

1984

Rita in the  
Sky with insulin  
Was the toughest  
Woman on 2 feet:  
Met life as total  
Threatless

Treat:

Cut up trouble like it was just so much meat:  
Went dancing in night clubs when she was 12. In all of life she dared to delive:

Got into more trouble than battalion d'elv:  
Had more guts than any grizzly bear:

Whatever it was: Wherever it was:

Rita faced it square:

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Like a brave dove:

In a heroin heroine:

In a dangerous banquet's

Crystallized blood sugar cage:

Whoops: I shouldn't say cage:

You see with brave Rita Daniels:

Say cage:

Get rage:

Say free:

You are sage:

*In 1984: I got a phone call from a police detective in Boston informing me that my 25 year old daughter Rita would go to prison for heroin possession but that the judge would let her off if I'd*

bring her to California: Friends put her on a plane: I picked her up at the airport and took her straight to a treatment center where for \$250 cash she received methadone in diminishing doses for a month: I drove her for her methadone every morning at 7: I kept her with me in my studio every day and night for 2 months: Rita was tough: She got off heroin: She stayed off: This was especially difficult for a woman with the diabetic's endless supply of disposable needles and syringes: In a few short years she was married to a well educated Programmer: They owned a nice house in a pleasant neighborhood: Rita would appear on stage as Juliet, Lysistrata, Doctor Von Helzing and various other roles: I don't think she knew she had HIV: But she might have: One night at 11: When I was sheltering her methadonic withdrawal: She announced she was going out to a night club in the city: I said she couldn't go because she was weak from her withdrawal and needed rest: She said she was going: I said she couldn't go: Her eyes slit: She hissed: She screamed: "No one tells me what to do!" Spit in my face and gesturing a perfectly placed ghost of John and Lionel Barrymore cubed

*swagging in The West in late*

*1979 in an ignoble liberted slum section's empty run*

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