

Charles Gardener

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

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Poor Stephanie. You know exactly what she's going through. You certainly got in trouble enough as a teenager. Adolescence is hard, especially without a father figure in your life. While William has always provided for Barbara and Stephanie, he hasn't really spent a lot of time with his daughter. You've tried to be around when you could, but even after accepting your help, Barbara hasn't given you as much time with Stephanie as you would have liked.

After William's neglect led to this, the least he can do is help his daughter out of her legal trouble. He's a well-connected lawyer, and he's certainly helped you out of jams before. It's his abandonment that led her to this, anyway.

Maybe you can offer to help out more in the future. You have helped out with money in the past, but maybe you really need to spend more time with Stephanie. If William won't be a father to his own daughter maybe you can give her the help she needs. You've been there; you know a lot of what she's going through. You should take her aside today and really talk with her about what's going on in her life.