

INT. LIVING ROOM

Dad and son are sitting quietly. Then

POP
They wanna take you in, put "arrest pending " in the press tomorrow.

RAY
I know.

POP
I was sitting there on my ass, watching Jimmy's fucking testimony.

RAY
You believe that shit that Jimmy's spinning?

POP
Of course not. That's not the point. I told you to run everything through me and that we would handle it. But then you sit down with the goddamn IAB...and don't give me a heads up? No fucking phone call? You don't talk to me, Ray.

RAY
I'm here. I'm telling you now, okay? Listen to me. Jimmy is a drug dealer, Pop. He murdered that guy, and Francis is in it. Pop, he's in up to his neck. Now, I tried. I tried to talk to Fran, and when I sat in there with IAB...I gave them nothing. I said as little as I could say. But if Jimmy's gonna box me in, I gotta tell them what I know. I got no fucking choice.

POP
The fuck you got no choice. You could've taken that lay-up that they were handing you.

RAY
Oh, no. No, Pop.

POP
And saved us a fucking mess.

RAY
Come on. What good would it have done?

Pause.

POP
Jimmy's a scumbag. Jesus. We'll take care of him. But we got a hole that needs to get plugged up...before it takes down half the department.

RAY
It's too late, Pop.

POP

We protect our own, Ray...That is all I know. We protect our own. You gotta show me some fucking loyalty here.

RAY

No. Don't use that word with me. It doesn't mean shit to me anymore, you know that? Cause I done your kinda loyalty. It cost me too much.

POP

What did it cost you?

RAY

It cost me everything! It cost me...it cost me the woman that I love. Cause she told me that we were wrong on Matt Haven case. She told me. I didn't listen.

POP

Look, you said you weren't sure about what you saw.

RAY

No...

POP

I heard it.

RAY

You heard what you wanted to hear. Don't bullshit me. It was a lie to protect a bad cop, and you knew it, and I knew it. And I got up there and said it in front of the grand jury. We did wrong. We did a wrong thing. I'm not gonna do this again. Not for you.

Pause.

POP

Now, you listen to me, and you listen good. This is not just about the department. That's not what we're talking about here. This is family. This is our way of life. Jimmy is married to your sister. He's the father of her children, for chrissake. And your brother Francis is in a bad hour here, and the only way through this is you. You're the only door. Jimmy is gonna take back his story. I'll see to that. And you just follow the crumbs like they're laid out for you. Take a deep breath and say what needs to be said. Like you believe it with every bone of your body, and then we move through this thing. And that's what you're gonna do.