

SCENE 3

At Florence and David's.

FLORENCE

Do you ever hear noises? In the bedroom?

DAVID

No.

FLORENCE

Me neither.

(Beat.)

Sometimes, I feel like I don't hear anything anymore.

DAVID

Like you're deaf?

FLORENCE

Like I don't care.

DAVID

I don't know what to tell you.

FLORENCE

I've decided I'm going off my antidepressants.

DAVID

Did you talk to your doctor about it?

FLORENCE

No.

DAVID

Maybe you should?

FLORENCE

She doesn't care.

DAVID

What about your shrink?

FLORENCE

My shrink never has an opinion.

DAVID

So you decided all by yourself?

FLORENCE

Well, I kind of think I'm the one in the best position to make that decision.

DAVID

It's a big decision.

FLORENCE

I was never a serious case anyway.

DAVID

You seem better since you started taking them, though.

FLORENCE

Yeah.

DAVID

So then why would you stop?

FLORENCE

(shrugging: for her, that's evidence
that she should stop)

So... so I can feel more. So I can drink.

DAVID

You don't drink.

FLORENCE

Not much.

DAVID

Still.

FLORENCE

Maybe I'd have more of a sex drive, also.

David looks at her, not sure how to respond to that. It's a minefield. Beat.

FLORENCE

Do you not want me to have more of a sex drive?

DAVID

If you like.

FLORENCE

I mean it kind of affects you, too.

DAVID

(walking on eggshells)

I think that your mental health is more important than your sex drive.

Cuz like, when you're more... more mentally healthy... it's more sexually attractive than when you're not.

FLORENCE

Yeah, but we're still not sleeping together.

DAVID

That's one way of looking at it.

FLORENCE

That's not "one way of looking at it". That's a number. We do not sleep together. Zero. It's not subjective. There's no room for interpretation.

DAVID

Yeah, but you could have a sex drive and be unbearable.... Not that you were unbearable... But say, for example, somebody else was unbearable: with or without a sex drive, they still wouldn't get laid.

FLORENCE

Yeah, but we're talking about me, we're not talking about somebody else.

DAVID

It was just an example.

FLORENCE

You think I'm unbearable?

DAVID

(probably lying)

No.

FLORENCE

(probably lying)

Well I don't think you're unbearable either.

DAVID

That's good.

FLORENCE

That's super good.

DAVID

I still think you seem happier on antidepressants though.

FLORENCE

More functional, maybe. Happier? I dunno about that.

DAVID

More stable.

FLORENCE

It doesn't make me particularly happy to be stable...

This might sound weird, but you know when I was still drinking... Well, sometimes I'd drink a lot.

DAVID

Mm-hmm.

FLORENCE

And, y'know, I'd listen to "Arcade Fire" until 4 in the morning, and I'd be awesome at pool.

DAVID

Yeah, like that time you tried to throw yourself in front of a car.

FLORENCE

Exactly.

DAVID

Okay, yeah, I get it.

FLORENCE

I mean, I know it might look pathetic from the outside. But from the inside, it was kind of fun.

DAVID

Yeah but, you were suicidal.

FLORENCE

I don't know if "suicidal" is the right word. It was more like... I wasn't afraid of death. It was very very liberating.

DAVID

Okay but let's say you stop taking antidepressants and you drink a lot and you accidentally commit suicide... you don't think that would be kind of a bummer?

FLORENCE

That time you're talking about, I was so drunk I couldn't get my shoes on, so, you know? Suicide is a little more complicated than putting on your shoes. Even if I drank until I wanted to go kill myself, at that point, I'd be too drunk and I'd mess it up. So, not a problem.

DAVID

You have an 11-year-old son. I'm just saying.

FLORENCE

I am not going to kill myself! I'm just tired of... of...

(she searches, then finds the word, and is happy)

Of being beige. I wasn't beige, before.

DAVID

You were a fuckin roller coaster.

FLORENCE

A roller coaster isn't boring.

DAVID

We fought all the time.

FLORENCE

It wasn't just me. It was you, too.

DAVID

Yeah. But we're good now.

FLORENCE

Because I give in even when you're wrong, because I don't care.

DAVID

Well that's just it: do you want to be right, in life, or do you want to be happy?

FLORENCE

I wanna be right.