

Charles Gardener

Act I, Scene 3 (BDF) — Two years later

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Since Barbara accepted William's proposal, you have tried very hard to move on. You briefly dated Karen, a secretary at the high school where you worked. She was in a play with you and it was exciting for a little while, but she could never measure up to Barbara. When you got a job teaching theatre at the college, you and Karen parted ways.

Recently, it has been getting harder and harder to keep away. You can't stand watching Barbara wither away like this. William loves her, you know that, but he never shows it. He doesn't give her any of the love, passion and attention that you could give her. Barbara needs to get out of that marriage before she's trapped by a child. She's wasting away.

It's not just for you. Sure, you would take her back if she came to you. Of course you would; you still love her. She's still the only woman in the world to you. Really, though, you would want her to leave William even if you knew she would never come back to you. She's dying in that relationship.

You haven't pushed because you didn't want to hurt your brother, but you can't watch this any longer. Whatever happens, you need to convince her to get out of that relationship before she loses herself altogether.