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but perhaps you talked you made him feel or did you follow him or lie in wait in some dark? and I don't know how you found him there did you follow him from his house when he left or follow him from here last time he?

B1 I didn't need to tell you it had happened

SALTER but you did so naturally I want to

B1 and I'm wishing I hadn't

SALTER no I'm glad

B1 and I'm not telling you

SALTER because I won't tell anyone

B1 and there's nothing more to be said.

SALTER What about the others? or is he the only

don't love the others, you and I have got common cause against the others don't forget, I'm still hoping we'll make our fortunes there. I'm going to talk to a

one you hated because I loved him, I

it's been like a storm going on I don't know what's gone on, it's not been very long ago it all started. You're not going

solicitor, I've been too busy not busy but

to be a serial, wipe them all out so you're the only, back like it was at the

start I'd understand that. If they do catch up with you, I'm sure they won't I'm sure you know what you're, if they

do we'll tell them it was me it was my

fault anyway you look at it. Don't you

agree, don't you feel that? Don't stop talking to me. It wasn't his fault, you should have killed me, it's my fault you. Perhaps you're going to kill me, is that why you've stopped talking? Shall I kill myself? I'd do that for you if you like, would you like that?

I'll tell you a thought, I could have killed you and I didn't. I may have done terrible things but I didn't kill you. I could have killed you and had another son, made one the same like I did or start again have a different one get married again and I didn't, I spared you though you were this disgusting thing by then anyone in their right mind would have squashed you but I remembered what you'd been like at the beginning and I spared you, I didn't want a different one, I wanted that again because you were perfect just like that and I loved you.

You know you asked me when you used to shout in the night. Sometimes I was there, I'd sit and listen to you or I'd not be in any condition to hear you I'd just be sitting. Sometimes I'd go out and leave you. I don't think you got out of bed, did you get out of bed, because you'd be frightened what I'd do to you so it was all right to go out. That was just a short period you used to shout, you grew out of that, you got so you'd

rather not see me, you wanted to be left alone in the night, you wouldn't want me to come any more. You'd nearly stopped speaking do you remember that? not speaking not eating I tried to make you. I'd put you in the cupboard do you remember? or I'd look for you everywhere and I'd think you'd got away and I'd find you under the bed. You liked it there I'd put your dinner under for you. But it got worse do you remember? There was nobody but us. One day I cleaned you up and said take him into care. You didn't look too bad and they took you away. My darling. Do you remember that? Do you remember that day because I don't remember it you know. The whole thing is very vague to me. It's two years I remember almost nothing about but you must remember things and when you're that age two years is much longer, it wasn't very long to me, it was one long night out. Can you tell me anything you remember? the day you left? can you tell me things I did I might have forgotten?

**B**1

When I was following him there was a time I was getting on the same train and he looked round, I thought he was looking right at me but he didn't see me. I got on the train and went with him all the way.

SALTER

Yes? yes?

**J**