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EDITH GETS FIRED

Jean Stapleton and Angela Clarke

Edith (Jean Stapleton) draws special volunteer duty at the Sunshine Home—and loses her job for it.

She is assigned to care for 81-year-old Loretta Dillon (Angela Clarke), who is recuperating from a heart attack and must be watched closely. "Just give her whatever she wants," instructs Nurse Critchen (Barbara Cason).

But what Mrs. Dillon wants is to die. "They pounded my chest to make me breathe and

they cracked two ribs," she confides to Edith. "Why won't they let the end be as good as the life has been?"

Edith is touched and tries to cheer her, but Mrs. Dillon is weary. "Hold my hand. And don't let go," she tells Edith, who sits at her bedside as the old woman passes away. And because she did not summon help, Edith is dismissed.

Archie: Carroll O'Connor. Norene: Dolores Sutton. Charlie: Michael McGuire.