

AUNT LYDIA

Your young Guardian told me there were some problems yesterday.

With disobedience.

OFFRED

I spoke out of turn.

AUNT LYDIA

I see.

OFFRED

It won't happen again.

AUNT LYDIA

Sometimes, late in pregnancy, there can be a rush of hormones.

Girls get quite forgetful.

OFFRED

I've been a bit spacey these days.

AUNT LYDIA

Perfectly normal.

But we must all remember to try and follow the rules.

OFFRED

Yes, Aunt Lydia.

[BLOOD PRESSURE METER HISSING]

AUNT LYDIA

Wonderful.

OFFRED

Aunt Lydia, can I be honest with you?

AUNT LYDIA

Of course, dear.

OFFRED

The reason why I was talking to Janine yesterday is 'cause I was worried.

Mrs. Waterford said I have to leave the house soon as the baby comes.

AUNT LYDIA

That is her prerogative, of course.

Whatever the mother feels is right for the welfare of the baby.

OFFRED

Right.

Uh I want that as well.

AUNT LYDIA

Good.

OFFRED

You know that this can be a difficult house.

Children need to be in a safe place.

AUNT LYDIA

I know what children need.

OFFRED

Did anyone ever ask you to be a godmother? In the time before?

AUNT LYDIA

I will make allowances for girls in your condition, but insolence is not permitted.

OFFRED

This baby is gonna come into this house very soon.

And, in my experience, any man who would hurt a woman would hurt a child.

AUNT LYDIA

What are you saying?

OFFRED

I'm saying... I'm saying this baby needs protection.

AUNT LYDIA

I would never, ever allow anything to happen to a baby.

OFFRED

Praise be.

Aunt Lydia, thank you.

AUNT LYDIA

I was godmother to my sister's child.

He died when he was four days old.

OFFRED

I'm sorry.

AUNT LYDIA

It wasn't my fault.