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## The Godfather’s Guide to Academia

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Keep your friends close and your enemies closer

Accidents don’t happen to people who take accidents as a personal insult

Find a wartime consigliere

Make them offers they can’t refuse

There are things that have to be done and you do them and you never talk about them

Don’t ask about the family business

Never let anyone know what you’re thinking

It’s dangerous to be an honest man

Time erodes gratitude more quickly than it does beauty

A lawyer with a briefcase can steal more than a man with a gun

Behind every successful fortune, there is a crime

If you live like a fool, you come to a fool’s end

When they come, they come at what you love

Your enemies always get stronger on what you leave behind

There’s no greater advantage in life than having an enemy overestimate your faults

Treachery cannot be forgiven

These things have to happen once every ten years or so

Luca Brasi sleeps with the fishes

Don’t ever go against the family

Leave the gun, take the cannoli

