### MORTICIA

Yes.

**GOME Z** 

But Lucas is a boy's name.

MORTICIA

Yes.

**GOME Z** 

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.

**GOME Z** 

What?

## WEDNESDAY

Can you keep a secret?

(WEDNESDAY produces a ring from around her neck.)

**GOME Z** 

Of course.

WEDNESDAY

Look.

**GOME Z** 

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!

**GOME Z** 

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.

## **GOME Z**

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.

### **GOME Z**

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

## WEDNESDAY

No.

#### **GOME Z**

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.