

Script: Daddy's Girl

ROLES: Robert, Male, 50+ OR Pen, Female, Late teens - 20's

INT. ROBERT'S HOUSE - DAY

Robert sits with his daughter Pen, who just knocked on his door. They have not seen each other in quite some time.

ROBERT

Look at you. My little girl, back from saving the world.

PEN

Look at you. You look great, Dad.

He takes a deep breath. Clearly something on his mind.

ROBERT

You didn't get my letters, did you?

PEN

(Feeling his arm)
You're, like, buff.

ROBERT

I tried to call but it was impossible--

PEN

No, seriously, nine months ago you were older and wider and...shorter?

ROBERT

Honey, I have news. It's gonna be an all-of-a-sudden kind of thing and I didn't want it to be an all-of-a-sudden thing, but you're here and I have to tell you so, oof, here goes--

PEN

(Looking)
It's the boots. Are you a boot guy now?

ROBERT

I'm thinking quick like a band-aid is the way to go.

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PEN

Is there "product" in your hair?
And do you have more hair?

ROBERT

I met a woman! She's here. Now.
Upstairs. She's responsible for the
boots and the hair and I love her!

PEN

A woman? Here? A woman here now who
you love?

ROBERT

We're about to watch "Die Hard."

PEN

What kind of middle-aged woman
watches "Die Hard"?

ROBERT

(Cringing)

A really cool, young one?

PEN

Young one - what do you mean? How
young?

ROBERT

Not that young. Kinda young. Well
kinda your age...

PEN

My age? What's her name?

ROBERT

Holly Smith.

PEN

Holly Smith? The same Holly Smith
who went to Madison and was on the
track team with me?

ROBERT

(Swallows hard)

Great, so you've met. Now we can
skip the awkward get-to-know you
phase.

Robert pauses and gives a weak smile.

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ROBERT (CONT'D)

I know it's crazy, but I've never felt this way in my life. She's smart and funny and we go out and do interesting things.

PEN

You don't like to do interesting things! You're a dentist. You like teeth and 60 Minutes!

ROBERT

Holly's making me see there's more to life than work and news programs. And the sex...Don't get me started on the sex.

PEN

You have my word there.

ROBERT

She used to be a gymnast. She can do things with her body I haven't dared imagine since I was twelve. Using nothing but her toes, she can lift--

PEN

DAD, please! (Beat) I just... I don't even know where to begin. Does Mom know about this?

ROBERT

Your mother doesn't care. She's still living in Santa Fe with her yoga instructor, Guru-Rama-Nan-doh-who-the-hell knows. She only wears white and menstruates onto a plant.

PEN

I don't want to think about that. (Beat) How did this even happen? How did you to meet?

ROBERT

She rear-ended me on Sherman Avenue. Right there in front of Aamco. Isn't that funny?

PEN

Hilarious.

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ROBERT

There we were, where we could both
have our cars fixed. So we sat in
the repair shop waiting room,
drinking free coffee, watching
Judge Brown, then Judge Judy, then
Judy Mathis... By Judge Hatchett, I
knew Holly was the one. (Beat) I
know it's a lot to take in, but
will you try to have an open mind?
Please?