SIN SATION

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OVER BLACK

Light SNORING.

The RING of a phone. Another RING, and another - then --

OVER WHITE

ADAM (V.O.) (groggy - muttering)

Hello...?

The rhythmic CLICK - CLICK - CLICK of a METRONOME set at a low speed.

ADAM (V.O.)

Hello...?

CLICK -- CLICK -- CLICK.

ADAM (V.O.)

Hello!?

CALLER (V.O.)

(deep, wise voice)

At midnight, the curtains will open at the Holman Correctional Facility execution chamber.

ADAM (V.O.)

Who is this...?

CALLER (V.O.)

A dozen of my children will watch as Samuel Jefferson is strapped to a gurney and administered a lethal injection --

ADAM (V.O.)

Answer me!

CALLER (V.O.)

As punishment for a crime he did not commit. But you already knew that... Didn't you, Adam?

ADAM (V.O.)

Fuck off!

CALLER (V.O.)

Time is precious here.

ADAM (V.O.)

He deserves what he's getting. He murdered that girl. How the hell would you know any different?

CALLER (V.O.)

Because I took Samuel's last confession.

ADAM (V.O.)

What...?

CALLER (V.O.)

He begged for forgiveness for all his sins. And he begged for justice for the one sin he did not commit.

ADAM (V.O.)

I don't believe this crap.

CALLER (V.O.)

You took that girl's life, Adam. You must confess and spare Samuel. You have less than an hour. Do this, and I promise you mercy.

ADAM (V.O.)

Mercy?

CALLER (V.O.)

Eternal.

ADAM (V.O.)

You think I'm a fucking fool!? That I'd fall for a trick like this?

CALLER (V.O.)

Save Samuel. Confess your sin.

ADAM (V.O.)

Who are you!?

CALLER (V.O.)

Only three beings know of Samuel's innocence. Only three know of your guilt. Samuel.... You... and God. Confess....

CLICK -- CLICK -- CLICK

CALLER (V.O.)

Before it's too late.

ADAM (V.O.)

If you're God, you save him.

CALLER (V.O.)

It is not my place. It is yours.

ADAM (V.O.)

Leave me alone.

CALLER (V.O.)

Your fate. Samuel's fate. Are both in your hands, Adam. Choose morally. Choose wisely. Time is running out.

CLICK -- CLICK -- CLICK -- CLICK

ADAM (V.O.)

Leave me the fuck alone!!

A DIAL TONE - the THUD of the phone being dropped on a table.

OVER RED

The last CLICK -- CLICK -- CLICK of the METRONOME.

Heavy panicked breathing - panting.

Then silence for a moment.

The RING of a phone. Another RING, and another - then --

ADAM (V.O.)

Hello...?

SATANIC VOICE (V.O.)

It's one minute past midnight. Samuel is gone.

ADAM (V.O.)

(fearful)

Who is this?

SATANIC VOICE (V.O.)

You didn't answer his call. So now, you must answer mine.

ADAM (V.O.)

(panicked)

I didn't think it was real. How could I?

SATANIC VOICE (V.O.)

How could you not?

The sound of a ROARING FIRE.

ADAM (V.O.)

I'll confess!

SATANIC VOICE (V.O.)

Too late.

TORTURED SCREAMS from the beyond.

ADAM No....!