

LILLIE

That's not the way you usually tell it, Grandpappy. Usually you tell about coming to Kansas as a boy with your parents and sister so you could be free. You always tell it like it was your idea as much as anybody's.

CLARKE

You gonna argue with an old man, Lillie?

LILLIE

I'm sorry, Grandpappy. I'm just having a debate with you.

RAYMOND

(laughing) Grandpappy, now you're all of a sudden going to try to unteach Lillie what you been teaching her all these years? All of a sudden now, you're going to tell her to listen to you instead of being her own judge about her own life? Lillie's been saying she wants to go to the school nearest our house. That she doesn't see why she should have to walk all the way across town when there's a school that's plenty good just down the street from us. Now, does that make any sense to you?

CLARKE

Some things make different sense from different directions. That's all I'm sayin'. And how are these dolls gonna help her to get to the near school?

LILLIE

This is going to be an experiment, Grandpappy. That means we don't know yet how it's going to turn out. You're worrying about the result, and we don't even know what it's going to be.

RAYMOND

Lillie wants to do this pretty bad, Grandpappy. You know, she's always wanting to be scientific. What's the harm in letting her be in an experiment?

CLARKE

Humphh! These going to be white folks doing this experiment?

RAYMOND

Dr. Clarke is a black psychologist from Howard University. That satisfy you?

CLARKE

Howard University? Ain't that one of our own colleges? What's he doing all messed up in something like this?

LILLIE

He's a psychologist, Grandpappy. That's what he went to Howard University to learn how to do. That's where I'm going to go too.