

Wild and Free

(KENNY and the phone. [REDACTED])

KENNY. Eddie?

Oh. Hi. I was just about to call you. We need to – NO. Wait!

(Yelling from the phone. KENNY takes it away from his ear, steels himself, and then brings the phone back in.)

LISTEN TO ME. IF YOU WON'T TELL US WHAT TO DO SO THINGS GO RIGHT, THEN YOU CANNOT TELL US WHAT TO DO WHEN THINGS GO WRONG.

You have to take Edith out of that whatever you've sent her to. I mean, reform school? She has perfect grades, she sings choir. She has good friends.

You put me in charge, so I'm in charge. Understand? You aren't a parent. You're an interruption. I take care of this house and of Edith, so I decide whether she lives here and how. So before this goes too far, bring her back here or you will never see her again.

That's not a threat.

You made us. You raised us to need nothing except the money in the bank. We used to want you to come back. But now when you're here all we want is for you to leave. I took what you left us and made a home. Our home. We don't need your supervision or your new girlfriend or your decisions about reform school. I can get us everything we need. Without you. You left us wild and free. You can't cage us now.

So if you don't want to lose us forever, call that school and bring Edith home. Now. She doesn't need to be reformed. She's Edith. And she's twelve years old. She needs to come back to her home.

(KENNY listens.)