

William Gardener

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

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Watching your niece, Stephanie, is like watching your brother Charles back in the day. She's every bit as reckless and wild as he was, only today that means it is a lot more dangerous. You always did your best to watch out for your younger brother and you hope that you can do something at least to help out with Stephanie.

Charles has matured somewhat in the past few years. Having to raise Stephanie and watch her make so many of his own early mistakes has to have had an impact. The question now is whether or not he is ready to really step up and do what is right by his own daughter. Both Barbara and Charles have some hard decisions to make about how to get Stephanie back on the right path.

You know you could call in a few favors and see that Stephanie gets only a slap on the wrist for this. You've had to do this sort of thing for your brother in the past, as much as you disliked doing so. You haven't helped them out financially the past few times they were in tight straits. Because of that, the income from Stephanie's job, which can only be reached by car, means a fair bit to their family. That said, there does have to be a line somewhere. If Charles and Barbara do ask you for help, exactly how much are you willing to do for them?