

ALDEAN

## INTERVENTION.

BLACK CAST.

BARBARA is Bound and Gagged with Rope and Duct Taped to supporting Pillar Column.

JAMES T holds his Taser as he speaks.

**JAMES T:**

... And I remember the time I use to put you on my shoulders and we'd go down to the penny candy store. And you'd get them lemon heads. And them red hots. And mix them together. Once they were good and soggy in your mouth you'd open up wide and stick your tongue out and laugh. You called it pink lemonade. I miss that sister, Barbara. The one that useta catch fire flies with me at night and useta use them as night lights stuck in a jar when we slept outside in that ole tent in the back yard next to the ole swing set. I miss the way as you gat older you'd call me and we'd talk about Eric and Peanut and all those men who ever tried to hurt you. And you'd say "brotha I need your help". Once or twice I'd come over there and hold one of

them down while you beat the hell out of 'em with a brick. I want that sister back. That's the sister I want back.

*(suddenly very emotional)*

... You been on this a long time Barbara. And Sis it's time to let it go. Its time to let us go Zippity Boom. And come on home. Go get the help we're offering you and come on home. We need you to let it go Barbara. Get the help. Will you do this? Will you take this opportunity that we are offering to you? And come on home.

*Silence.*

*The Bound and Gagged BARBARA makes no gesture of speech or movement.*

**LILLIE ANNE:**

*(softly)* Alright, Adlean. Now you.

*ADLEAN looks to LILLIE ANNE and doesn't move.*

**LILLIE ANNE:**

*(softly)* Go on. Tell her what you have on your heart.

*Slowly ADLEAN steps closer.*

**START**

**ADLEAN:**

... Barbara... I remember how you use to come in and... tickle my feet in the morning. You knew I never liked getting up for school so you said you'd wake me up with a laugh. And I know sometimes I'd bust you in the jaw with a shoe... but the ticklin' grew on me and I started to expect it... Well

Barbara... I need my little tickle alarm clock back in my life. I would like to leave this earth knowing that you had gotten your life back together... put your self together in a whole different way without all those drugs and drink. It makes me very sad to have to be riding through downtown with my grandkids and see you standing on the street corner after having shitted on yourself. That one time I stopped... it broke my heart to see you. But you should know I have not stopped many many many times Barbara. The time you were riding on the front of that old man's Hoveround wheelchair. In the middle of the street. The time you were chasing down some wimmen with a hot glue gun and no draws on your ass. Ass just in the air. In the middle of the street. I said to myself. "Is that my sister Barbara? In the middle of the gatdamn street?" ...I don't stop anymore. For the sake of my grandkids I don't stop. But Zippity Boom **you** have to stop. **You** need help, Barbara. We've found a place that can help you. We will be here to support you when you return. Barbara, will you please take this gift we are giving you. We love you. Will you please go to rehab, Barbara? Will you please take this help from those nice people up there in Alaska?

**END**

*Suddenly BARBARA moves on the word "Alaska".*

*The others Glare at ADLEAN, who covers her mouth with her hands.*

*Silence.*

**LILLIE ANNE:**

*(to MARIE through clenched Teeth) Marie.*

*MARIE keeps her distance from BARBARA.*

**MARIE:**

... Barbara... Zippity Boom...

*(sings)* "Satah you been on my mind..."

*(beat)*

You remember when you and me and Lillie Anne and Adlean and Tina we all went out and had us a girls night out?

**ADLEAN:**

Tina whatn't there.

*They All Glare at ADLEAN again, who again covers her mouth.*

**MARIE:**

*(back to BARBARA)* ... We went to that little club downtown on the corner of Crafton. What was it called? I think it was "Kellers". Remember. We had to sneak Tina in cuz she had just turned 16 or something. We all sat up in there like we was grown and dared anybody to tell us any different... You had your first pina colada. And we could tell you liked it. Cuz that was the day we met Zippity Boom. Zippity Boom Boom. She came OUT that night for the first time and we was all laughing. We use to laugh, Barbara. Remember. Just that night. Remember when we gat back from Kellers that night we snuck in through the side window