

SCENE ONE

BEETLEJUICE

Here's the problem- Right now, no matter what I do, I cannot affect the World of the Living. But you two can. So whaddya say?

(BARBARA and ADAM check in with each other.)

BARBARA, ADAM

O-kay!

BEETLEJUICE

Love the enthusiasm. And after you scare 'em, you make 'em say this-
(*He hands ADAM a business card. ADAM reads-*)

ADAM

It just says, "Beetlejuice Beetlejuice Beetlejuice"!

BEETLEJUICE

Bingo!

BARBARA

It's your name, isn't it?

BEETLEJUICE

Middle name. My first name's "Lawrence."

ADAM

But why make them say it? We already said it a bunch of times.

BEETLEJUICE

It doesn't matter if you say it, Adam. THEY HAVE TO BE ALIVE! Let's do this - give me your best primal scream.

BARBARA

(*does her best scream*)

Ahhh!

ADAM

Barbara! That was brilliant!

(*BEETLEJUICE sighs.*)

BEETLEJUICE

Never mind! Forget the whole thing! BYE!

ADAM

So wait. You're just leaving?

BEETLEJUICE

Yeah, Adam. 'Cause this isn't working out. So GOODBYE!

Sayonara! Don't text me in the middle of the night saying, "U up?" 'Cause NEW PHONE WHO DIS!?

SCENE TWO

UNO

All recently deceased individuals... FORM A LINE!

(The DEAD line up, pulling CHARLES and LYDIA into line with them.)

CHARLES

This doesn't seem good.

JUNO

My name is Juno. It is my job to help EASE your transition

OUT of the OVERWHELMING EMOTION OF LIFE..

(gesturing to the space beyond the detector)

..and IN-to the soothing solitude that awaits you in THE NETHERWORLD. Also: No liquids!

DRINK IT OR THROW IT OUT!

(DING! One of the DEAD steps through and vanishes into The Netherworld. LYDIA breaks the line to approach JUNO.)

LYDIA

My mom's dead. Is she in there?

JUNO

Everyone who's ever died is in there. But honey, whatever you think you're looking for... you're not gonna find it.

LYDIA

I've come this far. I have to try.

CHARLES

Lydia, no.

(But LYDIA's already bolted through the detector. Sirens blare. The machinery grinds to a halt.)

JUNO

WE GOT A RUNNER!