

# Gene

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3 INT. GUEST ROOM - DAY 3

Ben runs to the window at the sound of a car engine being turned off. He pulls open the curtain slightly and sees --

CUT TO:

4 EXT. DRIVEWAY - DAY 4

Gene opens the door for Som Wang as she gets out the car. He looks up at the window where Ben stands.

Gene waves but Ben closes the curtains.

CUT TO:

5 INT. FRONT DOORWAY - DAY 5

Gene enters into the house looking around.

GENE

Ben, we are home!  
(Looks around)  
Ben! Benjamin!

He checks open the guest room door - Ben isn't there.

CUT TO:

6 INT. LIVING ROOM - DAY 6

Ben is just starting to play WII Tennis as his dad spots him.

GENE

Ben, why do I need to scream fifty times to get your attention?! Turn it off and come meet --

BEN

Why do I need to meet her?

GENE

Are you out of your mind? Turn it off immediately and put on your tie. Come on, stop behaving like a kid.

Ben irritated turns off the TV.

CUT TO:

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7 EXT. FRONT DOORWAY - DAY

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Som Wang is trying to carry her luggage to the front door. It is much too heavy and she stumbles.

Gene walks out the front door and spotting her runs forwards apologizing.

GENE

I'm so sorry. I was on my way to bring it in --

SOM WANG

Please do not be troubled. I am much stronger than I look.

CUT TO:

8 INT. FRONT DOORWAY - DAY

8

Ben watches as Gene and Som Wang enter the house.

Som Wang smiles at Ben.

SOM WANG

Sawatdee Kaa!

(Wai)

Hello Benjamin. It is so nice to meet you.

Ben doesn't reply. Som Wang bends over to her suitcase and unzipping one of the small zippers pulls out a SMALL WRAPPED PRESENT.

SOM WANG (CONT'D)

I have a little gift for you. I hope you will like it.

She holds it out for Ben. Ben doesn't take the gift.

GENE

Since when are you so shy? Ben!

Ben takes it and opens it. Inside is a BLACK LAQUER ELEPHANT.

SOM WANG

In Thailand elephants are good luck.

Ben stays quiet.

*Stop*