

Karl Lindner Audition Monologue (Act I)

(To Russ and Bev, trying to politely convince them not to sell to a Black family.)

"I'm not speaking out of prejudice, Russ. I am speaking out of practical reality. A community is a delicate ecosystem. It relies on a certain level of shared background, shared values, and common expectations. When you introduce an element that doesn't fit that matrix, the equilibrium is destroyed. It's not good for us, and honestly, it's not good for them either. They would be isolated here. They wouldn't have the support system they need. I'm simply asking you to think about the bigger picture. We have a duty to protect what we've built here."