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Act I, Scene 3 (BDF) — Two years later

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The past year has been a rough one for your marriage. You're making a name for yourself in the law firm, but you see very little of Barbara. Every time you do see her, she seems colder and more distant. You've responded by working that much harder, and by buying things for her. It is what you can do to show her that this has all been for her, however hard these few years have been.

More and more, you're convinced that the two of you should have a child. The next few years are going to be particularly busy for you, and Barbara clearly needs someone there for her in the nice new home you bought a few months ago. A child would give her someone that can be there for her all the time while you move up the next few steps in your workplace.

Tonight at least you've managed to get the evening off. It was a close thing and you owe more than a few favors at work for it. Still, it is Barbara's birthday, and having the family together for it will be good for her.