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Act II, Scene 2 (BGK) — Eight years later

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You don't know who to blame more for this disaster: Stephanie or William. Stephanie certainly needs to accept some of the responsibility for what she's done, but William... what did he expect giving the two of you barely enough child support and spending almost no time with his daughter even after he got a position at a new firm?

You're tired. You're just plain tired. For all of Stephanie's life, you've worked low-wage jobs just trying to make ends meet. It means you haven't always had the time for Stephanie that she needed. And a little bit of money every month isn't a substitute for a father either. You've done your best, but it is clear that sometimes that isn't enough.

Stephanie needs to really learn how to show some gratitude to you for everything you've done for her. Going out drinking and partying whenever she gets the chance doesn't cut it. Yes, her life has been harder than it could have been, but that's no excuse. She's almost an adult now and she needs to learn to shape up.

You know that William will probably offer to get her off light for this. He did the same for his brother, Charles, enough over the years. You aren't sure that getting Stephanie off the hook on this one is that great an idea though. She needs to grow up and the only reason you're considering it is because the two of you really do need the money she has coming in from her job, a job she can only get to with a car. If she loses her driver's license over this, she loses her job and the money it brings in.