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BEN

Nice family. Cuban fishing boat captain?

VITTI

I can't tell Marie you're a shrink. She'd worry, you know.

BEN

About this? I think she'd be more worried about your career choice.

VITTI

Just keep going with the therapy.

He crosses to the bar, pours himself a drink, and lights a cigarette.

BEN

You know, normally a patient wouldn't smoke or drink during a session.

VITTI

(blowing smoke)

That's an interesting fact I'll have to remember if I'm ever on 'Jeopardy.'

BEN

So tell me about your father.

VITTI

My father. He was a big man in the neighborhood -- very well respected. Everybody loved him, God rest his soul.

BEN

He passed away?

VITTI

No, I just like saying 'God rest his soul.' Yeah, he passed away. He died when I was about twelve.

BEN

How?

VITTI

Heart attack. Sudden thing.

BEN

Were you and your father close?

VITTI

Close? Yeah, you know, pretty close. I guess we weren't getting along that great right then.

BEN

Why was that?

VITTI

I was hangin' out in the neighborhood. I had a borghata -- like a kid gang -- hooligan shit, nothin' big. But my father didn't like it.

BEN

You fought about it?

VITTI

He slapped the shit out of me.

BEN

And then?

VITTI

And then that night he died.

BEN

How did that feel?

VITTI

It felt great! How did it feel?
(shrugs)
I don't know.

BEN

Well, think about it. Were you angry, were you afraid? Sad?

VITTI

Yeah, I guess.

BEN

Any feelings of guilt?

VITTI

About what? I didn't kill him.

BEN

I'm just speculating, but maybe in some way you wanted him to die.

VITTI

Why would I want my father to die?

BEN

Well, you said you were fighting. You were rebelling against his authority. There may have been some unresolved Oedipal conflict.

VITTI

English.

BEN

Oedipus was a Greek king who killed his father and married his mother.

VITTI

Fuckin' Greeks.

BEN

It's an instinctual developmental drive. The young boy wants to replace his father so he can totally possess his mother.

VITTI

Are you saying I wanted to fuck my mother?

BEN

It's a primal fantasy --

VITTI

Have you seen my mother? That is the sickest fucking thing I've ever heard.

BEN

It's Freud.

VITTI

Well, then Freud's a sick fuck, and you are too for bringing it up.