DEBBIE

The happiest period in people’s lives is from age 40 to 60. So, this is it. We’re in it right now. It’s true.

PETE

Says who?

DEBBIE

Says a lot of people. Most people say that.

PETE

Oh!

DEBBIE

We have everything we need right now to be completely happy. We’re gonna blink and be 90.

PETE

What?

DEBBIE

So let’s just choose to be happy.

PETE

Yeah. Yeah.

DEBBIE
Your eyes are kind of glazing over.

PETE

No, I’m just, I’m processing it all.

DEBBIE

Some of these, I wrote for you. So, we have to exercise every day.

PETE

Mmm.

DEBBIE

Spend more time alone together. And we have to go to the therapist, every week.

PETE

It’s a little pricey.

DEBBIE

No stressing over tiny things.

PETE

Yeah, that’s good. You should do that. Mm-hmm.

DEBBIE

We have to get more involved in school.
PETE

Yeah.

DEBBIE

Have more patience with the kids. And we need to work on our anger.

PETE

Yeah, I think it would be good if you could take care of your anger.

DEBBIE

No, I said both of us.

PETE

That’s what I said. Our anger.

DEBBIE

Okay, and no more smoking.

PETE

Yeah, you gotta cut that out.

DEBBIE

I don’t want to make this about a fight. I want to just be positive.

PETE

Yeah. Sorry.
DEBBIE

Okay, and then no more holding onto resentments. We have to just let that go.

PETE

So, you’re saying that if we’re arguing, and I apologize, you’ll let it go? And not throw it back in my face later?

DEBBIE

Well, I don’t do that, but I will continue not to do that. And what did you write?

PETE

All of that. That’s plenty. That’s a lot.

DEBBIE

And you’re going to eat better?

PETE

Oh, yeah. I’ve been doing a decent job. But I don’t think there’s anything wrong with having some fries every now and again.

DEBBIE

And then I’ll smoke that day.

PETE
That’s not the same thing.

DEBBIE

It is the same thing.

PETE

I like fries.

DEBBIE

And the other thing is your dad’s stuff, the not letting him guilt-trip you all the time because that puts a lot of pressure on you, and stress, and then the whole family feels it. And he is a grown man, and he’s not our responsibility. And you’re not giving him money anymore, right?

PETE

No. No, I haven’t been giving him money. I haven’t done that for years, I told you.

(First scene in office ends, moves to bedroom, in bed. Let me know what you think of cut / merge)

DEBBIE

[Looking at computer] A lot of people are RSVP-ing to your birthday party.

PETE

You sure you don’t want to just do a joint birthday party?
DEBBIE

No.

PETE

We always used to.

DEBBIE

No. [Looking at computer] Did Jodi tell you she thinks Desi’s stealing?

PETE

Are you serious? How much?

DEBBIE

$12,000.

PETE

Oh, god. And Desi’s taking it?

DEBBIE

Well, I don’t know. That’s what Jodi said.

PETE

We really need the store to work.

DEBBIE

It is. Don’t put that kind of pressure on me.
PETE

No, no. It’s not what I mean. I’m just...

DEBBIE

Are you nervous about money? Are we okay?

PETE

Yeah.

DEBBIE

All right.

PETE

Maybe we just suck it up because she’s clearly earning so much more than any other employee we have.

DEBBIE

Oh, yeah, for sure. We can’t fire her. We’re barely breaking even with her.

PETE

That’s why we have to keep her.

DEBBIE

Look at this. She’s making out with somebody. [Gasps] Is she screwing him?!
PETE

That might be, like, a dry hump.

DEBBIE

Look at the position of her skirt.

PETE

That’s too grainy to know for sure. [Debbie gasps again] Oh my god. This is the middle of the day. Customers could be in there.

DEBBIE

At least she’s getting some.

PETE

What did you say? “At least she’s getting some?”

DEBBIE

[Laughing] Yes!

PETE

What are you talking about? We had sex the other night. You gotta give me a little credit for that.

DEBBIE

It’s not about credit. It’s about… We need to have more passion. Like this.
PETE

That’s not passionate.

DEBBIE

It looks passionate to me.

PETE

What? [Farts] What is she doing? [Farts again]

DEBBIE

Oh my god. Oh my gosh. Don’t do that!

PETE

What am I doing?

DEBBIE

Don’t fart in the bed!

PETE

I’m not, it’s the springs.

DEBBIE

This is why we never have sex. That’s disgusting. You’re gross.

PETE

I don’t know what you’re talking about.
DEBBIE

You’re so... GOD!!!