand in quiet groups at various points around the main house and compound. Things have changed; one house has been extensively enlarged; a new and secure gate house has been built. Security measures that had been make-shift and temporarily have now been made a permanent part of the Mall, evolving it into a Medieval Fortress. We notice a huge crater in the courtyard; the result of a recent bomb attempt. The house nearest the crater is damaged by fire.

A taxi arrives; KAY ADAMS steps out, huddled in a bright yellow raincoat; she lets the cab go, and hurries to the shelter of the gate house.

They are not expecting her, and ask her to wait while they call the main house.

KAY looks at the imposing, depressing Mall, while rain still runs down onto her face.

45A (CONT.)

She notices the bomb crater, and the fire damage; and the sullen faces of the BUTTON-MEN.

TOM HAGEN exits the Main House, and hurries toward her.

HAGEN

Kay, we weren't expecting you.
You should call...

KAY

I've tried calling and writing.
I want to reach Michael.

HAGEN

Nobody knows where he is. We
know he's all right, but that's
all.

KAY looks in the direction of the crater, filling with rainwater.

KAY

What was that?

HAGEN

An accident. No one was hurt.

KAY

Listen Tom, I let my cab go; can
I come in to call another one?

TOM is clearly reluctant to involve her any more than he has to.

HAGEN

Sure...I'm sorry.

They hurry through the rain and into the Main House.

45B INT DAY: DON'S LIVING ROOM (SPRING 1946)

In the living room, KAY shakes the water from her coat and takes her rainhat off.

KAY

Will you give this to him.

HAGEN

If I accept that letter and you
told a Court of Law I accepted

45B (CONT.)

HAGEN (Cont'd.)
it, they would interpret it
as my having knowledge of his
whereabouts. Just wait Kay,
he'll contact you.

We hear footsteps descending the staircase; MAMA
CORLEONE enters the room; the OLD WOMAN squints at
KAY, evaluating her.

MAMA
You're Mikey's little girl.

KAY nods yes; there are still tears in her eyes.

MAMA
You eat anything?

KAY shakes her head.

MAMA
(to HAGEN)
Disgrazia, you don't even give
the poor girl a cup of coffee?

HAGEN shrugs helplessly; on an impulse, KAY quickly
moves toward MAMA, the letter extended.

KAY
Will you give this letter to
Michael.

HAGEN
Mama, no.

MAMA
You tell me what to do? Even he
don't tell me what to do.

She takes the letter from KAY, who is grateful and
relieved.

KAY
Why did they blame Michael?

MAMA
You listen to me, you go home
to your family, and you find a
good young man and get married.
Forget about Mikey; he's no good
for you, anymore.

45B (CONT.)

She looks directly into KAY's eyes; and KAY understands what that means.

46 EXT DAY: DON'S HOSPITAL (SPRING 1946)

A hospital in New York City. POLICE and teams of PRIVATE DETECTIVES are stationed guarding the area. An ambulance with a team of DETECTIVES and BUTTON-MEN GUARDS stationed cautiously nearby. TWO BRINKS GUARDS exit the hospital with rifles in hand; followed by SEVERAL HOSPITAL ASSISTANTS wheeling a hospital stretcher, presumably carrying the DON.

TESSIO and CLEMENZA emerge, with OTHER BUTTON MEN bringing up the rear. HAGEN walks with the stretcher, and for a moment they disappear behind the ambulance. Then suddenly, siren blasting, it speeds off, accompanied by dark low-slung cars.

47A EXT DAY: MALL (SPRING 1946)

The Corleone Mall.

Equally impressive security stands ready at the Corleone Mall. EXTRA BUTTON MEN, as well as SOME POLICE, and PRIVATE DETECTIVES.

It all seems to be under the supervision of ROCCO LAMPONE. All is silent. The WOMEN and CHILDREN, dressed in Sunday clothes, wait.

48 EXT DAY: AMBULANCE (SPRING 1946)

One ambulance, speeding along the Grand Central Parkway, preceded and followed by a dark car, each one carrying a team of BUTTON MEN.

Sitting next to the DRIVER of the ambulance is a GUARD with a rifle on his lap.

47B INT DAY: DON'S HALL (SPRING 1946)

Inside the Main CORLEONE House:

Hospital ORDERLIES carry the DON on his stretcher carefully under the watchful eyes of CLEMENZA, TESSIO, LAMPONE and various GUARDS and BUTTON MEN.

47B (CONT.)

All the CORLEONE family is here today: MAMA, FREDO, SANDRA, THERESA, CONNIE, CARLO; the various CORLEONE CHILDREN.

47C INT DAY: DON'S BEDROOM (SPRING 1946)

The DON is made comfortable in his room, which has all but been converted into a hospital room, with complete and extensive equipment. The various CHILDREN get a turn to kiss the OLD MAN, as he is made comfortable...and then SONNY indicates that all the CHILDREN, WOMEN, and CARLO should leave.

They do, the door is closed.

47D INT DAY: DON'S DINING ROOM (SPRING 1946)

The mood is quite happy downstairs, as the WOMEN prepare the Sunday dinner, and set the table.

CARLO sits alone among them, a frown on his face.

CONNIE

What's the matter, Carlo?

CARLO

Shut up.

47E INT DAY: DON'S BEDROOM (SPRING 1946)

All the MEN of the family stand around the hospital bed with grim faces, SONNY and HAGEN closest to the OLD MAN. The DON does not speak, yet he asks questions with his looks and glances, as clearly as if they were verbalized. HAGEN is the spokesman for the family.

HAGEN

...since McCluskey's killing, the police have cracked down on most of our operations...on the other families too. There's been a lot of bad blood.

The OLD MAN glances at SONNY.

SONNY

Pop, they hit us and we hit them back.

47E

(CONT'D)

HAGEN

We put out a lot of material through our contacts in the newspapers...about McCluskey's being tied up with Sollozzo in the Drug Rackets...things are starting to loosen up.

The OLD MAN nods.

SONNY

Freddie's gonna go to Las Vegas ...under the protection of Don Francesco of L.A. I want him to rest...

FREDO

I'm goin' to learn the casino business.

The DON nods approvingly. Then he searches around the room for a face he does not see. HAGEN knows who he's looking for.

HAGEN

Michael...

(he takes a breath)

It was Michael who killed Sollozzo.

The DON closes his eyes, and then reopens them in anger and rage.

HAGEN

He's safe now...we're already working on ways to bring him back.

The DON is very angry, he motions with a weak hand that they leave him alone.

47F

INT DAY DON'S STAIRS AND HALL (SPRING 1946)

Hagen and Sonny come down the stairs. HAGEN seems upset and pensive, SONNY intense and angry.

SONNY

Find out exactly where that old pimp Tattaglia is hiding. I want his ass... now...

47F (CONTD)

HAGEN

Sonny, things have finally quieted down a little. Hit Tattaglia and all hell will break loose again. Let the smoke clear, maybe the Don can negotiate...

SONNY

(interrupting)

Pop's doing nothing till he's better. I'll decide what's to be done till then.

HAGEN

O.K. but your war is costing us a fortune, and nothing's coming in. We can't do business...

SONNY

Neither can they.

HAGEN

They don't have our overhead. We can't afford a stalemate.

SONNY

(furiously)

Then no more stalemate. I'll break it by killing that old bastard. They're scared of me, now. I'll make them shake everytime they hear my name.

HAGEN

Yeah, you're getting a great reputation. I hope you're enjoying it.

SONNY

(coldly)

Just do what I ask you, Tom. Maybe if I had a real war-time Consigliere, a Sicilian, we wouldn't be in this shape. Pop had Genco, I'm stuck with you.

Hagen stares at Sonny for a beat. Then starts to leave, Sonny takes his arm.

SONNY

Hey, Tom: I'm sorry. Don't be sore... Come on, it's Sunday. Let's have dinner

47G INT DAY: DON'S DINING ROOM (SPRING 1946)

The FAMILY, WIVES, CHILDREN and all sit around the table over Sunday dinner. SONY is at the head of the table.

47H EXT DAY: MALL (SPRING 1946)

SOLE of the CORLEONE GRANDCHILDREN play in the enclosed Mall, in the proximity of the BUTTON MEN stationed liberally by the gate.

ONE CHILD misses a ball, it rolls by the gate house. A young BUTTON MAN scoops it up and throws it back, smiling.

49A INT DAY: CONNIE'S APT. (SPRING 1946)

CONNIE and CARLO's apartment. She's in a slip, on the phone. We HEAR the shower going in the bathroom.

CONNIE

Who is this?

GIRL (O.S.)

(giggle)

I'm a friend of Carlo's. I just wanted to tell him I can't see him tonight; I have to go out of town.

CONNIE's face turns red.

CONNIE

You lousy tramp bitch.
(click)

She slams the phone down; just as CARLO is coming out of the bathroom drying his golden body.

CARLO

What was that?

CONNIE

Your girl friend. She says she can't make it tonight. You lousy bastard you have the nerve to give your whores my telephone number. I'll kill you, you bastard!

She hauls off and punches him knowingly; he laughs, so then she flings herself at him, kicking and scratching; her heavy belly heaving under the thin slip.

CARLO

(defending himself)

You're crazy. She was kidding around; I don't know, some nut.

He pushes her aside, and moves into the bedroom to continue dressing.

CONNIE

You're staying home. You're not going out.

CARLO

OK, OK. You gonna make me something to eat at least?

49A (CONT.)

That calms her down; she stands there a moment, breathing heavily; and then she nods, and goes into the kitchen, and starts her wifely duties.

CARLO is dressed; puts on some cologne; CONNIE appears in the doorway.

CONNIE

The food is on the table.

CARLO

I'm not hungry yet.

CONNIE

Eat it, it's on the table.

CARLO

Ba fa Gouille.

CONNIE

BA FA GOULE YOU!

She turns deliberately, goes out into the kitchen. A moment later we begin to hear the sound of dishes breaking. CARLO slowly walks out, where we can see CONNIE systematically smashing all the dishes against the sink, sending the greasy veal and peppers all over the apartment floor.

CARLO

You filthy guinea spoiled brat.
Clean it up or'll kick your
head in.

CONNIE

Like hell I will.

She stands there, solid, ready to punch him again. Slowly, he slides his belt out of his trousers, and doubles it in his hand.

CARLO

Clean it up!

He swings the belt against her heavy hips. She moves back into the kitchen, and gets a kitchen knife, and holds it ready.

CARLO

Even the female Corleones are
murderers.

49A (CONT.)

He puts the strap down on a table, and moves after her. She makes a sudden thrust at his groin, which he avoids. He pulls the knife away, cutting his hand in the process. She gets away momentarily, but he pursues her around the table, gets her; and starts to slap her in the face.

She breaks away from him, and rushes into the bedroom.

CONNIE

The baby! The baby!

49B INT DAY: CONNIE'S BEDROOM (SPRING 1946)

She runs into the bedroom; he follows. She moves into a corner, and then like a desperate animal, tries to hide under the bed.

He reaches under, and pulls her out by the hair.

He slaps her in the face until she begins to weep; then he throws her on the bed, contemptuously. He grabs part of her thigh, pinching it very hard.

CARLO

You're fat as a pig.

Then he pushes her away, and walks out of the room, leaving her in tears. She is crying; she pulls herself to the bedroom phone, and in a whisper:

CONNIE

Mama...mama, it's Connie. Mama,
I can't talk any louder. No, I
don't want to talk to Sonny.

We can tell that the phone has been passed to SONNY.

50A INT DAY: DON'S KITCHEN (SPRING 1946)

In the kitchen at the Mall, MAMA cannot understand the whispering and she has given the phone to SONNY.

SONNY

Yeah Connie.

CONNIE (O.S.)

Sonny, just send a car to bring
me home. I'll tell you then,

50A (CONT.)

CONNIE (O.S.) (Cont'd.)
 it's nothing Sonny, don't you
 come. Send Tom, please Sonny,
 it's nothing; I just want to come
 home.

SONNY's face is turning red.

SONNY
 (in a controlled voice)
 You wait there. You just wait
 there.

He hangs up the phone; and just stands there for a
 moment.

SONNY
 (quietly)
 That sonofabitch; that sonofa-
 bitch...

HAGEN enters the room; he knows what is happening,
 knows he cannot interfere.

50B EXT DAY: MALL

SONNY leaves the house. HAGEN moves to the outside
 mall just as SONNY's car is driving off. He moves
 to a group of BUTTON MEN.

HAGEN
 Go after him.

51 EXT DAY: CAUSEWAY (SPRING 1946)

SONNY's car on the Jones Beach Causeway, speeds
 quickly by. After a pause, another car, with the
 CORLEONE BODYGUARDS, is trailing.

SONNY is driving; he is very angry.

52A EXT NITE: TOLL BOOTHS (SPRING 1946)

SONNY in his car; driving back. Still breathing hard
 and still furious. Then he thinks it's funny; he
 enjoyed it. He starts laughing, louder and louder,
 as he pulls up to a toll booth, stops, and extends
 his hand with a coin to the COLLECTOR.

-----FADE OUT-----

FADE IN:

54 INT NITE: AMERIGO BONASERA'S APARTMENT

The serious-faced UNDERTAKER is on the telephone.

HAGEN (O.S.)

This is Tom Hagen. I'm calling
for Don Corleone, at his request.

BONASERA looks at his WIFE, with deep anxiety in his
eyes. BONASERA's lips are suddenly dry.

BONASERA

Yes, I understand. I'm listening.

HAGEN (O.S.)

You owe the Don a service. In
one hour, not before, perhaps
later, he will be at your
funeral parlor to ask for your
help. Be there to greet him.
If you have any objections
speak now, and I'll inform him.

Silence. BONASERA stutters, then speaks in fright.

BONASERA

Anything...Anything the Godfather
wishes.

HAGEN (O.S.)

Good. He never doubted you.

BONASERA

The Don himself is coming to me
tonight?

HAGEN (O.S.)

Yes.

(click)

BONASERA is sweating; slowly he lowers the phone; his
WIFE sees his pale expression, and follows him into
the room.

Silently, he begins the ritual of dressing. His WIFE
knows something serious is happening, and never takes
her eyes from him. He lights a cigarette.

BONASERA

For the last year, they have been
killing one another. So now, what?

54 (CONT.)

BONASERA (Cont'd.)

Your Godfather comes to me...
Why?

(whispering, slyly)
They've killed someone so
important that they wish to
make his body disappear.

MRS. BONASERA

(frightened)

Amerigo!

BONASERA

They could make me an accomplice
to their murder. They could
send me to jail!

He slips into his trousers. Then he moves to his
WIFE to tie his tie, as she has done for years.

BONASERA

And if the other families find
out...they will make me their
enemy. They could come here to
our house. I curse the day I
ever went to the Godfather.

55A EXT NITE: FUNERAL PARLOR (SPRING 1946)

With his ring of keys, he opens the funeral parlor,
enters.

55B INT NITE: FUNERAL PARLOR (SPRING 1946)

BONASERA walks through the darkened funeral parlor,
without turning on the lights; then into the rear,
preparation room, past the tables, and equipment.
He operates the chain that lifts a large overhead
garage type door. And looks out into the alley.

He sits on a bench, and waits.

55C EXT NITE: FUNERAL PARLOR ALLEY (SPRING 1946)

The tires of a car roll very quietly along the small
alley; we notice a dark car approach the rear of
BONASERA's funeral parlor.

CLEMENZA gets out, and moves to the open, rear door.

55C (CONT.)

BONASERA greets him, too petrified to speak. He notices TWO OTHER MEN get out of the car, and carry a stretcher with a CORPSE swaddled in a gray blanket, with yellowed feet protruding.

BONASERA closes his eyes in fear, but indicates which way the MEN should carry their sinister burden.

55D INT NITE: FUNERAL PARLOR EMBALMING ROOM (SPRING 1946)

They carry the CORPSE to one of the tables in the embalming room.

Then BONASERA turns to see ANOTHER MAN step out of the darkness somewhat uncertainly. It is DON CORLEONE.

He walks up to BONASERA, very close, without speaking. His cold eyes looking directly at the frightened UNDERTAKER. Then, after a long gaze:

DON CORLEONE

Well my friend, are you ready to do me this service?

BONASERA nods. The DON moves to the CORPSE on the embalming table; he makes a gesture, and the OTHER MEN leave them alone.

BONASERA

What do you wish me to do?

DON CORLEONE

(staring at the table)

I want you to use all your powers, all your skill, as you love me. I do not want his mother to see him as he is.

He draws down the gray blanket.

BONASERA lets out a gasp of horror at what he sees:

The bullet-smashed face of SONNY CORLEONE.

52B EXT NITE: TOLL BOOTHS (SPRING 1946)

SONNY extends his hand with a coin at the toll booth.

A car suddenly swerves in front of him, trapping him in the booth, and an incredible rally of machine gun

52B (CONT.)

fire greets him, coming through and smashing the windows of the toll booths on both sides of him, and from the front window of the car blocking him.

The windows of his car are shot out.

Bullet holes puncture the doors of his car.

His hand, with the coin in it, falls inside the car.

His arms, shoulders are riddled by the fire, and still it continues, as though the ASSASSINS cannot take a chance that he will survive it.

Suddenly, he lets out an enormous ROAR, like a bull, and actually, opens the door, and steps out of the car, UNDER fire.

His face is hit; and finally he falls to the ground.

A FULL SHOT...as the ASSASSINS scramble for their cars and make off in the distance.

SONNY'S BODYGUARDS stop a safe distance away, realizing they are too late.

53A INT NITE: DON'S LIVING ROOM (SPRING 1946)

View on HAGEN's ashen face in the living room. He is silent a moment, and then:

HAGEN

(quietly)

OK. Go to Clemenza's house and tell him to come here right away. He'll tell you what to do.

The MEN leave him alone. He is quiet, standing in the middle of the living room a moment. He looks in the direction of the kitchen, where he can see fragments of MAMA moving around.

53B INT NITE: UPSTAIRS (SPRING 1946)

TOM proceeds up stairs, and quietly in the direction of the DON'S room. He opens the DON'S door. Looks in.

53C INT NITE: DON'S BEDROOM (SPRING 1946)

The DON in his hospital bed. Asleep under sedation. HAGEN hesitates. He cannot go in; he cannot tell the OLD MAN. He closes the door.

53D INT NITE: DON'S OFFICE (SPRING 1946)

HAGEN alone in the office. He is drinking. He looks up at the sound of cars; the CAPOREGIMES are arriving. Then he hears footsteps.

The door opens; and in a robe, with slippers, DON CORLEONE slowly enters the room. He walks directly to his stuffed armchair, sits down. His face is stern, as he looks into HAGEN's eyes.

DON CORLEONE

Give me a drop of anisette.

HAGEN rises, and pours a glass for the OLD MAN.

DON CORLEONE

My wife was weeping before she fell asleep, outside my window I saw my caporegimes to the house, and it is midnight. So, Consigliore of mine, I think you should tell your Don what everyone knows.

HAGEN

(quietly)

I didn't tell Mama anything. I was about to come up and wake you and tell you. Just now.

DON CORLEONE

But you needed a drink first.

HAGEN

Yes.

DON CORLEONE

Now you've had your drink.

Pause.

HAGEN

They shot Sonny on the Causeway.

(pause)

He's dead.

53D (CONT.)

DON CORLEONE blinks. one feels that just for a second he loses all physical strength; he clasps his hands in front of him on the top of the desk and looks into HAGEN's eyes.

DON CORLEONE

I want no inquiries made. No acts of vengeance.

(pause)

Consigliore, arrange a meeting with the heads of the five families...this war stops now.

He rises and unsteadily leaves the room, turns...

DON CORLEONE

Call Bonasera...he will do me a service.

And leaves. HAGEN moves to the phone; dials...

HAGEN

This is Tom Hagen; I'm calling for Don Corleone, at his request.

BONASERA (O.S.)

Yes, I understand I'm listening.

HAGEN

You owe the Don a service. He has no doubt that you will repay it.

-----FADE OUT-----

56 EXT DAY: BANK BUILDING (SPRING 1946)

Day in Manhattan. An impressive Bank Building in the financial center of New York. Many limousines are parked, uniformed and plain-clothed CHAUFFEURS waiting quietly.

57 INT DAY: BOARD ROOM (SPRING 1946)

The Board Room of a bank, daylight shines in the windows.

CARLO TRAMONTI, an impressive, handsome middle-aged man, sits quietly, smoking a Di Napoli cigar, OUR VIEW moves to a MAN sitting to his left, and a little to

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the rear, and settles on JOSEPH ZALUCHI, a moon-faced, amiable-looking man; as the view continues, around the table, we HEAR:

DON CORLEONE (O.S.)

I want to thank you all for coming. I consider it a service done to me personally and I am in the debt of each and every one of you. Especially those of you who have traveled from such distances as California, St. Louis, Kansas City; and New Orleans...

The VIEW PASSES to FRANK FALCONE and ANTHONY MOLINARI, both younger than any of the others; then on to DOMENICK PANZA, short and squat sitting in a wheelchair; then around the table to DON VINCENENZO FORLENZA, who is whispering to his JEWISH ASSISTANT; the VIEW PASSES on to ANTHONY STRACCI, an older man, sipping from a drink and smoking a cigar; OTTILIO CUNEO, in his middle sixties with a jolly round face; then DON PHILLIP TATTAGLIA, a delicate older man with dyed hair and a pencil mustache; and finally, EMILIO BARZINI, in his early sixties, a man to 'respect'; whom we had seen at CONNIE's Wedding.

DON CORLEONE

Ah well, let's get down to business. We are all honorable men here, we don't have to give assurances as if we were lawyers.

(he sits, gazes out at them, and sighs)

How did things ever go so far? Well, no matter. A lot of foolishness has come to pass. It was so unfortunate, so unnecessary.

The VIEW examines the room once again, as the DON speaks. A large, clicking board is changing numbers at various times, and two tapes, showing the fluctuations of the Market during the day's trading, are projected above.

DON CORLEONE pauses; and TOM HAGEN hands him a cold drink.

DON CORLEONE

Tattaglia has lost a son; I have lost a son. We are quits. Let there be a peace...

57 (CONT.)

DON COPLEONE (Cont'd.)
(he gestures expressively,
submissively, with his hands)
That is all I want...

BARZINI

Don Corleone is too modest. He had the judges and politicians in his pocket and he refused to share them. His refusal is not the act of a friend. He takes the bread out of the mouths of our families. Times have changed, it's not like the old days where everyone can go his own way. If Don Corleone had all the judges and politicians in New York, then he must share them or let others use them. Certainly he can present a bill for such services, we're not Communists, after all. But he has to let us draw water from the well. It's that simple.

DON CORLEONE

My friends, I didn't refuse out of malice. You all know me. When have I ever refused an accomodation? But why, this time? Because I think this drug business will destroy us in the years to come. It's not like whiskey or gambling or even women which most people want and is forbidden them by the pezzonovante of the Church and the Government. But drugs? No. Even policemen, who help us in gambling and other things would refuse to help us in drugs. But...I am willing to do whatever all of you think is necessary.

DON ZALUCHI

I don't believe in drugs. For years I paid my people extra so they wouldn't do that kind of business...\$200 a week. But it didn't matter. Somebody comes to them and says, "I have powders, if you put up three, four thousand dollar investment, we can make fifty thousand distributing."

57 (CONT.)

DON ZALUCHI (Cont'd.)

Who can resist such a profit?
There's no way to control it, as
a business...to keep it respectable.

(rapping the table)

I don't want it near schools! I
don't want it sold to children.
That is an infamita.

(thinking)

In my city I would try to keep
the traffic in the dark people,
the colored. They are the best
customers, the least troublesome,
and they are animals anyway. They
have no respect for their wives
or their families or themselves.
Let them lose their souls with
drugs. But something has to be
done, we can't have everybody
running around doing just what
they please, like a bunch of
anarchists.

BARZINI

Then, are we agreed; the traffic
in drugs will be permitted, but
controlled; and Don Corleone agrees
to give it protection in the East.

DON CORLEONE nods.

BARZINI

That's the whole matter then, we
keep the peace, and let me pay my
respects to Don Corleone, whom we
have all known over the years as
a man of his word.

(noticing TATTAGLIA
is uneasy)

Don Philip?

TATTAGLIA

I agree to everything here, I'm
willing to forget my own mis-
fortune. But I must hear strict
assurance from Corleone. When
time goes by and his position
becomes stronger, will he attempt
any individual vengeance?

They all look at the DON; especially HAGEN, who feels
that DON CORLEONE has given a great deal, and must have
something else in mind. Slowly the DON rises.

57 (CONT.)

DON CORLEONE

I forego my vengeance for my dead son, for the common good. But I have selfish reasons. My youngest son had to flee, accused of Sollozzo's murder, and I must now make arrangements so that he can come home with safety, cleared of all those false charges. That is my affair, and I will make those arrangements.

(with strength)

But I am a superstitious man...and so if some unlucky accident should befall my youngest son, if some police officer should accidentally shoot him, or if he should hang himself in his cell, or if my son is struck by a bolt of lightning, then I will blame some of the people here. That, I could never forgive, but...aside from that, let me swear by the souls of my Grandchildren that I will never be the one to break the peace we have made.

57A EXT NITE: DON'S LIMO (SPRING 1946)

The DON's black limousine. He sits quietly in the padded rear seat; TOM HAGEN next to him.

It is night. Lights flash by them every so often.

HAGEN

When I meet with Tattaglia's people; should I insist that all his drug middle-men be clean?

DON CORLEONE

Mention it, don't insist. Barzini is a man who will know that without being told.

HAGEN

You mean Tattaglia.

DON CORLEONE

(shakes his head)

Barzini.

HAGEN

(a revelation)

He was the one behind Sollozzo?

57A (CONT.)

DON CORLEONE

Tattaglia is a pimp. He could
never have outfought Santino.
But I wasn't sure until this day.
No, it was Barzini all along.

The black limousine speeds away from us in the night.

-----FADE OUT-----

FADE IN:

58 EXT DAY: ESTABLISHING SICILY SHOT

A CLOSE VIEW OF MICHAEL, moving as he walks, sullen and downcast, the left side of his face healed, but left grotesque and misshapen.

GRADUALLY, THE VIEW LOOSENS, he wears a warm navy Pea jacket, and walks with his hands in his pockets.

THE VIEW LOOSENS FURTHER, revealing a Sicilian SHEPHERD on either side of him, each carrying a shotgun slung over his shoulder, CALO, a squat and husky young man with a simple honest quality, and FABRIZZIO, slender and handsome, likable, and with a pleasing build. Each of the SHEPHERDS carry knapsacks.

The THREE YOUNG MEN continue over the Sicilian landscape, overlooking an impressive view of land and sea.

59 EXT DAY: SICILY ROAD

The THREE move through a flock of wind-blown sheep, and make their way to a dusty rural road. We HEAR a rinky horn sound, as a pre-war Italian automobile makes its way to them. An OLD MAN peeks from the window, waving to MICHAEL. The car pulls in front of them and stops. MICHAEL nods respectfully.

MICHAEL

Don Tommassino.

DON TOMMASSINO

Michael, why must you do this.
We have been lucky so far, all
these months you've been here
we've kept your name a secret.
It is from love for your father
that I've asked you never to go
more than an hour from the Villa.

59 (CONT.)

MICHAEL

Calo and Fabrizzio are with me;
nothing will happen.

DON TOMMASSINO

You must understand that your
Father's enemies have friends
in Palermo.

MICHAEL

I know.

DON TOMMASSINO

Where are you going?

MICHAEL

Corleone.

DON TOMMASSINO

There is nothing there. Not
anymore.

MICHAEL

I was told that my Grandfather
was murdered on its main street;
and his murderers came to kill my
father there when he was twelve
years old.

DON TOMMASSINO

Long ago. Now there is nothing:
the men killed each other in
family vendettas...the others
escaped to America.

MICHAEL

Don Tommassino...I should see
this place.

DON TOMMASSINO thinks a moment, then concedes.

DON TOMMASSINO

That is your birthright...but
Michael, use this car.

MICHAEL

No...I would like to walk to
Corleone.

The OLD MAN sighs, and then returns to his car.

59 (CONT.)

DON TOMMASSINO
Be careful Michael, don't let
them know your name.

The old car sputters off; MICHAEL watches, and then continues on his journey.

60 EXT DAY: COUNTRYSIDE

The THREE pass through abundant areas of flowers and fruit trees, in bloom and bursting with life.

61 EXT DAY: VILLAGE

They continue in the empty streets of a little town; the post-war poverty is evident in the skinny dogs; and the empty streets. Occasionally, a military vehicle, the only gasoline-powered vehicles on the road, will pass. And there are many POLICE evident, most of them carrying machine guns.

The THREE pass under an enormous banner slung over the main road "VOTA COMUNISTA".

62 EXT DAY: COUNTRY ROAD

They continue through dusty country roads, where occasionally a donkey pulling a cart, or a lone horseman will pass them.

63 EXT DAY: FIELD

Out in a field, in the distance, they come upon a procession of peasants and activists, perhaps two hundred strong, marching, and singing, and in the lead, are five or six men carrying billowing red banners.

64 EXT DAY: GROVE

They are in an orange grove; on the other side of the trees is a deep, tall field of wild flowers.

The Shepherds unsling their guns and knapsacks, and take out loaves of bread, some wine, sausage and cheese.

64 (CONT.)

MICHAEL rests against a tree, and uses his handkerchief.

FABRIZZIO

You tell us about America.

MICHAEL

How do you know I come from America?

FABRIZZIO

We hear. We were told you were a Pezzonovanta...big shot.

MICHAEL

Only the son of a Pezzonovanta.

FABRIZZIO

Hey America! Is she as rich as they say?

MICHAEL

Yes.

FABRIZZIO

Take me to America! You need a good lupara in America?

(pats his shotgun)

You take me, I'll be the best man you got. "Oh say, can you seeee...By da star early light..."

MICHAEL laughs.

65 EXT DAY: ANOTHER ROAD

The TRIO continues down a dirt road, as an American Military convoy speeds by; FABRIZZIO waves, and calls out to each of the U.S. drivers, as they move by.

FABRIZZIO

America.

Hey America!

Take me with you!

Hey, take me to America G.I.!

66 EXT DAY: CORLEONE HILL

They continue their long hike, high on a promontory; until they hesitate, and look down.

66 (CONT.)

CALO

Corleone.

They can see a grim Sicilian village, almost devoid of people.

67 EXT DAY: CORLEONE STREET

MICHAEL and his bodyguards move through the empty streets of the village. They walk behind him, and spread to either side about fifteen feet away from him.

They move down ancient steps, past an old stone fountain. MICHAEL hesitates, cups his hands and drinks some water. They go on.

They move up a very narrow old street. MICHAEL looks at the doorways that they pass.

MOVING VIEW: Each door has a plaque, with a ribbon or flower.

CALO sees MICHAEL looking.

CALO

The names of the dead.

MICHAEL hesitates in the center of the main street. He looks.

The street is empty, barren. Occasionally, an old woman will pass.

MICHAEL turns his head.

The other side of the street: empty and deathly.

A HIGH VIEW of MICHAEL standing in the center of the old street, the shepherds a respectful distance away.

-----DISSOLVE-----

68 EXT DAY: BARONIAL ESTATE

A green ribboned field of a baronial Estate. Further ahead is a villa so Roman it looks as though it had just been discovered in the ruins of Pompeii. There is a group of young village GIRLS accompanied by two stocky MATRONS, dressed in black. They have been gathering the pink sulla, purple wisteria, and mixing

68 (CONT.)

them with orange and lemon blossoms. They are singing, off in the distance as they work.

MICHAEL, CALO and FABRIZZIO are silent as they watch this Fantasy-like scene.

FABRIZZIO
(calling out to them)
Hey, beautiful girls!

MICHAEL
(sternly)
Shhhhh.

He settles down to watch.

The GIRLS are dressed in cheap gaily painted frocks that cling to their bodies. They are still in their teens, but developed and womanly.

They are moving along the fields, picking blossoms, not aware of the three men watching them from the orange grove. Three or four of the girls begin chasing one of them playfully, in the direction of the grove.

The GIRL being chased holds a bunch of purple grapes in her left hand and with the right, picks more grapes, and throws them back at her pursuers laughing.

They come closer and closer. Just short of the grove, she poses, startled, her large, oval shaped eyes catching the view of the THREE MEN. She stands there on her toes about to run.

MICHAEL sees her; now face to face. He looks.

Her face. Incredibly beautiful with olive skin, black hair and a rich mouth.

FABRIZZIO
(murmuring)
Jesus Christ, take my soul.
I'm dying.

Quickly, she turns, and runs away.

MICHAEL stands up never taking his eyes from her. We hold on him for a long while; and eventually hear the SHEPHERDS laughing. Then he turns to them.

FABRIZZIO
You got hit by the thunderbolt,
eh?

68 (CONT.)

CALO pats him on the shoulder.

CALO

Easy man.

MICHAEL

What are you talking about?

FABRIZZIO

You can't hide it when you're
hit by the thunderbolt.

69 EXT DAY: BARONIAL VILLAGE

The little village built attendant to the Baronial Estate, is decked with the flowers the girls had been picking.

MICHAEL, followed by the bodyguards, moves into the central square, and onto the balcony of a little cafe.

The proprietor of the cafe, VITELLI, is a short burly man; he greets them cheerfully, and sets a dish of chickpeas at their table.

FABRIZZIO

You know all the girls in this town, eh? We saw some beauties coming down the road. One in particular got our friend hit with the Thunderbolt...

(he indicates MICHAEL)

VITELLI gives a big knowing laugh, and looks at MICHAEL with new interest.

VITELLI

You had better bring a few bottles home with you, my friend; you'll need help sleeping tonight.
(he laughs)

FABRIZZIO

This one could seduce the devil. A body! and eyes as big and black as olives.

VITELLI

(laughing with them...
pouring more wine)
I know about what you mean!

69 (CONT.)

FABRIZZIO

This was a beauty. Right, Calo?

VITELLI

(laughing)

Beautiful all over, eh?

FABRIZZIO

And hair. Black and curly, like a doll. And such a mouth.

VITELLI does not laugh quite so much.

VITELLI

Yes, we have beautiful girls here...but virtuous.

VITELLI is no longer drinking with them.

MICHAEL

She wore a red dress, and a red ribbon in her hair. She looks more Greek than Italian. Do you know a beauty like that?

As MICHAEL describes her, VITELLI laughed less and less, until he wears a scowl.

VITELLI

No.

Then he curtly leaves him, and walks into the back room.

FABRIZZIO

God in Heaven, I think I understand...

He goes into the back room after the innkeeper. Then he returns.

FABRIZZIO

Let's get out of here; he's boiling up his blood to do us mischief. It's his daughter.

They start to leave; but MICHAEL doesn't move.

CALO

Come quickly.

69 (CONT.)

MICHAEL
Innkeeper. More wine!

FABRIZZIO
(whispered)
The old bastard mentioned two
sons he only has to whistle up.

MICHAEL turns to FABRIZZIO with his cold authority.

MICHAEL
Tell him to come to me.

The two BODYGUARDS shoulder their luparas, and disappear in a moment they return with the red-faced angry VITELLI between them.

MICHAEL
(quietly)
I understand I've offended you
by talking about your daughter.
I offer you my apologies, I'm
a stranger in this country, I
don't know the customs very well.
Let me say this, I meant no dis-
respect to you or her.

CALO and FABRIZZIO are impressed.

VITELLI
(shrugs)
Who are you and what do you
want from my daughter?

MICHAEL
I am an American hiding in Sicily
from the police of my country.
My name is Michael. You can
inform the police and make your
fortune but then your daughter
would lose a father rather than
gain a husband. In any case, I
want to meet your daughter.
With your permission and under
the supervision of your family.
With all decorum. With all
respect. I am an honorable man.

CALO and FABRIZZIO are stupefied; VITELLI pauses,
and then asks:

69 (CONT.)

VITELLI

Are you a friend of the friends?

MICHAEL

When the proper time comes,
I'll tell you everything that
a wife's father should know.

FABRIZZIO

It's the real Thunderbolt, then.

VITELLI

(formally)

Come Sunday morning: My name
is Vitelli and my house is up
there on the hill, above the
village.

MICHAEL

Your daughter's name?

VITELLI

Appolonia.

-----FADE OUT-----

70 EXT DAY: TOMMASSINO COURTYARD

MUSIC comes up; as MICHAEL, dressed in new clothes from Palermo, and carrying a stack of wrapped gifts, gets into an Alfa Romeo. CALO and FABRIZZIO each dressed in their Sunday best, are in the rear seat, huddled together, with their luparas on their shoulders.

DON TOMMASSINO waves them off, as the little car drives off, rocky and bouncing on the dirt road.

The Sunday churchbells ring.

-----DISSOLVE-----

71 EXT DAY: VITELLI HOUSE

MICHAEL is presented to each of the Vitelli relatives, by the yard of their little hilltop house; the BROTHERS; the MOTHER, who is given a gift; several UNCLES and AUNTS. Finally APPOLONIA enters, dressed beautifully in appropriate Sunday clothing. Now he presents the wrapped gift to APPOLONIA. She looks at her MOTHER, who with a nod gives her permission to open it. She unwraps it. Her eyes light at the sight of a heavy gold chain; to be worn as a necklace.

71 (CONT.)

She looks at him.

APPOLONIA

Grazia.

-----DISSOLVE-----

72 EXT DAY: VITELLI CAFE

Now the little Alpha drives into the village near VITELLI's cafe.

MICHAEL is, as ever, accompanied with his two BODY-GUARDS, though they are all dressed differently.

They go up to the cafe...and sit with VITELLI, who is talking and talking.

MICHAEL looks at APPOLONIA; who sits, respectfully quiet. She wears the gold necklace around her neck.

-----DISSOLVE-----

73 EXT DAY: HILLTOP NEAR VITELLI HOME

MICHAEL and APPOLONIA are walking through a hilltop path, seemingly alone, although a respectful distance apart.

As the VIEW PANS with them, we notice that her MOTHER and a half dozen AUNTS are twenty paces behind them, and ten paces further behind are CALO and FABRIZZIO, their luparas on their shoulders.

Further up the hill, APPOLONIA stumbles on a loose stone, and falls briefly onto MICHAEL's arm. She modestly regains her balance, and they continue walking.

Behind them, her MOTHER giggles to herself.

-----DISSOLVE-----

74 EXT DAY: VITELLI VILLAGE CHURCH

Church bells in an ancient belfry ring out. Music, old and dissonant, plays.

There is a bridal procession in the street of the village; the same in feeling and texture as it might have been five hundred years ago.

74 (CONT.)

Donkeys and other animals have been decorated with abundant flowers; children carrying candles and wearing white confirmation gowns walk in the procession, followed by countless townspeople, members of the clergy, even the police.

We present the entire bridal procession and ceremony with all the ritual and pageantry, as it has always been, in Sicily.

APPOLONIA is radiant as the Bride; MICHAEL is handsome despite the grotesque jaw and occasional white handkerchief.

-----DISSOLVE-----

75 EXT NITE: VITELLI VILLAGE SQUARE

CALO and FABRIZIO dance wildly through the night of the great wedding celebration. It is held in the Village Square; under the watchful eyes of SHEPHERDS above on the tops of buildings, carrying luparas.

-----DISSOLVE-----

76 INT NITE: MICHAEL'S ROOM IN VILLA

MICHAEL opens the shutters in his darkened room; moonlight fills the room.

He turns, and there, in her wedding slip, is APPOLONIA. A little frightened; but lovely.

He moves to her; and for a moment just stands before her, looking at her incredible face; her lovely hair and body.

Slowly and tenderly he kisses her. Her tiny hands come up to his face; touch his cheek and embrace him.

She lets her bridal slip fall to the floor.

-----FADE OUT-----

77 INT DAY: MICHAEL'S ROOM AT VILLA

Morning. MICHAEL sits on the window ledge, gazing into the room.

APPOLONIA is asleep; she is naked, and only partially covered by the bedsheets.

77 (CONT.)

He looks at her for a long time in the early morning light.

78 EXT DAY: TOMMASSINO COURTYARD

HIGH ANGLE ON DON TOMMASSINO'S VILLA

We HEAR girlish laughter; the little Alpha is driving erratically, knocking down an occasional wall, and almost hitting the inner court wall.

APPOLONIA is laughing, driving. MICHAEL pretends to be frightened, as he teaches her to drive.

Outside the walls, we notice SHEPHERDS with luparas, walking guard duty.

The car stops and a laughing MICHAEL gets out.

MICHAEL

It's safer to teach you English.

APPOLONIA

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,
Thursday, Friday...See, I learned
it. Now teach me to drive!

DON TOMMASSINO enters the Courtyard. He seems tired and concerned.

MICHAEL

Ciao, Don Tommassino.

APPOLONIA kisses him.

MICHAEL

Things went badly in Palermo?

DON TOMMASSINO

The younger men have no respect.
Things are changing; I don't know
what will happen. Michael, because
of the wedding, people now know your
name.

MICHAEL

Is that why there are more men
on the walls?

DON TOMMASSINO

Even so, I don't think it is
safe here anymore. I've made

78 (CONT.)

DON TOMMASSINO (Cont'd.)
plans to move you to a villa
near Siracuse. You must go
right away.

MICHAEL
What is it?

DON TOMMASSINO
Bad news from America. Your
brother, Santino. He has been
killed.

For a moment, the whole world of New York, Sollozzo,
the Five Family War, all comes back to MICHAEL.

79 EXT DAY: VILLA COURTYARD

Morning. MICHAEL leans out of the bedroom window.

Below, FABRIZZIO is sitting in one of the garden
chairs, combing his thick hair.

MICHAEL whistles and FABRIZZIO looks up to his window.

MICHAEL
Get the car. I'll be leaving in
ten minutes. Where's Calo?

FABRIZZIO
Calo is having a cup of coffee
in the kitchen. Is your wife
coming with you?

MICHAEL
No, she's going home to her family.
She'll join me in a few weeks...

80 INT DAY: VILLA KITCHEN

MICHAEL, dressed, crosses from the hallway, and into
the kitchen. CALO is just finishing a bite. He rises
when he sees MICHAEL.

CALO
Should I get your bag?

MICHAEL
No, I'll get it. Where's Appolonia?

80 (CONT.)

CALO

(smiling)

She is sitting in the driver's seat of the car, dying to step on the gas. She'll be a real American woman before she gets to America.

MICHAEL smiles.

MICHAEL

Tell Fabrizzio and wait for me in the car.

He leaves the kitchen, after a quick sip of coffee.

He looks out from the opening in the doorway.

81 EXT DAY: VILLA COURTYARD

There is the car, with APPOLONIA sitting in the driver's seat, playing with the wheel like a child.

CALO moves to the car, and puts a lunch basket in the rear seat.

Then MICHAEL seems disturbed.

Over, on the other side of the courtyard, he sees FABRIZZIO disappear through the gate.

MICHAEL

(muttering to himself)

Where the hell is he going?

MICHAEL goes down the hallway, and outside.

MICHAEL steps out into the bright sunlight of the outer courtyard, causing him to shade his eyes.

APPOLONIA sees him, and waves, motioning that he should stay where he is.

APPOLONIA

(calling out)

I'll drive to you.

He smiles affectionately.

CALO stands beside the car, smiling, with his lupara dangling by his side. There is no sight of FABRIZZIO.

81. (CONT.)

Suddenly the smile fades from MICHAEL's face. He steps forward and holds out his hand.

MICHAEL

No. No!

His shout is drowned in the roar of a tremendous EXPLOSION, as she switched on the ignition.

Part of the wall is caved in, the kitchen door is blown off; and there is nothing left of the Alpha, or of Appolonia.

MICHAEL is thrown against the wall, and knocked unconscious.

82 INT DAY: VILLA BEDROOM

MICHAEL is unconscious in a darkened room. We hear whispering around him, but can't make any of it out. A soft cloth is applied to his face; gradually his eyes open. DON TOMMASSINO is there, close to him. He looks at them and from their grave expressions, he knows his wife is dead.

MICHAEL

Fabrizzio. Let your shepherds know that the one who gives me Fabrizzio will own the finest pastures in Sicily.

-----FADE OUT-----

FADE IN:

83 EXT DAY: MALL (SPRING 1951)

Easter.

A HIGH VIEW ON THE CORLEONE MALL in the springtime. Hordes of little CHILDREN, including many of the Corleone Children and Grandchildren, rush about carrying little Easter baskets, searching here and there for candy treasures and hidden Easter eggs.

The DON himself, much older, much smaller in size, wearing baggy pants and a plaid shirt and an old hat, moves around his garden, tending rows and rows of rich tomato plants.

Suddenly, he stops and looks.

83 (CONT.)

MICHAEL stands there, still holding his suitcase.

Great emotion comes over the DON, who takes a few steps in MICHAEL's direction.

MICHAEL leaves his suitcase and walks to his favorite son and embraces him.

DON CORLEONE

Be my son...

84 INT DAY: THE OLIVE OIL FACTORY

DON CORLEONE leads MICHAEL through the corridors of the building.

DON CORLEONE

This old building has seen its day. No way to do business... too small, too old.

They enter the DON's glass-panelled office.

DON CORLEONE

Have you thought about a wife?
A family?

MICHAEL

(pained)

No.

DON CORLEONE

I understand, Michael. But you must make a family, you know.

MICHAEL

I want children, I want a family. But I don't know when.

DON CORLEONE

Accept what's happened, Michael.

MICHAEL

I could accept everything that's happened; I could accept it, but that I never had a choice. From the time I was born, you had laid this all out for me.

DON CORLEONE

No, I wanted other things for you.

84 (CONT.)

MICHAEL

You wanted me to be your son.

DON CORLEONE

Yes, but sons who would be professors, scientists, musicians ...and grandchildren who could be, who knows, a Governor, a President even, nothing's impossible here in America.

MICHAEL

Then why have I become a man like you?

DON CORLEONE

You are like me, we refuse to be fools, to be puppets dancing on a string pulled by other men. I hoped the time for guns and killing and massacres was over. That was my misfortune. That was your misfortune. I was hunted on the streets of Corleone when I was twelve years old because of who my father was. I had no choice.

MICHAEL

A man has to choose what he will be. I believe that.

DON CORLEONE

What else do you believe in?

MICHAEL doesn't answer.

DON CORLEONE

Believe in a family. Can you believe in your country? Those Pezzonovante of the State who decide what we shall do with our lives? Who declare wars they wish us to fight in to protect what they own. Do you put your fate in the hands of men whose only talent is that they tricked a bloc of people to vote for them? Michael, in five years the Corleone family can be completely legitimate. Very difficult things have to happen

84 (CONT.)

DON CORLEONE (Cont'd.)
to make that possible. I can't
do them anymore, but you can, if
you choose to.

MICHAEL listens.

DON CORLEONE
Believe in a family; believe in
a Code of Honor, older and higher,
believe in Roots that go back
thousands of years into your Race.
Make a family, Michael, and protect
it. These are our affairs, sono
cosa nostra, Governments only pro-
tect men who have their own indi-
vidual power. Be one of those
men...you have the choice.

-----FADE OUT-----

85 EXT DAY: STOCK FOOTAGE LAS VEGAS (1955)

A MOVING VIEW, driving up the Las Vegas Strip of 1955.

FREDO (O.S.)
There's a new one. Construction
going on everywhere.

MORE VIEWS, showing new hotels and casinos being built;
the bill marquee's read: "MARTIN AND LEWIS", "PATTI
PAGE", etc.

FREDO (O.S.)
That's one of the family's new
ones. Not bad, eh?

86 EXT DAY: FLAMINGO (1955)

The car pulls up at the Flamingo Hotel.

Inside the car: MICHAEL, FREDO, TOM HAGEN and a new
man, NERI, quiet and sinister.

MICHAEL
Why didn't Moe Green meet us at
the airport?

FREDO
He had business at the hotel, but
he'll drop in for dinner.

86 (CONT.)

From the expression on MICHAEL's face we know this is a discourtesy.

87 INT DAY: FLAMINGO HOTEL SUITE (1955)

A whole entourage precedes FREDO and his V.I.P. party of MICHAEL, HAGEN and NERI. Great fuss is made. They are being shown into the hotel's 'special' suite.

FREDO

You look wonderful, kid; really wonderful. That doctor did some job on your face.

MICHAEL

You look good, too.

They enter the suite.

FREDO

Nice, eh?

FREDO is as excited as a kid, snapping orders at the bellboys, waiters and maids.

FREDO

(hurrying into the bedroom)

Kid, take a look-see.

MICHAEL gives a look to HAGEN, and continues into the bedroom.

There is an enormous circular bed on a huge platform, mirrors to each side. FREDO points upward.

A VIEW into a large CEILING mirror.

FREDO

Ever seen anything like that before?

MICHAEL

(dryly)

No.

88 INT NITE: FLAMINGO SUITE BEDROOM (1955)

MICHAEL is alone in the bedroom. He is just finishing dressing; he puts on his jacket. From the window, with the lights blinking, we can tell it's late at night. MICHAEL passes into the other room.

88 (CONT.)

He stops, looks. He is disturbed.

89A INT NITE: FLAMINGO SUITE (1955)

A magnificent, circular table has been set up in his suite; a lavish table setting for eight. Standing by the table are HAGEN, JOHNNY FONTANE, looking wonderful, a little heavier, beautifully dressed; FREDO, a dandy, and TWO LAS VEGAS GIRLS. NERI stands quietly by the door.

FREDO

Mike! The party starting!

MICHAEL

Come here a minute, Fredo.

FREDO goes to him, a big smile all over his face.

MICHAEL

Who are those girls?

FREDO

(jokingly)

That's for you to find out.

MICHAEL

Give them some money and send them home.

FREDO

Mike!

MICHAEL

Get rid of them...

89B INT NITE: FLAMINGO SUITE (1955)

They are seated around the lavish table in Michael's suite. MICHAEL is speaking to JOHNNY.

MICHAEL

Johnny, the Corleone family is thinking of selling out all our interests in the Olive Oil business and settling here. Moe Greene will sell us his interest so it can be wholly owned by friends of the family.

FREDDIE seems anxious.

89B (CONT.)

FREDDIE

Mike, you sure about Moe selling. He never mentioned it to me and he loves the business.

MICHAEL

I'll make him an offer he can't refuse.

MICHAEL turns to JOHNNY.

MICHAEL

Johnny, the Don wants you to help us get started. We figure entertainment will be the big factor in drawing gamblers. We hope you'll sign a contract to appear five times a year for maybe a week long engagement. We hope your friends in the movies will do the same. We count on you to convince them.

JOHNNY

Sure, I'll do anything for my Godfather. You know that, Mike.

There is a knock on the door. NERI rises, looks at MICHAEL, who nods. NERI opens the door, and MOE GREENE enters, followed by TWO BODYGUARDS. He is a handsome hood, dressed in the Hollywood style. His BODYGUARDS are more West Coast style.

MOE

Mike, good to see you. Got everything you want?

MICHAEL

Thanks.

MOE

The chef cooked for you special; the dancers will kick your tongue out and your credit is good!

(to his BODYGUARDS)

Draw chips for all these people so they can play on the house.

MICHAEL

Is my credit good enough to buy you out?

MOE laughs.

89B (CONT.)

MOE

Buy me out?...

MICHAEL

The hotel, the casino. The Corleone family wants to buy you out.

GREENE stops laughing; the room becomes tense. NERI eyes the BODYGUARDS.

MOE

(furious)

The Corleone family wants to buy me out. I buy you out. You don't buy me out.

MICHAEL

Your casino loses money. Maybe we can do better.

MOE

You think I scam?

MICHAEL

(the worst insult)

You're unlucky.

MOE

You goddamn dagos. I do you a favor and take Freddie in when you're having a bad time, and then you try to push me out.

MICHAEL

You took Freddie in because the Corleone family bankrolled your casino. You and the Corleone family are evened out. This is for business; name your price.

MOE

The Corleone family don't have that kind of muscle anymore. The Godfather is sick. You're getting chased out of New York by Barzini and the other families, and you think you can find easier pickings here. I've talked to Barzini; I can make a deal with him and keep my hotel!

89B (CONT.)

MICHAEL

(quietly, deadly)

Is that why you thought you could
slap Freddie around in public?

FREDDIE

(his face turns red)

Ah Mike, that was nothing. Moe
didn't mean anything. He flies
off the handle sometimes; but me
and him are good friends. Right,
Moe?

MOE

Yeah sure. Sometimes I gotta kick
asses to make this place run right.
Freddie and I had a little argument
and I had to straighten him out.

MICHAEL

You straightened my brother out?

MOE

Hell, he was banging cocktail
waitresses two at a time. Players
couldn't get a drink.

MICHAEL rises from his chair, and says in a tone of
dismissal:

MICHAEL

I have to go back to New York tomorrow.
Think of your price.

MOE

You son of a bitch, you think you can
brush me off like that? I made my
bones when you were going out with
cheerleaders.

FREDO

(frightened)

Tom, you're the Consigliere; you
can talk to the Don and advise him.

MICHAEL

The Don has semi-retired. I'm running
the Family business now. So anything
you have to say, say it to me.

Nobody answers. MICHAEL nods to NERI, who opens the
door. MOE exits angrily.

89B (CONT.)

MICHAEL

Freddie, you're my older brother. I love you. But don't ever take sides with anybody against the Family again.

90 EXT DAY: N.Y. AIRPORT (1955)

KAY sits in the back of a limousine parked by the Newark AIRPORT. ROCCO LAMPONE is leaning against it.

She has a little three year old boy; MICHAEL's son, who plays with a cardboard bird on a string.

Two other cars are stationed discreetly, with men we have learned to tell are bodyguards.

MICHAEL, HAGEN and NERI exit the airport with TWO NEGRO PORTERS carrying luggage.

NERI sees something, and taps MICHAEL on the shoulder.

MICHAEL turns, and sees KAY.

LAMPONE opens the car door; KAY steps out with the BOY, and MICHAEL embraces her, and kisses his son. Automatically, the luggage is put in. NERI replaces LAMPONE as the driver; and LAMPONE joins the other men. HAGEN gets into one of the other cars.

And the limo drives off, preceded and followed by the other sedans.

91 INT DAY: LIMO (1955)

The little BOY looks out the window as they drive.

MICHAEL

I have to see my father and his people when we get back to the Mall.

KAY

Oh Michael.

MICHAEL

We'll go to the show tomorrow night --we can change the tickets.

91 (CONT.)

KAY

Don't you want dinner first?

MICHAEL

No, you eat...don't wait up for me.

KAY

Wake me up when you come to bed?

The little BOY flies his cardboard bird out of the speeding limousine window.

92A EXT DAY: MALL (1955)

The limousine arrives at the Mall. We are inside.

KAY

Your sister wants to ask you something.

MICHAEL

Let HER ask.

NERI opens the door. KAY wants to talk just a little more.

KAY

She's afraid to. Michael...

MICHAEL nods to NERI; who gives them their privacy a moment longer.

Why are you so cold to her and Carlo?
They live with us on the Mall now,
but you never get close to them.

MICHAEL

I'm busy.

KAY

Connie and Carlo want you to be god-
father to their little boy.

NERI opens the door; MICHAEL starts to get out; KAY too.

He smiles at her, tired, and a little sad.

KAY

Will you?

MICHAEL

Let me think about it, O.K.?

92A (CONT.)

She smiles; MICHAEL goes with NERI to the Main House; KAY and the little boy move to the house that was Sonny's.

92B INT DAY: DON'S OFFICE (1955)

VIEW ON DON CORLEONE, much older, much smaller in size. He wears baggy pants, and a warm plaid shirt. He sits in a chair, gazing out through the window, into the garden.

TESSIO(o.s.)

Barzini's people chisel my territory
and we do nothing about it. Pretty
soon there won't be one place in Brooklyn
I can hang my hat.

MICHAEL(o.s.)

Just be patient.

TESSIO

I'm not asking you for help, Mike.
Just take off the handcuffs.

MICHAEL (o.s.)

Be patient.

CLEMENZA

We gotta fight sometime. Let us at
least recruit our regines to full
strength.

MICHAEL (o.s.)

No, I don't want to give Barzini
an excuse to start fight.

TESSIO(o.s.)

Mike, you're wrong.

CLEMENZA (o.s.)

Don Corleone... Don Corleone.
You said there would come a day
when Tessio and me could form
our own families. I ask permission...

92B

(CONT)

DON CORLEONE

My son is head of the Family now.
If you have his permission, you have
my good will.

MICHAEL

In six months you can break off
from the Corleone family and go
on you're own. After we make the
move to Las Vegas.

TESSIO

Forgive me Godfather... but with
you gone, me and Pete will come
under Barzini's thumb sooner or
later.

CLEMENZA

And I hate that Goddamn Barzini.
In six months time there'll be
nothing left to build on. There
comes a time when you have to
stand up and fight...it's a
question of honor.

DON CORLEONE

Do you have faith in my judgement?
Do I have your loyalty?

CLEMENZA

Yes...always...Godfather.

DON CORLEONE

Then be a friend to my son Michael.
Give him the loyalties and friendship
you have given me. Do as he says.

MICHAEL

There are things being negotiated
that will solve all your problems
and answer all your questions. You
have to trust me. Carlo, you grew
up in Nevada, you'll be my right-hand
man when we move out there. Tom Hagen
is no longer the Consigliere. He'll be
our lawyer in Vegas; no reflection on
Tom, that's the way I want it. If I need
advice, who's a better Consigliere than my
father. That's it.

92B

(CONT)

NERI opens the door: TESSIO, CLEMENZA and CARLO leave.

HAGEN

Mike, why are you cutting me out of the action?

MICHAEL

We're going to be legitimate all the way, you're the legal man. What could be more important than that.

HAGEN

I'm not talking about that. I'm talking about Rocco Lampono building a secret regime. And why does Meri report directly to you, rather than through me or a caporegime.

MICHAEL

How did you find out?

HAGEN

Lampono's men are all a little too good for their jobs; they get a little more money than the jobs worth. Lampono's a good man; he's operating perfectly.

MICHAEL

Not so perfectly if you noticed.

HAGEN

Mike, why am I out?

MICHAEL

You're not a wartime Consigliere. Things may get tough with the move we're trying and we may have to fight.

DON CORLEONE

Tom, I never thought you were a bad Consigliere, I thought Santino a bad Don, rest in peace. Michael has all my confidence, as you do. But there are reasons why you must have no part in what will happen.

92B (CONT)

HAGEN
Maybe I can help.

MICHAEL
You're out Tom.

He leaves.

MICHAEL
I'm going to talk to my father.

DON CORLEONE
I see you have your Luca Brasi.

MICHAEL
I'll need him.

DON CORLEONE
Let's walk.

They exit.

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92C (CONT.)

They walk through the DON's vegetable garden. Tomatoes, peppers, carefully tended, and covered with a silky netting. MICHAEL follows; the DON turns and looks at him. Then stoops over to right a tomato plant that had been pushed over.

DON CORLEONE

Barzini will move against you first.

MICHAEL

How?

DON CORLEONE

He will get in touch with you through someone you absolutely trust. That person will arrange a meeting, guarantee your safety...

He rises, and looks at Michael...

...and at that meeting you will be assassinated.

The DON walks on further.

DON CORLEONE

Your wife and children...you're happy with them?

MICHAEL

Yes.

DON CORLEONE

Good.

MICHAEL wants to express something...hesitates, then:

MICHAEL

I've always respected you...

A long silence. The DON smiles at MICHAEL.

DON CORLEONE

And I...you.

93A. EXT DAY: CHURCH (1955)

KAY and MAMA walking from the black car that has just left them off.

93A (CONT.)

KAY

How is your husband feeling?

MAMA

He's not the same since they shot him. He lets Michael do all the work. He just plays the fool with his garden, his peppers, his tomatoes, as if he was some peasant still. But men are like that...

She steps toward the Church.

You come in, too.

KAY shakes her head.

The Priest ain't gonna bite you
cause you're not Catholic.

(whispered)

He's in the back drinkin' his wine.

KAY laughs and follows MAMA up the steps of the Church.
They enter.

93B INT DAY: CHURCH (1955)

Inside the Church, KAY watches as MAMA blesses herself from the holy water.

MAMA

You can.

Tentatively, KAY dips her fingers into the water, and blesses herself. Then SHE follows MAMA down the aisle, in awe at the high ceiling, the art, the windows, and finally the Altar.

MAMA stops by the impressive tiers of candles. There is a large coin box for those who wish to pay for lighting candles. MAMA fumbles in her purse for change; KAY gives her some.

MAMA drops the coins in the box, one by one; then takes the taper, and in a pattern known only to her, and with great dignity, she closes her eyes, says a prayer, and then lights twenty candles.

She finishes, and bows her head.

93X

EXT DAY DON'S GARDEN (1955)

DON CORLEONE is in his garden, in the baggy clothes and fedora, tending the tomato plants. Michael's little BOY follows him. The sun is very hot. He wipes his brow.

The DON takes out a cigar; carefully removes the paper band, and slides it onto the little BOY's finger.

He breathes hoarsely.

He looks up at the sun; a burning yellow ball.

DON CORLEONE
(to the BOY)
Run away... run away.

The little BOY is confused; but then he runs away toward the den; DON CORLEONE slumps down, trying to breathe.

He falls among the plants.

Soon MICHAEL, followed by HAGEN, and some of the other MEN rush out to the stricken OLD MAN.

They raise his head, and try to put something under it.

DON CORLEONE
Life is so beautiful...

MICHAEL's face; he looks at HAGEN; we see the other MEN'S faces, and we know DON CORLEONE IS dead.

-----FADE OUT-----

94 EXT DAY: BONASERA'S FUNERAL HOME

Very few people in the streets. TOTAL SILENCE. But black flower cars as far as the eye can see, for blocks and blocks. An expression of respect, of honor and fear that is enormous. Certainly no more could be done for a President or a King.

Each car carries an elaborate floral decoration. We show these in detail; and the flowered messages: "A Benefactor to Mankind", "He Knew and Pitied"... "Our Don Our Leader"... "The Sacred Heart"...

95A EXT DAY: MALL (1955)

HIGH ANGLE ON THE CORLEONE MALL

Silence.

The flower cars, funeral limousines, and private cars fill all the areas attendant to the Corleone residence.

Hundreds of people fill the Mall, reminiscent in size of the wedding of Connie and Carlo; of course, now the mood is somber and respectful.

MICHAEL, MAMA, FREDO and HAGEN stand by the flowered platform which holds the ornate coffin. We cannot see the remains of Don Corleone.

BONASERA is nearby, ready to do service to the bereaved family. One by one the mourners come by, weeping, or merely with grave expressions; pay their respects and continue on.

The VIEW ALTERS,

and we see that the line is endless. JOHNNY FONTANE, tears openly falling, takes his turn.

Children are taken by the hand, and lifted for their last look at the great man.

CLEMENZA whispers into the ear of LAMPONE. LAMPONE immediately arranges for the members of the Five New York Families to pay their respects.

First CUNEO, then STRACHI and then ZALUCHI. Then PHILIP TATTAGLIA, who merely passes by the Coffin.

Then BARZINI in a black homburg, standing a long time.

95A (CONT.)

MICHAEL watches the scene.

BARZINI crosses himself and passes on, immediately re-joined by his men.

As BARZINI leaves, it seems as though everyone is fawning on him; perhaps asking for favors: But at any rate, it is clear from the doors opened for him, the cigars lit for him, that he is the new Capo di Capi--the place formerly held by Don Corleone.

MICHAEL watches silently.

BARZINI is searching for somebody with his eyes. First CLEMENZA. Then TESSIO.

CONNIE rushes into MICHAEL's arms, tears in her eyes. He embraces and comforts her.

Everywhere MICHAEL goes, NERI is a few feet away-- watching all who come close to him.

95B EXT DAY: MALL (LATER)

Later on the Mall; some people have left, although there are still hundreds of mourners.

A young GIRL approaches TESSIO. She's about 18.

GIRL

Do you remember me?

TESSIO

No...

GIRL

We danced together at Connie's wedding.

TESSIO makes a gesture, which is to say 'How you've grown', and they move through the crowd, looking for Michael. He finds him.

TESSIO

Mike, could I have a minute?

MIKE nods; and they move to a private place. NERI is close by.

95B (CONT.)

TESSIO

Barzini wants to arrange a meeting.
Says we can straighten any of our
problems out.

MICHAEL

He talked to you?

TESSIO

(nods)

I can arrange security.

MICHAEL looks at him.

MICHAEL

Fine. That will be fine.

96 EXT DAY: CEMETERY (1955)

The Cemetery. Late day.

The hundreds of cars, limousines and flower cars line
the stone wall that surrounds this Italian-Catholic
cemetery in Queens Village.

Hundreds of people stand in a cluster; others watch;
take pictures, etc.

MICHAEL stands with his family, his MOTHER...and TOM
HAGEN.

MICHAEL

(softly)

Christ, Tom; I needed more time with
him. I really needed him.

HAGEN

Did he give you his politicians?

MICHAEL

Not all...I needed another four
months and I would have had them
all.

(he looks at TOM)

I guess you've figured it all out?

HAGEN

How will they come at you?

96 (CONT.)

MICHAEL

I know now.

(a passion wells up
inside of MICHAEL)

I'll make them call me Don.

HAGEN

Have you agreed on a meeting?

MICHAEL

(nods)

A week from tonight. In Brooklyn
on Tessio's ground, where I'll be
safe.

HAGEN looks at him; understands.

But after the Baptism. I've decided
to stand as godfather to Connie's
baby.

They look up.

The coffin is lowered into an excavation, behind which
stands an enormous stone monument; it is of a weeping
angel, with the bold inscription: CORLEONE.

-----FADE OUT-----

FADE IN:

97 INT DAY: NERI'S APT. (1955)

ALBERT NERI moves around in his small Corona Apartment;
he pulls a small trunk from under his bed. He opens
it, and we see in it, nearly folded, a New York City
Policeman's uniform. He takes it out piece by piece,
almost reverently. Then the badge, and the identifi-
cation card; with his picture on it. Slowly, in the
solitude of his room, he begins to dress.

98 INT DAY: MICHAEL'S BEDROOM (1955)

MICHAEL and KAY are getting dressed for the christen-
ing in their room. MICHAEL looks very well; very calm;
KAY is beginning to take on a matronly look.

99A INT DAY: MOTEL ROOM (1955)

In a Long Island motel.

ROCCO LAMPONE carefully disassembles a revolver; oils it, checks it, and puts it back together.

100 EXT DAY: CLEMENZA'S HOUSE (1955)

PETER CLEMENZA about to get in his Lincoln. He hesitates, takes a rag and cleans some dirt off of the fender, and then gets in, drives off.

101A EXT DAY: CHURCH (1955)

The Church.

Various relatives and friends are beginning to gather at the Church. They laugh and talk. A MONSIGNOR is officiating. Not all of the participants have arrived yet.

CONNIE is there, with a beaming CARLO. She holds the infant; showing him off to interested people.

102 EXT DAY: U.N. PLAZA (1955)

NERI walks down the sidewalk in the neighborhood of the UN Building. He is dressed as, and has the bearing of, a policeman. He carries a huge flashlight.

99B EXT DAY: MOTEL BALCONY (1955)

LAMPONE steps out onto the little balcony of a Sea-Resort Motel; We can see the bright, neon lit sign advertising "ROOMS FACING THE SEA--VACANCY".

101B INT DAY: CHURCH

The Church.

CONNIE holds the baby; the MONSIGNOR is speaking; KAY and MICHAEL stand side by side around the urn.

PRIEST

(to MICHAEL)

Do you pledge to guide and protect
this child if he is left fatherless?
Do you promise to shield him against
the wickedness of the world?

101B (CONT.)

MICHAEL

Yes, I promise.

103A EXT DAY: FIFTH AVE.

NERI continues up the 55th St. and Fifth Avenue area. He continues until he is in front of Rockefeller Center. On his side of the street, he spots a limousine waiting directly across from the main entrance of the building. Slowly he approaches the limo, and taps on its fender with his nightstick.

The DRIVER looks up in surprise.

NERI points to the "No Parking" sign.

The DRIVER turns his head away.

NERI

OK, wise guy, you wanna summons, or you wanna move?

DRIVER

(obviously a hood)

You better check with your precinct.

NERI

Move it!

The DRIVER takes a ten dollar bill, folds it deliberately, and hands it out the window, trying to put it under NERI's jacket.

NERI backs up, letting the bill fall onto the street. Then he crooks a finger at the DRIVER.

NERI

Let me see you license and registration.

99C EXT DAY: MOTEL BALCONY

LAMPONE on the motel balcony spots a Cadillac pulling up. It parks. A young, pretty GIRL gets out. Quickly, he returns into the room.

104A INT DAY: HOTEL STAIRS (1955)

CLEMENZA is climbing the back stairs of a large hotel. He rounds the corner, puffs a little, and then continues upward.

101B (CONT.)

The Church. Close on the PRIEST's fingers as he gently applies oil to the infant's ears and nostrils.

PRIEST

Ephetha...be opened...so you may perceive the fragrance of God's sweetness.

103B EXT DAY: ROCKEFELLER CENTER (1955)

The DRIVER of the limousine in front of Rockefeller Center is arguing with NERI.

Now the DRIVER looks up.

WHAT HE SEES:

TWO MEN in topcoats exit the building. ONE of the MEN asks the DRIVER:

MAN

What's up?

DRIVER

I'm getting a ticket. No sweat. This guy must be new in the precinct.

Now BARZINI begins to exit the building, through the revolving glass doors. NERI opens up fire, trapping BARZINI in the shattering glass doors. The doors still rotate, moving the dead body of BARZINI within them.

101B (CONT.)

In the Church--the VIEW on MICHAEL. The PRIEST hands him the infant.

PRIEST

Do you renounce Satan.

MICHAEL

I do renounce him.

101B (CONT.)

PRIEST
And all his works?

MICHAEL
I do renounce them.

99D INT DAY: MOTEL MURDER (1955)

LAMPONE, backed up by two other MEN in his regime, runs down the iron-rail steps, and kicks in the door on Room 7F. PHILIP TATTAGLIA, old and wizened and naked, leaps up; a semi-nude young GIRL leans up.

They are riddled with gunfire.

104B INT DAY: HOTEL STAIRS (1955)

CLEMENZA, huffing and puffing, climbs the back stairs, with his package.

101B (CONT.)

The PRIEST pours water over the forehead of the infant MICHAEL holds.

PRIEST
Do you wish to be baptized?

MICHAEL
I do wish to be baptized.

104A INT DAY: HOTEL ELEVATOR MURDER (1955)

CLEMENZA, out of breath, climbs the final few steps.

He walks through some glass doors, and moves to an ornate elevator waiting shaft.

The lights indicate the elevator has arrived.

The doors open, and we see a surprised CUNEO standing with the dapper MOE GREENE.

CLEMENZA fires into the small elevator with a shotgun.

101B (CONT.)

The PRIEST hands a lighted candle to MICHAEL.

PRIEST

I christen you Michael Francis Rizzi.

Flash bulbs go off. Everyone is smiles, and crowds around MICHAEL, KAY, CONNIE...and CARLO.

-----FADE OUT-----

101C EXT DAY: CHURCH (1955)

The christening party outside the Church.

Four or five limousines have been waiting; now pull up to receive MAMA, CONNIE and the baby; and the others.

Everyone is very happy; only MICHAEL seems aloof and grave.

As the fuss is going on, a car pulls up. LAMPONE gets out and works his way to MICHAEL. He whispers in his ear. This is the news MICHAEL has been waiting for.

CONNIE holds the baby up to MICHAEL.

CONNIE

Kiss your Godfather.

The infant turns its head, and MICHAEL uses that as an excuse to back away.

MICHAEL

Carlo...we've had a change in the plans. Mama, Connie, Kay and the kids will have to take the trip out to Vegas without us.

CONNIE

Oh Mike, it's our first vacation together.

CARLO

(anxious to please)

Jesus, Connie...Sure, Mike...

MICHAEL

Go back to your house and wait for me...

He kisses KAY.

101C (CONT.)

MICHAEL

(to KAY)

I'll just be a couple of days...

People are guided to the correct limousines; they start to drive off.

105A INT DAY: DON'S KITCHEN

TESSIO sits in the Kitchen of the Main House on the Mall.

HAGEN enters.

HAGEN

You'd better make your call to Barzini; Michael's ready.

TESSIO nods; moves to the telephone and dials a number.

TESSIO

We're on our way to Brooklyn.

He hangs up and smiles:

TESSIO

I hope Mike can get us a good deal tonight.

HAGEN

(gravely)

I'm sure he will.

105B EXT DAY: MALL (1955)

The TWO MEN walk out onto the Mall, toward a car. On their way they are stopped by TWO BODYGUARDS.

BUTTON MAN

The boss says he'll come in a separate car. He says for you two to go on ahead.

TESSIO

(frowning)

Hell, he can't do that. It screws up all my arrangements.

THREE MORE BODYGUARDS appear around him.

105B (CONT.)

HAGEN

(gently)

I can't go with you either, Tessio.

He flashes at the men surrounding him; for a moment he panics, and then he accepts it.

TESSIO

(after the pause)

Tell Mike it was business...I always liked him.

HAGEN

He understands that.

TESSIO looks at the men, and then pauses.

TESSIO

(softly)

Tom, can you get me off the hook?
For old times' sake?

HAGEN

I can't.

HAGEN turns, and walks away from the group. Then about twenty paces away, he stops, and looks back.

TESSIO is led into a waiting car.

HAGEN looks away, and walks off.

105C INT DAY: CARLO'S LIVING ROOM (1955)

CARLO RIZZI is alone in his house, smoking, waiting rather nervously. He moves to the window and looks out.

WHAT HE SEES:

105D EXT DAY: MALL (1955)

MICHAEL, still dressed in a dark suit; followed by NERI, LAMPONE and CLEMENZA, then HAGEN.

They move toward us.

Excitedly, CARLO moves to the front door; opens it.

He wears a broad smile.

105D (CONT.)

CARLO

Godfather!

MICHAEL

You have to answer for Santino.

The smile on CARLO's face slowly fades, then, in a foolish attempt for safety, he slams the door in their faces and backs into the living room.

105E INT DAY: CARLO'S LIVING ROOM (1955)

The door opens, and the grim party enters.

MICHAEL

You fingered Sonny for the Barzini people. That little farce you played out with my sister. Did Barzini kid you that would fool a Corleone?

CARLO

(dignity)

I swear I'm innocent. I swear on the head of my children, I'm innocent. Mike, don't do this to me, please Mike, don't do this to me!

MICHAEL

(quietly)

Barzini is dead. So is Philip Tattaglia, so are Strachi, Cuneo and Moe Greene...I want to square all the family accounts tonight. So don't tell me you're innocent; admit what you did.

CARLO is silent; he wants to talk but is terrified.

MICHAEL

(almost kindly)

Don't be frightened. Do you think I'd make my sister a widow? Do you think I'd make your children fatherless? After all, I'm Godfather to your son. No, your punishment is that you're out of the family business. I'm putting you on a plane to Vegas--and I want you to stay there. I'll send Connie an allowance, that's all. But don't keep saying you're innocent; it insults my intelligence and makes me angry. Who approached you, Tattaglia or Barzini?

105E (CONT.)

CARLO
(sees his way out)
Barzini.

MICHAEL
(softly)
Good, good. Leave now; there's a
car waiting to take you to the air-
port.

CARLO moves to the door; opens it. There is a car
waiting; with a group of MEN around it.

He looks back at MICHAEL, who reassures him.

MICHAEL
I'll call your wife and tell her
what flight you're on.

105F EXT DAY: MALL

CARLO moves out to the Mall; the BUTTONMEN are putting
his things in the trunk.

ONE opens the front door for him.

SOMEONE is sitting in the rear seat, though we cannot
see who.

CARLO gets into the car; out of nervousness, he looks
back to see the other man.

It is CLEMENZA, who nods cordially.

The motor starts, and as the car pulls away, CLEMENZA
suddenly throws the garrote around CARLO's neck. He
chokes and leaps up like a fish on a line, kicking his
feet.

The garrote is pulled tighter; CARLO's face turns
color.

His thrashing feet kick right through the front wind-
shield.

Then the body goes slack.

CLEMENZA makes a foul face, and opens the window as the
car drives off.

105G EXT DAY: CARLO'S STEPS (1955)

MICHAEL and his party. They watch.

Then he turns and walks off, and they follow.

-----FADE OUT-----

FADE IN:

106 INT NITE: MICHAEL'S LIMO EN ROUTE (1955)

MICHAEL sits alone in the back of his car; NERI is driving.

They do not speak for a long time; it is night--car lights flash by.

NERI turns back.

NERI

You know I would never question anything you say.

MICHAEL

(smiles)

Speak your mind.

NERI

I'll do this for you; you know I should.

MICHAEL

No. This I have to do.

107A EXT NITE: PIZZA STREET (1955)

MICHAEL's car pulls up in a quiet neighborhood, near an Italian Pizzeria. NERI opens the door.

MICHAEL

Sit in the car.

107B INT NITE: PIZZA PLACE (1955)

He walks alone into the restaurant. A MAN is tossing pizza dough in the air.

MICHAEL

Where's the boss?

107B (CONT.)

MAN

In the back. Hey Frank, someone wants you.

A MAN comes out of the shadows, with a strong Italian accent.

MAN

What is it?

He stops, frozen in fear. It is FABRIZZIO.

VIEW ON MICHAEL. Gunfire from under his coat. FABRIZZIO is cut down. MICHAEL throws the gun down; turns and exits.

108A EXT DAY: MALL (1955)

HIGH ANGLE ON THE CORLEONE MALL

Several moving vans are parked in the Mall; one feels that these are the final days; the families are moving out; signs indicating that the property is for sale are evident.

A black limousine pulls up, and before it has even stopped, the rear door flies open, and CONNIE attempts to run out, restrained by MAMA. She manages to break free and runs across the Mall into Michael's house.

108B INT DAY: DON'S LIVING ROOM (1955)

Inside the Corleone house. Big boxes have been packed; furniture prepared for shipping.

CONNIE

Michael!

She hurries into the living room, where she comes upon MICHAEL and KAY.

KAY

(comforting)

Connie...

But CONNIE avoids her, and moves directly to MICHAEL. NERI is watchful.

108B (CONT.)

CONNIE

You lousy bastard; you killed my husband...

KAY

Connie...

CONNIE

You waited until our father died and nobody could stop you and you killed him, you killed him! You blamed him about Sonny, you always did, everybody did. But you never thought about me, never gave a damn about me.

(crying)

What am I going to do now, what am I going to do.

TWO of Michael's BODYGUARDS move closer, ready for orders from him. But he stands there, waiting for his sister to finish.

KAY

Connie, how could you say such things?

CONNIE

Why do you think he kept Carlo on the Mall? All the time he knew he was going to kill my husband. But he didn't dare while my father was alive. And then he stood Godfather to our child. That coldhearted bastard.

(to KAY)

And do you know how many men he had killed with Carlo? Just read the papers. That's your husband.

She tries to spit into MICHAEL's face; but in her hysteria she has no saliva.

MICHAEL

Get her home and get a doctor.

The TWO BODYGUARDS immediately take her arms and move her, gently but firmly.

KAY is shocked; never taking her look of amazement from MICHAEL. He feels her look.

108B (CONT.)

MICHAEL
She's hysterical.

But KAY won't let him avoid her eyes.

KAY
Michael, it's not true. Please
tell me.

MICHAEL
Don't ask me.

KAY
Tell me!

MICHAEL
All right, this one time I'll let
you ask about my affairs, one last
time.

KAY
Is it true?

She looks directly into his eyes, he returns the look,
so directly that we know he will tell the truth.

MICHAEL
(after a very long
pause)

No.

KAY is relieved; she throws her arms around him, and
hugs him. Then she kisses him.

KAY
(through her tears)
We both need a drink.

1000 INT DAY: DON'S KITCHEN (1955)

She moves back into the kitchen and begins to prepare
the drinks. From her vantage point, as she smilingly
makes the drinks, she sees CLEMENZA, NERI and ROCCO
LAMPONE enter the house with their BODYGUARDS.

She watches with curiosity, as MICHAEL stands to re-
ceive them. He stands arrogantly at ease, weight
resting on one foot slightly behind the other. One
hand on his hip, like a Roman Emperor. The CAPOREGINES
stand before him.

108C (CONT.)

CLEMENZA takes MICHAEL's hand, kissing it.

CLEMENZA

Don Corleone...

The smile fades from KAY's face, as she looks at what her husband has become.

-----LONG DISSOLVE-----

109 INT DAY: CHURCH (1955)

KAY wears a shawl over her head. She drops many coins in the coin box, and lifts a burning taper, and one by one, in a pattern known only to herself, lights thirty candles.

THE END