

TEACH HER MY NAME Excerpt 2 – Andrew (25)

Beth: Where is she?

Andrew: Hello to you too. I couldn't bring her today, don't worry. We can visit today.

Beth: You, you couldn't, what? Why, why?

Andrew: She's with Mom.

Beth: Mine or yours?

Andrew: Since when have I called your mom 'Mom'?

Beth: Why's she there anyway, couldn't you just, just-

Andrew: She's not feeling well, your mother is away, and since I'm at work all day I can't do a lot so-

Beth: She's sick?

Andrew: She's not feeling well.

Beth: How sick? How's she doing, is she, has she gone to the hospital, are, is she-

Andrew: This is why I didn't want to tell you.

Beth: My baby is sick.

Andrew: She's going to be fine, she's just got a bit of a bug.

Beth: No, you don't get a bit of a bug. You either have a bug or you don't. Next time bring her. Please, I don't give a shit, just bring her.

Andrew: One time doesn't matter.

Beth: It matters. You should have brought her, maybe I, maybe I could have made her feel better.

Andrew: Right, I forgot you had magic powers.

Beth: It'd make her happy.

Andrew: She's out cold most of the day, she probably wouldn't even know she was here.

Beth: It'd make me happy.

Andrew: I... I know.

Beth: And when I'm home I want it to be like I was never gone and I want it to feel normal and that's what all of this is for and if you're not going to bring her then what's the point?

A beat.

Andrew: Hey, maybe next time we do this, maybe at least pretend like you care about seeing me too? That'd be nice.

Beth: What? That's not what I meant.

Andrew: Well like whenever we're here it's always all about Maddie I don't hear about you I don't get to talk to you because it's all about her. And today we get to talk. Just you and me. But hey if I shouldn't bother anymore if there's no point-

Beth: Hey, don't say that don't say that. Hey. How are you? *(Smiles)* You've gained some weight, eh?

Andrew: Wow, thanks.

Beth: Just noticed.

Andrew: I keep cooking enough food for both of us. Habit.

Beth: You don't have to eat it all.

Andrew: Cool. Noted.