**Mother**

**Scene 8 (Street Scene – Cherise is outside)**

*(Lights up)*

*(Cherise is walking the street at night with her jacket hood over her head. She is afraid. She sees Soldier#2 holding a baby and a mother screaming so she hides behind a trash can)*

**Mother:** (*Screaming in desperation*) Please! Please! Give me my baby!

**Soldier#2**: Take the Mark and you can have your baby!

**Mother:** Look (*going in her purse*) I have money and some food! Here, you can have it all just give me my baby.

**Soldier#2**: What good is your money or food to me? I don’t need it! As a matter of fact, what good is it to you! The only thing that will save this baby is you taking the mark!

**Mother**: Please no! Please! Please!

**Soldier#2** (*Pulling a knife out of his pocket*) five, four, three….

**Mother:** Okay! Okay!

**Soldier#2:** Okay what?

**Mother**: I’ll take it! I’ll take the Mark, just please don’t hurt my baby.

**Soldier#2:** Awww you’re such a good mother!

*(Soldier#2 puts the knife away and powers up the Marking machine and gives the baby back to the mother)*

Now denounce him! Now! Come on Reject Jesus right now!

*(Mother is crying hysterically)*

**Mother*:***But I just had her! The Doctor told me I would never have kids, but I just had her two weeks ago!

**Soldier#2**: So what are you saying? Don’t tell me you believe God gave you that baby! You missed “the great rapture” that everyone’s talking about. He can’t possibly love you or that baby!

**Mother:** I know why I’m here, but God still gave me…God gave me…

**Soldier#2** (*Pulling his knife back out)* Oh you’re still on this God thing. Let’s see God save this baby.

(*Cherise jumps from behind the trash can and starts swinging on Soldier#2.).*

**Cherise**: Leave her alone! Let her go!

*(Mother runs away with her baby) (Soldier#2 shoves Cherise viciously on the ground)*

**Soldier#2:** *(standing over her with knife in hand)* You have no idea what you did little girl!

After I find her I’m gonna find you and kill you too.

(*Soldier runs after the Mother) (Cherise gets up limping and quickly walks down the street)*

*(Lights out)*