

Charles Gardener

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

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It's your fault. Stephanie got this from you and you know it. You were 17 the first time you got caught driving drunk, too. Of course the penalties weren't as bad then. Kids make mistakes. She shouldn't have to suffer too badly for making a stupid teenage mistake.

Of course, maybe if someone had really hit you hard, taught you a lesson when you were a teenager, you would have learned something. Your brother always protected you since your father died. People make a lot of allowances for struggling teens. Does that help them or hurt them?

Your brother always helped you out when you got in a jam, and you know he cares about his niece. He might help her out of trouble as well if you asked. But do you want him to?