

RENEE: has been seeing Ben for a while. She loves him, but doesn't think it will work out. She's looking for a reason to end things with him.

BEN: is seeing Renee. He loves her, but he hasn't told her that yet. He's waiting for her to say it first.

In this scene, RENEE is in her house, killing time before a video call with BEN, her boyfriend. She calls up her best friend, but you can only hear her side of the conversation. She is aimlessly pacing around.

RENEE

Hey, what are you up to? ... I'm just chilling. I'm supposed to Zoom with Ben in a little bit... He's umm... Ben is... I think I have to break up with him.

Ben pops up on the screen, and he can see and hear everything.

He's so attractive... I mean nice smile, nice eyes... Did you see the picture of us on Insta a few weeks ago?... Doesn't he look like Leonardo Di Caprio?... Like *Titanic* Di Caprio not *The Revenant* Di Caprio... Right?... I just don't think it's gonna work out, though... I don't know what to say to him. Will you help me?... Okay. Ben I've been thinking about it and I don't think we should see each other anymore. It's not you, it's me. If you love something then you should set it free. This relationship ain't it chief....

She turns around and sees him on the computer screen.

Oh god.

She hangs up the phone.

BEN

Hey.

RENEE

Hi.

She looks at the time.

You're early... Look, Ben-

BEN

If you're gonna break up with me, could you be a little original?

RENEE

I'm so sorry. You weren't supposed to hear all that.

BEN

Really? I thought we were fine, Renee. More than fine... good. I finally memorized your Starbucks order. Venti cold brew with sweet cream. Your mom likes me... and you told me she hates everyone. What happened?

RENEE

I don't know.

BEN

You have to have some idea, otherwise you wouldn't be breaking up with me.

RENEE

I...umm...

BEN

Just be honest with me. You owe me that.

RENEE

(abruptly) You chew with your mouth open.

BEN

What?

RENEE

Chips, sandwiches, salads... whatever we're eating, your mouth is open the entire time. I don't even think you notice, but I do. You want me to be honest, Ben? It's not that hard to chew with your mouth closed.

BEN

That's why you're breaking up with me?

RENEE

Oh, that not all of it... Your feet. They're disgusting.

BEN

Come on-

RENEE

There must be a medical issue. Feet should not smell that bad. It also doesn't help that you take off your socks whenever you're in my apartment.

BEN

You don't like shoes on the carpet.

RENEE

Shoes... I said nothing about socks... I could go on and on about how many gross habits you have. Your hygiene is subpar at best, which sucks because you're so hot... Whew, I'm so glad I got that off my chest.

BEN

(under his breath) Your hair is everywhere.

RENEE

My what?

BEN

Your hair ends up everywhere. In my car, in my apartment, all over my clothes. There must be a medical issue. At the rate you're going, you might end up bald in the near future.

RENEE

Why would you say that?

BEN

Oh, you dish it out but can't take it. Since we're truth telling, I figured I might as well let you know what I hate.

RENEE

You wanted me to be honest.

BEN

Okay, lets be even more honest. You leave your dental floss everywhere.

RENEE

I like clean teeth.

BEN

How hard is it to put your floss in the trash? You floss after every single meal. Floss adds up, Renee.

RENEE

You know what? You leave the toilet seat up. What a cliché.

BEN

You can't drive. I say a little prayer everytime I get in your car. The lines on the road aren't a suggestion.

RENEE

You snore.

BEN

You talk too much.

RENEE

I hate you.

BEN

I love you.

She is shocked for a moment. Then she smiles a little.

RENEE

I guess I love you too.

The scene cuts. It all happened in RENEE's head. This is what actually happens during that video call.

RENEE

Hey.

BEN

Hey.

RENEE

I have something I need to tell you.

BEN

What is it?

RENEE

I love you.

BEN

I love you.

RENEE

Do you know that you chew with your mouth open?