

The life of Bobbi Lee is about why we must talk

Natalie Knight

kinda black

dark

kind tone

light

tan

black

staring at the shot

kid staring

staring

startled camera staring

with a sister kid

with a sister

staring trance

staring startled

at the shot

with a sister

skin

with a sister

staring trance-like

staring light trance

sister. black

concrete shot through

you. black concrete shot through you.

black concrete shot through sister.

hey sister. black

concrete staring. sister.

menace what a sister.

kid. what a

concrete shot kid.

what a kid.

what a trance to be a kid.

sister. hey sister. hey my light-trance sister.

menace with a sister. with a sister

the menace is concrete.

what a menace sister, what up

brother. what up

iraqi.

iraqi.

what a

iraqi

what a iraqi

soldier. what a iraqi

soldier no brother.

no, no brother.

iraqi. iraqi.

iraqi soldier taking the shot.

soldier taking the shot. kid

concrete. black

concrete. black clothing on a sister.

headdress.

headdress. iraqi soldier

headdress.

black clothing black concrete

headdresses.

halos. halos over bodies.

headdresses. halos.

—I hate

headdresses—

halos. halos. iraqi

halos.

black heads. dressed

hoods. black menace

hoods. black

menace iraqi hood. hooded

fury. hooded fury. hood

furry. furry haloed hooded

menace. black head

furry. black

iraqi, iraqi, iraqi

tone. black tone.

shadow tone.

menace tone.

furry.

furry tone.

head furry dressed.

headress furry. ferg furry ferg.

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That's her.

That's her.

That's her.

That's

her. The lady

the woman, her.

That one.

That woman with the high forehead.

That's the lady, uh, woman, uh

lady, her. That there

profile with a high forehead. That

lady. Call it history. Call it
history profiled there in high
profile. Forehead. Big foreheads.
That's her there. That picture there.
Call it history, call it
creepy. Call it history.
Creepy history that lady
that lady there, right
there. Uh woman uh lady uh
person there in the photo profiled
in sunlight making history trace.
Tracing history in foreheads.
That there woman. Creepy foreheads.
That woman there, that lady
that lady
that lady mother
mother with a high forehead
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named.
no.
Named.
No named, give named.
Give names to the sky, to the

sky which takes. It takes.

Give names in friendship

and when it is lost. Give names.

No named, named

sums up the ecstatic state

of our refusal

and love

and love

and love and

love and names

like

Desert Strike Northern Watch Desert Fox Southern Watch Desert Falcon
Sand Flea, rehearsal for Just Cause Power Pack Linebacker Ranch Hand
Trail Dust Rolling Thunder Sealords Starlight Sunrise Toucan Able
Sentry Constable Eastern Exit Tailwind Sharp Edge Shining Express
Restore Hope New Horizon Secure Democracy Desert Shield Desert
Storm Determination Record Provide Comfort Homecoming Hastings
Leap Frog Menu Phoenix Prime Chance Urgent Fury Earnest Will
Northwoods Evening Light Nimble Archer Peter Pan
Eagle Claw
Eager Glacier
Tomahawk

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No.

No.

No.

No.

No.

No.

No.

No.

No. No.

No.

No.

Can't hear you.

Didn't hear you.

Don't want to hear you.

Couldn't hear you.

Don't have to hear you.

Can't hear you.

Won't hear you.

Will not listen.

Won't hear it.

Don't want to hear you.

Will not listen.

Refuse to listen.

Refuse to.

At the PNE

refuse to

at the PNE

will not

at the PNE

close to the rafters
in the semi-dark
handin out tissues
at the PNE
people at the back
in the shadows
at the
back
where it smells like nachos
at the PNE
the people at the back
in sweatpants
in a Carhart jacket
in high-heeled sneakers—kinda hot—
at the back
I see a
<dreamcatcher>.

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halos and history hurts. Babylift
Barrel Roll
Steel Tiger
Tiger Hound
Bolo
Enhance Plus
Flaming Dart
Frequent Wind
Game Warden

black iraqi soldier brother boy

sister, *hey sister*. This, this is

a little heavy on the 'T'.

This is passionate

but not very conceptual.

Not very advanced.

Passionate, not very conceptual.

Not very progress.

Not very
progressive.

Now that summer has receded
I really want to meet progressive people.
progressive
people.

Now I really want to meet progressive people.
peeps. progressive peeps. prog peeps. *progs*.

Now that I self ID I meet them. I want
to meet them. I want to meet
them. I am drawn to meet them.

I really am drawn to progress
to progs
to aggression
to people
to light-tranced sisters. hey sister.
hey prog.