

EPISODE ONE

A Wicked Web

BENJAMIN LEE

JAMES BEST FRIEND

Benjamin, often called Ben, is James' best friend and sidekick. His father is Ryan Lee, who plays a key role in the film. Ryan Blames James for Ben's death. The conflict between James and Ryan encapsulates the main conflict for James. Ben is socially engaging but naïve about life in general. His death becomes the central focus of the story.

Scene 1 "The Seeds of Destruction"

DOWNTOWN/STRIP CENTER. SANDWICH SHOP. INT. DAY

James and Benjamin walk up behind the girls in line and talk between themselves, not really noticing the two girls.

Benjamin

(They order and begin talking while they wait)

So James, you said your Dad is going to be out of town next weekend?

James

Yeah.

Benjamin

So we going to have a party?

James

I don't know **Ben.**

(Note: First mention of Benjamin)

Benjamin

Why not? I mean, it's the perfect opportunity

James

Yeah, I know, but my Dad is in a bad mood.

Benjamin

So who cares? It's not like he's going to be there.

James

If he finds out about it, he will be pissed.

Benjamin

So we don't let him find out.

James

We would have to clean up all the evidence before he gets back.

Benjamin

No problem? I will help clean up.

James

I don't know.

James takes his sandwich tray, turns to walk away and physically bumps into Charlotte.

James

Hi.

Charlotte

(Beaming)

Hi James!

Madison

Her name is Charlotte

Charlotte

(Speaking to Madison in a whisper)

He knows my name!

James

(saying it slowly, for the first time)

Yeah, right, Charlotte

Madison

So you are going to have a party?

James

Maybe, I don't know.

Madison

I'm sure there will be lots of drinking.

James

No, no... well a little maybe

Madison

(To Charlotte)

Why don't you ask him?

Charlotte

(embarrassed)

Ask him what?

Madison

If we are invited.

James

Well... I don't know if we are even going to have a party.

Madison

(To Charlotte)

See!

Charlotte

Don't be so rude!

Benjamin

(haughty)

We will be sure to invite you.