

SCENE 9

(SOMEWHERE IN THE HOUSE)

(GOMEZ is examining WEDNESDAY'S engagement ring through a jeweler's loupe. LUCAS looks on proudly.)

GOMEZ

So where does a student get the money for an engagement ring?

LUCAS

I work after school at the bookstore. And on weekends I tutor kids at a charter school. And summers I work at my uncle's grocery store.

GOMEZ

Is any of this true?

LUCAS

(with a twinkle)

Most of it.

GOMEZ

And in your time off, wise guy?

LUCAS

Mostly I think about Wednesday and how much I love her and how we could have a wonderful life together.

GOMEZ

And what does a Lucas Beineke become when it grows up?

LUCAS

Maybe a writer. Or a medical examiner.

GOMEZ

A medical examiner? Why?

LUCAS

You get to look at the inside of people's bodies and they don't mind because they're dead.

GOMEZ

(smiles to Wednesday)

Where did you find him?

WEDNESDAY

We found each other. It's kind of a miracle.

MORTICIA

(From off)

Gomez!

(WEDNESDAY tucks the ring away. They lean in and whisper.)

WEDNESDAY

Omigod, daddy -

LUCAS

What're we gonna do?

GOMEZ

Let's just tell her. It's gonna be fine.

WEDNESDAY

Daddy, you promised after dinner.

END

(All ad lib until Gomez sees Morticia.)

MORTICIA

What were the three of you whispering about?

GOMEZ

The weather.

WEDNESDAY

The news.

LUCAS

The economy.

(beat)

(Then, simultaneously.)

GOMEZ

The economy.

WEDNESDAY

The weather.

LUCAS

The news.

WEDNESDAY

(brightly)

Well, we'll be going now. See you at dinner!