

TO LESLIE

(Mother/Son)

James
Where you been?!

Leslie
Well, you're home early.

James
I've been all over town looking for you.

Leslie
I was here baby, watching tv—

James
Mom!

Leslie
I was here. And I went for a walk cuz I been cooped up in here, so I went looking for a job.

James
A job?

Leslie
Yeah. Get my plan, you know, figure out my plan. Hey, what's wrong? You okay? Honey, are you okay?

James
What kind of job?

Leslie
What kind? Any kind, any kind.

James
Were you next door?

Leslie
Uh—

James
Jesus Fucking Christ.

Leslie

Baby, baby, baby— baby please – I was just trying to have some fun cuz it's shit being here.

James

You stole money from Darren.

Leslie

What???

James

You stole money from Darren!

Leslie

I didn't steal nothin'—did he tell you that?

James

Lie to me again. Lie to me again.

Leslie

I'm your mother, I would not steal money from you.

(He checks her pockets)

What are you doing? Get off of me!

James

(Finds cash)

Un-fuckin-believable!

Leslie

This is fuckin' bullshit!

(He starts going through her stuff)

Baby, baby... Hey, hey!

James

(He flips her mattress to reveal empty bottles)

What did I say?! NO drinking!!!

Leslie

I'm your mother, you cannot talk to me this way, James.

James

Mother?? Mother!?!

Leslie
Yes, your mama. Stop!

James
You're a drunk!!!

Leslie
I am sick.

James
I'm not gonna do this again. I'm not.

Leslie
You?... What about me? We were supposed to have a good life. I didn't want this for you.

James
I had a good life until you showed up. I'm not even 20! I can't even drink yet and I have to take care of my mother. I have to take care of you? I made one rule – No drinking. And you couldn't last a fuckin' day!

Leslie
I'm sad. I can't help it. But I wanna be a good mama. I wanna be a good mama again. Baby? I wanna be a good mama. I love you so much, baby.

James
No—

Leslie
Who are you calling? Are you calling Grandma?! You cannot call my mother! She is my mother! You do not call my mother!... You leave her out of this!!!

James
I'm taking you to the bus station.

Leslie
No, baby. I will not go out again, baby.

James
I called Dutch.

Leslie
Dutch?

James

He's gonna pick you up when you get to town.

Leslie

Baby, don't make me go back there. No, no... you're just like your grandma!!!... Baby, I love you so much. I love you so much. Don't do this to me.

James

(He takes some money out of his wallet and shoves it in her hand)

I hope that fills your cup.