

ANALYSE THIS – BEN & SINDONE

Ben rises and slaps Jelly hard across the face.

BEN

(quietly)

Jelly! We don't ever discuss Mr. Vitti's health
outside the family.
You know better.

Jelly is stunned. The bosses murmur.

SINDONE

All right, who is this guy and what the fuck is he
doing here?

BEN

In answer to your first question, my name is
Ben Sobol...

(off Sindone's look)

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Sobboleone.

They call me "The doctor".

As for your second question.

I'm here representing Paul Vitti.

As his conser... conghili...

JELLY

(prompting)

Consigliere...

BEN

(slaps him again)

Don't you ever correct me again!

As his consigliere, I'm intimately involved in all
aspects of the family business and I'm prepared
to speak for Mr. Vitti on all matters.

SINDONE

Okay, Doctor, then let's get down to business.

Everybody knows there's been this thing
between me and Paul Vitti for a long time.

BEN

Which thing are you talking about?

The first thing or the second thing?

SINDONE

What second thing? I only know one thing.

BEN

Well, I don't see how we can discuss the first thing without bringing up the second thing.
Didn't you talk to the guy?

He tugs meaningfully on his earlobe.

SINDONE

What guy?

BEN

The guy with the thing.

SINDONE

What thing? What the fuck are you talking about?

BEN

How should I know? You brought it up.

Gestures helplessly to the others.

This is the whole problem.
You can't have an intelligent conversation with the man.

SINDONE

How about if I just break your fuckin' neck?
What do you think of that?

BEN

It's not important what I think.
What do you think?

SINDONE

What do I think? I think it's a good idea! Why would I say it if I didn't think it was good?

BEN

I don't know.
Why would you?

SINDONE

(frustrated)

I wouldn't! That's what I'm saying!

BEN

Have you always had a problem dealing with your anger?

SINDONE
What are you talking about?

BEN
What do you think I'm talking about?

SINDONE
(*explodes*)
I don't know what the fuck you're talking about!

BEN
See, you're angry again.
Do you feel you have to get angry to be heard?

Sindone turns to a couple of other bosses.

SINDONE
What's he talking about?

JELLY
I don't know.
But you do have a tendency to get angry a lot.

SINDONE
I'm trying to talk about Vitti!
Why are we talking about me?

BEN
Interesting.
Do you feel you're not worthy enough to be
talked about?

SINDONE
What does that mean?

BEN
What do you think it means?

SINDONE
Fuck you!

JELLY
Primo, calm down.

SINDONE
Calm down? How can I calm down when this
prick won't stop with the questions?

BEN
Could you pass the fruit, please?

SINDONE

That's it! You're a dead man!

*Sindone whips out a pistol and points it at Ben, but just
as he's about to shoot...*