

William Gardener

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

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While everything between you and Barbara is broken at this point, you have always tried to look out for your daughter, Stephanie, whenever you could. This latest mess is a really big one though and you really need to make sure both Stephanie and Barbara understand that.

You've already made a few calls and you have it set up so that Stephanie can get off the hook for this DUI at her court date next week. All that you need is to make sure that Barbara and Stephanie will go along with it. At the same time, you need to really make it clear that you can't do this indefinitely and that you won't always be able to pull the strings that are needed if this becomes a pattern. That's all the more so since you got your position at a new firm a few years back.

Frankly, you're also worried for Stephanie. You know that you haven't always been there for her as much as you'd like, in no small part because of how difficult things are between you and Barbara. That said, she clearly needs a father right now, someone who will help set her straight and make sure she steers clear of this kind of danger in the future.