

# *Barbara Gardener*

**Act II, Scene 3 (AHN) — 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 troubled 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 gone to college and should be getting a degree this winter. You're terrified that Zack will lead her down a very dark path, throwing away her future. When you, Charles, and William decided not to pull strings to let Stephanie off light for her first DUI, she got her act together and has largely kept it together. Being a tough parent may be difficult, but it works with Stephanie.

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.