

Screenplay

DELORES

Would you like a drink?

JUDAH

Yeah. Fix me whatever you're having. (beat) Why'd you call the house last night and hang up?

DELORES

I'm not playing games, Judah. Just because you've decided I'm through in your life doesn't mean I'm gonna roll over and die.

JUDAH

What happened to us? We had a wonderful few years. We both knew it couldn't go on forever.

DELORES

I gave up things for you.

JUDAH

Oh c'mon, that's poppycock. Don't gimme that, will ya? For God sakes. There was no business opportunities, it's all in your head. No lover's begging for your hand. I prevented nothing-

DELORES

Can we not argue? Just wanted to talk.

JUDAH

I'm just so rattled.

DELORES

I had an idea. I thought if we could get away, just for a little while on one of our trips. Our trips are the warmest memories I have, not just in our relationship, but some of the loveliest times I've ever had. And you're always so much more relaxed when you're away from home. You come to life. Your whole face changes. I thought if we could just get away to Boston or Washington without any preconceived notions-

JUDAH  
I can't go away, Del.

DELORES  
It's the weekend!

JUDAH  
I can't Del-

DELORES  
Just to be together-

JUDAH  
I can't!

DELORES  
Why not??

JUDAH  
I can't!

DELORES  
You won't.

JUDAH  
Of course I won't. Right.

DELORES  
Well why not?

JUDAH  
Because you're very unrealistic, you know that? (beat) Sit. Sit down. Let's talk. (beat) Look, I've been...I've been thinking too. And it occurs to me, I mean if I have caused you to miss out on any opportunities that might have been lucrative for you, I'm perfectly prepared to reimburse you. I don't want to feel like I've cost you anything.

DELORES  
I'm not after your goddamn money! I want to speak to Miriam. It's her problem too

JUDAH  
Leave her out of it

DELORES  
She deserves to know-

JUDAH  
Keep her out of it, alright?

DELORES  
I think she should know her husband  
is a liar, and an embezzler.

JUDAH  
Don't you dare call me an  
embezzler.

DELORES  
I'm not blind. I know what went on  
between those philanthropies and  
your stocks.

JUDAH  
I took nothing, not a nickle. My  
conscience is completely clear.

DELORES  
You needed money to cover your  
losses, I was around when it was  
happening.

JUDAH  
Okay, okay, I needed some temporary  
help. For Chrissake, after a  
lifetime of hard work, a man has to  
sit still and watch himself go down  
the toilet? Does he? And moving  
around funds is certainly not  
stealing!

DELORES  
And not asking or telling anyone?

JUDAH  
Listen to me- every cent was  
accounted for, with interest.

DELORES  
I don't think they would see it  
that way.

JUDAH  
So this is it? This is what you're  
planning? You're gonna hold onto me  
with threats, right? Stupid threats  
and slander? This is your idea of  
love, right?

DELORES

I will not be tossed out! I want  
to speak to Miriam!

JUDAH

Think for Chrissake what the hell  
you're doing to me, will you??  
Please!

DELORES

I can't figure it out. I need you.