

CAREY SIDE

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CAREY

You knew her. You knew what she was like... how good she was. She was so strong, she was so brave – the last time I saw her... in the rear view mirror... the mirror was all cracked up... she was covered in cracks... standing there. I saw her! She was supposed to be in the truck... but she was standing there on the side of the road... looking into the ravine... And then the mirror turned cloudy... and she was gone. Before I could get to her...

Come on, Carey, come on, come on/ come on.

(not listening to him) They hand me the roster with another Marine's name crossed off and Alyson's name written in. I should have said what's with the change of personnel at the last minute? Why is the sergeant originally assigned to the convoy being pulled out?

You know why.

I only know what they told me: the other sergeant got food poisoning. Food poisoning? Do you believe that? We all ate the same food. Why didn't anybody else get sick? I knew there was something fishy going on. I knew it. I felt it. But why didn't I say anything? Why didn't I say "what the fuck is going on here!"