

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?