

Zachary Bloom

Act II, Scene 4 (AHJMO) — Fifteen years later

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Your life with Stephanie has been a complex, but wonderful one. The two of you have both wrestled with so much in your past, but have found strength together. You now have two amazing children and a comfortable, if somewhat small, home. Stephanie is even taking night classes. Yes, it has been a struggle, but you've made it here together.

Your own parents both died when you were younger and you've come to know and accept both Barbara and Charles as a new set of parents. Despite a rocky start due to concerns about your past, they eventually accepted you and brought you into the family. Watching Barbara slowly deteriorate has been incredibly painful.

It is going to be a hard balance with all of the responsibilities that you and Stephanie share, between your own jobs and your two children, but you want to see if there is some way that the two of you can pitch in personally. You know that Stephanie still feels some pain about watching her family trying to personally take care of her grandmother, and if possible, you'd like to avoid having her deal with the same with her own mother. At the same time, Barbara did take you in, and you want to show her that you care and appreciate her, and won't abandon her now just as her life is at its toughest.