

Charles Gardener

Act II, Scene 1 (BGI) — Four years later

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For the first time, it really seems like things are going your way. You've gotten a few parts in stage shows and commercials, and now you actually have a minor recurring character in a television show called Backlash! You never really expected your acting career to take off, but now it looks like it might.

Over the past year, you have dated a few different women you met through your shows. None of them lasted, but it's been a lot of fun to be out and dating again. Currently, you're dating Margaret, a girl who works in costuming for Backlash. She's pretty and fun and exciting. No one will ever replace Barbara, but, for the first time, things are going well.

Unfortunately, you can't say the same for Barbara. William lost his job when his firm went under, and while he's been looking for work, it's been hard on him. Since his child support payments decreased, Barbara has been having trouble paying her rent. You'd love to help her out, but you're not going to do it with nothing in return. She doesn't need to date you, but she at least needs to let you be part of her Stephanie's lives. You also need to consider what Margaret might think. If this is going anywhere, how will she feel about you paying your ex-girlfriend's rent?