

CLARKE

On what money?

LILLIE

First I have to worry about going to a school where I can learn everything I need to know to even get into college. Then, I'll worry about what money's going to send me there.

CLARKE

Well, miss, what's wrong with the school you been goin' to? Looks like you might be gettin' a little too smart as it is.

RAYMOND

Lillie's school has no new science books. They are still teaching from books that are 40 years old. The school for our youngsters doesn't have the money to buy all the new books and learning equipment that the white folks are getting, that's the point, Grandpappy.

LILLIE

Don't you pay your taxes, Grandpappy?

CLARKE

Lordy, yes.

LILLIE

Don't you pay your taxes just like the white people do?

CLARKE

Except I don't pay as much because I don't make as much as most 'em.

LILLIE

Don't you think your great-granddaughter should get just as good an education out of your tax money as everybody else is getting?

RAYMOND

You got to admit, you helped us raise one smart young lady here.

LILLIE

Thanks, Daddy. That's not always what you say.

RAYMOND

When I say something otherwise, I'm joking. Shouldn't tell you that, Lillie. Sometimes your head's already a little too big for your body, but it's the truth. You're a smart girl and you deserve to have the best education like everyone else is getting.

CLARKE

I don't know about these new-fangled ideas. Why don't they just give more money to Lillie's school, let them get better books and equipment, and leave us to educate our own?