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SCENE 9  
LATER THAT MONDAY – TONY'S ROOM

*(TONY enters his room...lights up on FRANK JR., a priest, in his late twenties)*

Frankie????!!!

TONY

✧ ✧ Hey, Mambo.

FRANK JR.

*(the TWO BROTHERS embrace then stand back to check each other out)*

What are you doin' here?

TONY

Checkin' out your posters.

FRANK JR.

Yeah?

TONY

Yeah...interesting.

FRANK JR.

*(FRANK JR. hits TONY in the chest... they laugh)*

It's good to see you.

TONY

You, too.

FRANK JR.

Yeah...you look good.

TONY

No, I don't. You do! You look wonderful.

FRANK JR.

Yeah...I mean...wow! This is a surprise.

TONY

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Ha. Yeah.

FRANK JR.

TONY

I knew something was up cause when I walked in downstairs, they didn't have no criticism of me. Ha!

FRANK JR.

Yeah...well maybe they're in shock.

TONY

In shock? How come they're in shock?

FRANK JR.

I'm uh...I'm leaving the church, Tony.

TONY

Oh yeah, yeah sure. Leavin' the church. That's a good one. Tell me another.

FRANK JR.

I'm leavin' the priesthood.

TONY

Oh, come on, Frank, don't fool around like that.

*(he catches sight of himself in the mirror...moves closer to examine his reflection)*

Hey, you think I look like Al Pacino?

*(into the mirror)*

*(beat...then realizes)*

Are you...are you serious?

FRANK JR.

Can I borrow some of your clothes until I buy some? I don't want to wear the uniform any more.

*(TONY sees that FRANK JR. is serious... he sits down...beat)*

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TONY

I'm sorry, Frank. I really am. I'm sorry.

FRANK JR.

What are you sorry about?

TONY

You got fired, huh?

FRANK JR.

*(he laughs)*

I didn't get fired. I quit.

TONY

You quit?

FRANK JR.

Yeah, you can do those things, you know.

*(beat)*

TONY

What did Mom say? What did she say about it?

FRANK JR.

She said, "Dear Lord, what am I gonna tell Theresa and Marie?"

TONY

And Dad? What did he say?

FRANK JR.

Ashamed, both of them. Very ashamed, right?

TONY

Didn't ask why? Nothin'?

FRANK JR.

Nah...I think they're afraid to. Like I might say 'celibacy.'

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*(FRANK JR. kind of chuckles as TONY joins him)*

TONY

Are you gonna sleep here tonight? You want to sleep in my room?