

**SCENE 2**

*(MORTICIA'S BOUDOIR)*

*(Revealing GOMEZ, fencing with LURCH, who holds his foil absolutely still while GOMEZ swipes at it extravagantly.)*

**GOMEZ**

Fight sir, fight like a man! Feel the kiss of my Spanish steel! Ha! Ha! Ha! Ha! Foiled again!

*(GOMEZ strikes LURCH's sword down.*

*LURCH pokes GOMEZ with it.)*

Oww! Damn your lightning reflexes!

*(GOMEZ retains his sword. MORTICIA enters with a bouquet of yellow flowers.)*

**MORTICIA**

Gomez, look.

**GOMEZ**

Ugh! Flowers! Who would send something so tasteless?

**MORTICIA**

*(reads the card)*

"The most precious gift there is,  
More goody-licious than gold,  
Is that blessing we call friendship,  
Whether new or very old."

**GOMEZ**

"Goody-licious?" Who talks like this?

*(MORTICIA removes the flowers from the stems, During--)*

**MORTICIA**

The Beinekes. Wednesday's friend Lucas and his parents. They're coming for dinner tonight.

**GOMEZ**

Lucas?

**MORTICIA**

Yes.

**GOMEZ**

But Lucas is a boy's name.

**MORTICIA**

Yes.

**GOMEZ**

Wednesday has a friend who's a boy?

*(They both look at Lurch. Finally--)*

**MORTICIA**

It's nothing, darling. Puppy love.

*(hands Lurch the stems)*

Put these in water.

*(WEDNESDAY enters, carrying her crossbow and a goose with an arrow sticking out of it.)*

**WEDNESDAY**

Mom, Dad, I shot dinner.

**MORTICIA**

*(taking it)*

Oh, Wednesday, that's lovely. Wherever did you find it?

**WEDNESDAY**

Petting zoo.

**MORTICIA**

Thank you, dear. Come, Lurch - we'll whip up something really special. And this time, we'll actually cook it.

*(shares a laugh with Lurch)*

Oh, Gomez - guests for dinner! Fresh meat!

*(They exit. WEDNESDAY looks nervously after them.)*

**WEDNESDAY**

Daddy, I have something very important to tell you.

**GOMEZ**

What?

**WEDNESDAY**

Can you keep a secret?

*(WEDNESDAY produces a ring from around her neck.)*

**GOMEZ**

Of course.

**WEDNESDAY**

Look.

**GOMEZ**

If I didn't know any better I'd say that looked like an engagement ring.

*(she just looks at him)*

What are you saying?

**WEDNESDAY**

Oh daddy, Lucas wants to marry me!

**GOMEZ**

*What?!*

**WEDNESDAY**

Lucas Beineke loves me and he wants to marry me.

**GOMEZ**

Do you want to marry him?

**WEDNESDAY**

Yes. I think so.

**GOMEZ**

You think so?

**WEDNESDAY**

Well, I've never even met his parents, and he's never met mine, and - I just need to be sure.

**GOMEZ**

That he's the one?

**WEDNESDAY**

That the families can get along. I mean, he has to know what he's getting into.

**GOMEZ**

What are you saying?

**WEDNESDAY**

I'm saying we're who we are, and they're from Ohio.

**GOMEZ**

*(slicing the air with his sword)*

Ohio? A swing state!

**WEDNESDAY**

That's what I mean.

**GOMEZ**

You're right, this is important. Let's go tell your mother.

**WEDNESDAY**

No.

**GOMEZ**

No? But we have to tell your mother -

**WEDNESDAY**

Daddy, please! She'll ask a lot of embarrassing questions and wreck the whole thing.

**GOMEZ**

You don't want me to tell your mother you're getting married?

**WEDNESDAY**

After dinner and we're all friends, then we'll tell her.

**GOMEZ**

But I've never kept anything from your mother.

**WEDNESDAY**

*(getting desperate)*

Daddy, please!

**GOMEZ**

But--

**WEDNESDAY**

If you love me.