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Penny and Oliver exit their mom's room at the nursing home.

Oliver

Seems like she's doing better...

Penny

Ollie....

Oliver

No I know it just [she seems like she's doing better]

Penny

I don't want to see you get all [] It's not a ski slope, it's a roller coaster

Oliver

[]

Penny

She's going to have good days and bad days

Oliver

I know—

Penny

—and every time you get your hopes up...

Oliver

Yeah I know but—

Penny

She's not getting better.

Oliver

I know! Can you just let me be happy that I saw my mom today and she actually knew who I was?! She didn't hide behind the bed or confuse me for the postman. I don't need you to tell me —

Penny

Really?! Because we've been here before I'm just trying to take care—

Oliver

I don't need you to take care of me! Take care of your own family.

Penny

That's was [uncalled for...]

Oliver

[]

Penny

[.....]....I'm gonna go

Oliver

Look I didn't mean...

Penny

Yeah well...

Oliver

Shit Pen I'm sorry. [] I'm—

[]

I'll be there Thursday to babysit the girls and if you need anything else let me know — and — I didn't mean it like that.

Penny

It's ok you better get back to Mom before she sends out a search party

Oliver

I'm serious.

Penny

I know

Oliver

Alright

Penny

I'm going to be late I'll see you later. Love you

Oliver

Love you too

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John and Young Q as he prepares to leave on a long trip

John

Hi love, it's time for me to go

Young Q

Already? I'm not ready...

John

I know but it will go by fast - in the blink of an eye

She blinks at him

Young Q

You're right, so fast! Welcome back!

John

Smartass

Young Q

Hey you said—

John

I'm going to miss you

Young Q

Yeah? You sure? You're not going to forget me and ride off into the sunset—

John

Uh sorry...I'm sorry who are you?

Young Q

John!

John

Yes?

Young Q

[] I love you

John

I love you too. And I promise it will go by quickly. Plus you have Penny and Ollie and between the two of them you'll have plenty to do.

Young Q

Oh trust me I'm not worried that I'll be bored.

...you know I seem to remember you saying that if I was the parent-at-bat for the first ten years you would take over for the next ten...just curious [when that might be]...i changed a lot of diapers.

John

You're just doing such a good job I'd hate to ruin what you've started

Young Q

You think you're going to ruin our kids?

John

What? No that's—

Young Q

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John

You're the most amazing woman I—

Young Q

Ooof John. Flattery?

John

No, truth