



BARABBAS

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**CHARACTERS**

**Jesus**  
**Rita**

**Scene One: Int. Front room – Day**

1. SOUND: SOUND OF A HOOVER. SOUND OF HOOVER IS TURNED OFF.

JESUS: Um.

RITA: Jesus! You didn't half give me a fright. You've missed all the fun and games. All the booze is finished. They drank me dry. Can I make you a cup of tea? I'll put the kettle on. Do you take sugar?

JESUS: I'm so cold, so cold.

RITA: A nice cup of tea will warm you up. I've got some biscuits, there's some biscuits, in the biscuit tin, I always keep some in, I don't like to get caught short, so I always keep a biscuit in. Don't like to be without a biscuit.

JESUS: I'm so cold, so cold, my hands. The pain in my hands. Blackness only blackness, there's no hope, I can't get out, I can't get out, somebody help me. What have I done to deserve this? Why am I in this place, its cold, it's so cold, help me, help me, I can't see, I've gone blind, help me. Its only blackness that I can see, I can't find my way out. It's so cold, I stumble, I feel my way along the walls, there cold and damp, creatures run over my hands. It's so cold. Blackness is all I can see. All I can see is blackness.

2. SOUND: SOUND OF JESUS FALLING ON THE FLOOR.

RITA: Oh Jesus. Now, now. What's the matter, you've gone and fallen down. What's the matter with your hands, Rita will fix them.

JESUS: Um.

RITA: Would you like a nice cup of tea now, after your fall? I think there might be some sandwiches left over, on second thoughts they might be a bit curly by now. I'll make you a fresh one. A fresh one would be better. A fresh sandwich. I've got cheese, or ham...

JESUS: Um?

RITA: Or I've got a bit of curry left over from last night, it was very popular. I made it myself from my own recipe. It wasn't his kettle of fish of course. Fish and chips that's what