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people but I wanted you again because I thought you were the best.

Bl It wasn't me again.

SALTER No but the same basic the same raw

materials because they were perfect. You were the most beautiful baby everyone said. As a child too you were very pretty,

very pretty child.

START B1 You know when I used to be shouting.

SALTER No.

B1 When I was there in the dark. I'd be

shouting.

SALTER No.

B1 Yes, I'd be shouting dad dad

SALTER Was this some time you had a bad

dream or?

B1 shouting on and on

SALTER I don't think I

B1 shouting and shouting

SALTER no

B1 and you never came, nobody ever came

SALTER so was this after your mum

B1 after my mum was dead this was after

SALTER because you were very little when she

B1 yes because I can only remember

SALTER you were maybe two when she

32 **A NUMBER** B1 and I remember her sitting there, she was there SALTER you remember so early? B1 she'd be there but she wouldn't help stop anything SALTER I'm surprised B1so when I was shouting what I want to know SALTER but when was this B1I want to know if you could hear me or not because I never knew were you hearing mc and not coming or could you not hear me and if I shouted loud enough you'd come SALTER I can't have heard you, no B1 or maybe there was no one there at all and you'd gone out so no matter how hard I shouted there was no one there SALTER no that wouldn't have B1 so then I'd stop shouting but it was

worse SALTER because I hardly ever

B1 and I didn't dare get out of bed to go and see

SALTER I don't think this can have

because if there was nobody there that B1 would be terrifying and if you were there that might be worse but it's something I wonder

SALTER no

B1could you hear me shouting?

SALTER no I don't

B1 no

no I don't think this happened in quite **SALTER**

the

B1 what?

SALTER because I'd

again and again, every night B1

I'd be

SALTER no

so you didn't hear? B1

SALTER no but you can't have

B1 yes I was shouting, are you telling me

you didn't

SALTER no of course I didn't

you didn't B1

SALTER no

you weren't sitting there listening to me B1

shouting

SALTER no

you weren't out Bl

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SALTER no

Bl so I needed to shout louder.

SALTER Of course sometimes everyone who's had

children will tell you sometimes you put them to bed and they want another story and you say goodnight now and go away and they call out once or twice and you say no go to sleep now and they might call out again and they go to sleep.

Bl The other one. Your son. My brother is

he? my little twin.

SALTER Yes.

B1 Has he got a child?

SALTER No.

Bl Because if he had I'd kill it.

SALTER No, he hasn't got one.

B1 So when you opened the door you didn't

recognise me.

SALTER No because

Bl Do you recognise me now?

SALTER I know it's you.

B1 No but look at me.

SALTER I have. I am.

Bl No, look in my eyes. No, keep looking.

Look.