## BROUGHT BACK (B) 1 - 1

HE

Are you ready?

SHE

I'm not going. I don't want to see him.

HE

Yes you do.

SHE

I'm telling you I don't.

HE

Just hurry up. We're gonna get caught in traffic.

SHE

I wish he'd just hurry up and die.

HE

Lisa, that's terrible. I'll wait for you in the car.

SHE

I wish he'd die.

HE

It's not his fault. It's a disease. If he'd had help sooner, he wouldn't be so sick now. He's not old enough to be this sick.

SHE

If he'd had help? Why should anyone help him? He never helped me.

HE

Look, it's not just a bad habit. It's a sickness. He can't control it.

SHE

You know how true that is, do you?

HE

Lisa, I know. He shouldn't have hit you, but he hit me too. And a lot worse. I missed school. Remember? That time I stole money from his wallet he almost killed me. He hit me with the buckle for that. I got it a lot worse than you ever did. You never missed school. But now he needs us. We're all he's got.

## BROUGHT BACK 1 - 2

SHE

He didn't just hit me.

HE

Are you coming or not?

SHE

You were just a baby.

HE

Lisa, I don't want to get into this now.

SHE

You don't want to know the truth.

HE

We'll talk in the car.

SHE

If I told you the truth and you really heard me, maybe you wouldn't be so responsible and perfect all the time. Maybe you'd... maybe you'd throw up. That's what I did. That was me. Sitting under the shower trying to wash it all away. Crying until I threw up.

HE

We all cried. That's what kids do when they get spanked.

SHE

Spanked? Is that what it was?

HE

He was just doing his best to teach us... discipline. That's how he was brought up. That's the only way he knew.

SHE

Do you hear me? He wasn't jut spanking me, Peter.

HE

That's because you're a girl.

SHE

Oh, my God.

HE

What is your problem?

## BROUGHT BACK 1 - 3

SHE

Are you deaf? Don't you hear what I'm saying? I'm finally saying it and you can't hear me. Nobody can hear me.

HE

Lisa, you're just upset. You're getting all worked up because you're... emotional. You were always so emotional.

SHE

Peter, I want you to listen to me.

HE

I'm listening.

SHE

No you're not. I want you to look at me and listen to me.

HE

Lisa, I'm going to the hospital. If you don't want to come that's fine. The flowers can be from both of us. I'll tell him you had to work late.

SHE

He was bad, Peter. He hurt me. And I want to tell you something else. When you were little, before we moved to the new house, he hurt you, too.

HE

You're talking crazy now. I'll call you tomorrow.

SHE

The summer after mom died. I saw what he did to you.

HE

Lisa, please stop this.

SHE

No. Now I'm saying it and I'm never going to stop.

HE

Why are you doing this?

SHE

Because you can't.