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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**

[            ]

**John**

You're the most amazing woman I—

**Young Q**

Ooof John. Flattery?

**John**

No, truth