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Act II, Scene 3 (AHM) — Six years later

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You're worried about your daughter, Stephanie. Of course, you're almost always worried about your daughter, but this time it's different. She's been seeing this Zack for almost six months now and you're concerned that the two of them are getting serious. While Stephanie has had a number of relationships before now, many of which disturbed you, Zack's history is horrible. You don't want your daughter getting seriously involved with someone who sold cocaine to kids in high school!

Since her uncle William passed away a few years ago, Stephanie has finally been getting her life in order. You're terrified that Zack will lead her down a very dark path again. She got off light several years back when William got her an easy pass for her first DUI. That let her feel like she could get away with anything for the couple of years that followed. In hindsight, it was a horrible decision and one that you don't want to make again.

You need to straighten your daughter out, however rough it will be in the short-term. You love her and you need her to realize that she can't have bad influences like Zack around. He's no good for her and if she doesn't make the changes in her life that need to be made, she's going to wind up in a very bad place in the years to come.