

SCENE 12: The Date

START

(BEN lays out a blanket and a picnic basket.)

MAL

What a whirlwind...

BEN

Sorry, that got crazy back there. I dunno what came over me.

MAL

Yeah... me neither...

BEN

But looking at you now... I think I finally understand the difference between pretty and beautiful.

MAL

You're not so disgusting yourself.

BEN

Here, sit. Tell me something you've never told anyone. Come on—your secret's safe with me!

MAL

Hmmm. Well - I'm not exactly... comfortable with my name?

BEN

Your name? "Mal"? You mean, like, it's hard to say? 'Cause it's not.

MAL

(sighs, then)

It also belongs to the most hated person on the planet.

BEN

Mal-ificent. Got it. That's tough.

MAL

She also goes by "Mom." But, yeah.

BEN

That doesn't mean it defines you, though. Right? It's just a name.

MAL

(uncomfortable, deflects)

How about you? Tell me something that you've never told anyone.

BEN

How about "I love you."

END