

MIDDLE OF THE PLAY:

DANIEL

There's no reason that I shouldn't already be the most senior guy on this project, you know?

HANK

(beat)

The project?

DANIEL

Yes, the project! I mean, there I am all night long doing everyone else's work. I know all of this stuff better than they do! And yet, they're home snoozing away!

HANK

Well, then maybe you should just stop trying to do everyone else's work. And don't say it's Little Bambi's fault.

DANIEL

It's just so sexist, you know? She has a kid and a family and gets to go home and take care of them. And I get punished for not having one.

HANK

You could have one.

DANIEL

That's not the point. Do you think I would still get time off if I, a man, had a kid and a family? Unheard of. Do you see any of my male bosses taking time off for their families? No!

HANK

So? Someone needs to break the ceiling. You could be the next Hillary Clinton.

DANIEL

So many things wrong with that suggestion.

HANK

No, there isn't. You just have to make the time to find the person to have the family with.

DANIEL

I don't know that I even want a family!

HANK

Oh, don't be stupid. Of course you do. You want two boys, preferably twins so you can just get it all done at once, just like your parents did.

DANIEL

Stop that! It's very annoying!

HANK

It's right on your list of things to accomplish by age 35 over there.

DANIEL

I never wrote a list of...

(as HANK hands it to HIM)

Oh, right. Well, look, this is from high school. I wrote this at some party with a bunch of friends when we were drunk on some bad beer. This isn't real.

HANK

Okay. Then you can throw it out.

DANIEL

(sneezes)

I mean, look at this. It says "get a job working with animals". You know why I wanted to do that? Because Audrey Schuler said she wanted to and I had a crush on her.

HANK

You used to dog-sit for your professor over the summer.

DANIEL

But that's not what I meant. I meant, like work at a zoo or the ASPCA or something.

HANK

You had a job working with animals. Whether it's what you meant to do or not.

DANIEL

Okay, well, what about this one? "Jump out of an airplane." I've never gone skydiving.

HANK

Doesn't say skydiving, does it? Haven't you ever taken a prop plane you had to jump out of to get to the ground?

DANIEL

Oh, come on! You're being so literal!

HANK

Fine. I'm going to get some trash bags.

DANIEL

Why?

HANK

Well, you want to throw a lot of things out, don't you?
Like that list?

(SHE exits into the hall and
returns with trash bags)

DANIEL

You want me to throw a lot of things out.

HANK

Do what you want. You're the one who took the sick day.