BOB'S BURGERS

"My Endless Love"

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ACT ONE

FADE TO:

INT. BOB'S BURGERS - BOB AND LINDA'S BEDROOM - DAY

SUPER:

"DAY ONE: THE SCHEME"

The sun rises on Valentine's Day. Linda snaps awake before the alarm goes off, staring at the ceiling. Outside, a car skids, then a cat howls.

LINDA

(lightly singing to self)
Valentine's Day, Valentine's Day,
time for Bobby and me to have the
most perfect and wonderful day
on...Valentine's Day.

Linda dons her glasses then slowly leans over Bob. Staring. Bob squirms, muttering.

BOB

Don't forget, don't forget..

Linda squints, getting closer.

LINDA

(whispered)

Don't forget what Bobby?

BOB

She can't..can't know--

She gasps, her hand to her mouth.

LYNN

Who can't know what? Is this about Valentine's Day Bobby?

Bob, eyes closed, rolls on his side facing Linda.

BOB

Valentine's Day, not again..

LINDA

Bob!

BOB

I can do it..Valentines Day..she'll never...

LINDA

BOBBY!

BOB

Hieeee! I'm up I'm up it's ok.

Linda fumes, staring.

BOB (CONT'D)

Lin, what's going on?

Lin crosses her arms and turns away.

LINDA

Nothing.

BOB

You woke me up by yelling, nothing's wrong?

LINDA

(muttered)

No.

BOB

Ok. What time is it, did I oversleep?

LINDA

(muttered)

Overslept, hah. Wouldn't that be convenient.

Bob sits up.

BOB

Lin, tell me why you're mad--

LINDA

I'm not mad.

BOB

I can tell your mad.

LINDA

(under her breath)
Can you Bobby? Like you can tell
what day it is?

He perks up at these words.

BOB

What day it is? Of course I know what day it is.

Linda smiles and turns back.

LYNN

You do?

BOB

Of course Lin, I'm not stupid.

Bob puts his hand on her shoulder but sees the smeared word "Shhh.." written on the back of it. He pauses and grins.

LYNN

What day is it Bobby? Tell me tell me.

BOB

It's Friday.

Linda's face drops.

LINDA

And?

BOB

And what?

She stares at Bob expectantly. Beat.

BOB (CONT'D)

Oh, right. Um - the gas bill is due today?

LINDA

Bobby!

Linda storms off in a huff. Bob laughs to himself.

BOB

Hah! I did it. Lin thinks I forgot Valentine's Day. I'll wait until she gets really mad then surprise her with my perfect gift.

He gets up and goes to the window.

BOB (CONT'D)

Today's going to be the best, day, ever. I hope it never ends.

An ominous tone plays off screen. Bob half closes his eyes.

BOB (CONT'D)

Gene what did I tell you? No tones til after I'm out of the shower.

GENE

Maybe I'm trying to warn you about a disaster in the shower waiting to happen?

BOB

(to himself)

Ugh. Better check on Linda's gift.

Bob exits.

INT. BOB'S BURGERS - BATHROOM - DAY

Tina stands in front of the mirror, putting on fake lipstick. She purses her lips, and winks. Awkwardly.

TINA

Oh, hello Miss sexy adult with numerous gentlemen callers. Where did you come from overnight?

Tina spins around and takes her glasses off.

TINA (CONT'D)

(husky voice)

I've always been a part of you, and like a beautiful sexy butterfly I'm finally ready to fly.

She puts her glasses back on.

TINA (CONT'D)

Oh, really? Wow I didn't know I had that in me.

She takes off the glasses again.

TINA (CONT'D)

(husky)

Of course you didn't--

Linda barges into the bathroom, flustered.

TINA (CONT'D)

Argh, Mom, I'm in here. This is my private woman bathroom time.

LOUISE (O.S.)

That's not a real thing. And it's weird to call butterflies sexy.

Louise leans in, wearing pajamas, holding her toothbrush.

LOUISE (CONT'D)

And that lipstick is the same shade Marshmallow wears.

Gene pops up in his pj's too.

GENE

Did somebody say Marshmallow? She's always getting free car rides. It's not fair!

TINA

Shut up Louise you wouldn't understand, you're not a woman like me and Mom.

LINDA

(incoherent)

Oh I could just burst.

Linda grabs the toothpaste and squeezes the tube, squirting paste all over the sink and onto Tina's glasses.

TINA

Ah! Mom, I can't see.

Linda starts wiping up the mess.

LINDA

Oh I'll tell you who can't see.

TINA

Me?

LINDA

Your father can't remember something important if his life depended on it.

Linda keeps cleaning, grabbing Tina's face and smearing the toothpaste.

LINDA (CONT'D)

Thank you Louise.

TINA

Mom you're making it worse.

LINDA

Oh trust me nothing can make it worse.

LOUISE

Yep, looks like Mom's at defcon Forgotten Holiday.

Gene moonwalks into view, still holding his keyboard.

GENE

And what better way to commemorate it than with song! (to music)

Oh Cupid shot his arrows into the mob, but the one man he forgot is my man Bob!

LOUISE

Preach brother!

GENE

We know what day it is, it happens every year. You and I call it Val--

Linda looks at Gene and pulls him and Louise into the bathroom, closing the door.

LINDA

NO!

The kids go silent as their mother towers over them.

LOUISE

Mom, I've told you before that any more bruises at school and they'll send social services.

LINDA

Enough! Quiet, all of you.

The kids stand still. A single blob of toothpaste slides down Tina's glasses and onto the floor. BEAT. Gene wipes it up with his finger and brings it to his mouth.

LINDA (CONT'D)

Gene don't.

Linda swats his hand, but Gene reaches again.

LINDA (CONT'D)

No sweetheart don't you'll get a stomach ache.

INT. BOB'S BURGER'S - BASEMENT - CONT.

Bob walks down the rickety stairs. The wood creaks, and he turns off the lights. We can still see his squinted eyes narrow and walk into the room.

BOB

It's the perfect plan.

Bob tries to grab something - but struggles.

BOB (CONT'D)

Come on, where is it.

He finds what he's looking for, and latches unclasp, then something creaks open. His face is bathed in a red glow.

BOB (CONT'D)

Teehee. Wait til Lin--

Voices echo down the air vent. Bob closes the case as his eyes whip towards them.

LINDA (O.S.)

... none of you are to say a word about it being... what day it is.

He walks towards the vent, accidentally kicking the table.

BOB

Sonofa--

The voices pause, and Bob fights back tears before looking up.

TINA (O.S.)

Mom, what are you saying?

INT. BATHROOM - CONT.

LOUISE

She's saying she's finally cracked. Sheesh Tina try to be more sensitive.

GENE

I like it - the perfect mix of intrigue and torrid love-espionage.

TINA

But you can't cancel Val--

LINDA

No.

TINA

But I'm embracing my new womanly status and seeking manly loves. You know, pubescent and mature. For Val-

LINDA

No new loves. No cards. No chocolates. Nothing!

INT. BASEMENT - CONT.

BOB

Oh my God, Lin wants to cancel Valentine's Day?

Beat.

BOB (CONT'D)

Well fine, if that's how she wants to act than she can just wait until tomorrow to get her gift.

Bob heads towards the box but his stomach rumbles.

BOB (CONT'D)

Ughh. Duty calls.

He hides the box and goes upstairs. Silhouetted by the light, he looks down into the darkness. Beat.

INT. BATHROOM - CONT.

Linda leans in.

LINDA

You're all going to help me shame your father for not remembering me when it matters most.

GENE

Forget? What are you--

Louise slaps her hand over Gene's mouth.

LOUISE

Gene how many times have I told you not to interrupt Mom it's so rude. Sorry about that Mother - I guess they never learn.

TITNDA

You got that right. Now who's excited to help Mommy with her plan?

Linda lifts her arm up and nods her head expectantly.

LOUISE

Oh we'd love to, but all that lying and deception, it could get hard to keep track of.

LINDA

What? What are you talking about?

LOUISE

It might be difficult keeping stories straight and to prevent any - unwanted reminders - of what day it is from coming to Dad's attention.

TTNA

No it won't Louise all we have to--

Louise, still holding her hand over Gene's mouth, slaps her opposite hand over Tina's mouth and holds it there.

LOUISE

Kids these days just don't know not to speak unless spoken to, am I right?

LINDA

Oh I see what you're saying. You want something in return for helping me.

LOUISE

That's why I always call you my brilliant mother.

LINDA

Awww, you call me your brilliant mommy? That's so-

LOUISE

No--

LINDA

-cute. You're my adorable little
honeybunch--

LOUISE

Let's get back on point Mom--

Linda focuses.

LINDA

Right. What do you want?

Louise pulls Gene and Tina into a huddle.

LOUISE

What'll it be, no bedtime for a month or no school for a week?

TTNA

I like school. Where else am I supposed to meet eligible young bachelors?

GENE

And bedtime is when I get to do my secret music under the covers.

LOUISE

(surprised)

What secret music?

GENE

That's what secret means - no telling sisters!!

Louise puts her hand over her face.

LOUISE

Fine, something we all want then.

LINDA

What are you kids talking about over there?

Linda tries to lean in and Louise pops her head up from the huddle.

LOUISE

Just one more second mother. We don't want to rush in to anything now do we?

Louise lowers back down.

LINDA

I guess not but hurry, your father could be coming back up any second.

(MORE)

LINDA (CONT'D)

His bowels are on a strict timetable.

LOUISE

Ok, on three we say what we all want. One.

TINA

Two.

GENE

Three!

LOUISE/TINA/GENE

One time get out of jail free card!

Louise, Tina and Gene all smile at each other, and turn.

LOUISE

We've made a decision mother. And we'd be more than happy to help you - all you have to give us in return is a one time total forgiveness of something we do.

LINDA

Ohh I don't know-

LOUISE

Each.

LINDA

Each? What?

TINA

What?

LOUISE

(to Tina)

Shush.

(to Linda)

All things considered that really is fair. Isn't the candle he got you last year a burning reminder of incompetence?

LINDA

Louise don't be mean, Bob's still your father. And I really shouldn't approve this without him...

LOUISE

He left you alone to make this decision.

(MORE)

LOUISE (CONT'D)

I guess you'll have to risk it, what with him not even remembering how much he loves you...

LINDA

Er, I'm not--

Louise gets closer.

LOUISE

Shh shhh. You know the right choice. Do it Mom.

TTNA

Yea Mom you can do it.

CENE

Do it for your shattered love life!

Linda recoils, as her kids stare gleefully at her. Beat.

LINDA

Alright!! I'll do it!!

Louise spits into her right hand then shakes, while patting Linda's cheek with her left.

LOUISE

Deal. There's a good girl.

LINDA

(looking at spit)

Ah..thanks sweetie. Now quick go take down the surprise decorations I put up in the restaurant.

LOUISE

You got it mom. Or should I say, partner?

Linda smiles and claps her hands.

LINDA

Ohhh I like that. Partners!

INT. BOB'S BURGER'S - RESTUARANT - MINUTES LATER

The kids pull things down. Heart chains, angel cutouts, candy dishes, all caught by Gene carrying a garbage bag.

TTNA

I guess this is an important step in being a woman - doing something you don't want to do for something...you do want, later on.

Linda comes in.

LINDA

Hurry - your father's coming down.

GENE

We can only destroy a holiday so quickly mother!

LINDA

Move it move it move it.

Linda races behind the counter and pulls off stickers on the wall, unpins old Valentine's Day cards from years past, and comes up to the candle she received last year.

She hesitates, staring into the flame, which is about to go out from burning all night. Beat. Louise blows it out, snapping Linda out of it.

LINDA (CONT'D)

(unsure)

Good, that's a good girl Louise. Now hide that garbage bag before your father--

BOB (O.S.)

Before your father what?

Everyone gasps and turns to see Bob standing in the doorway.

LINDA

Bobby I didn't hear you open the door.

BOB

Oh. Right. I guess the bell on this thing is still broken.

GENE

Not to worry Dad. I have a variety of bell sounds just waiting to be used.

Gene steps forward and puts one hand on his chest and the other up in the air.

GENE (CONT'D)

DING DONG DING DONG!

BOB

No Gene, that's ok.

GENE

Too Church Bells? I hear you. Something more like - "Dinga a linga ding dinga linga ding."

LINDA

Honey, really you don't have to do that.

Bob pats the air with his hand, trying to silence Gene.

GENE

Nonsense, it's my duty as your only son.

BOB

No Gene. Trust me, that will never be your duty as our son.

GENE

Than how do I prove myself?

Bob eyes the trash bag against the wall.

BOB

I guess for starters you could throw away that trash bag. Has that been sitting out all night?

GENE

If by all night you mean since--

Linda looks at Gene, afraid he'll spill the beans.

LOUISE

Since 9:00 p.m. yesterday, then yes, all night.

BOB

That's the definition of all night. Why didn't anybody take it out?

LINDA

Bobby take it easy they're just kids.

TINDA

Yea, I only entered womanhood this morning Dad.

Bob blanches.

BOB

Um that's nice Tina. But about the trash bag - funny it doesn't smell in here.

GENE

Just like many of my farts. Silent, but in the end...lethal!

BOB

Please don't let that be it.

Bob looks at Tina.

BOB (CONT'D)

And Tina what do you mean you're a woman now - oh god - please don't tell me--

TINA

Tell you what?

BOB

Tell me, something maybe you should talk with your mother about..

TINA

I've already told Mom I've decided to open up my heart to new loves besides Jimmy Jr.

BOB

And?

TINA

And I tried on some lipstick. Can't you tell?

BOB

Right. Oh. Ok then.

Bob goes for the trash bag but Linda beats him to it.

BOB (CONT'D)

Lin I can get that.

LINDA

(over her shoulder)

Nonsense Bobby get the grill going, I'll take care of this.

Bob watches Linda leave. The kids all stare at him.

BOB

What?

LOUISE/TINA/GENE

Nothing.

Beat. Bob stares back. Off the barren restaurant, he narrows his eyes. CU Louise's returned gaze, Gene's screwed up face focusing on something, and Tina's absent look.

BOB

Restaurant seems kind of bare, given what day it is.

The kids looks at each other in fleeting glances.

LOUISE/TINA/GENE

Yes.

BOB

No matter though. Is it?

Louise steps forward.

LOUISE

I don't know Dad. Is it?

BOB

Why don't you tell me?

Louise gets closer. Gene starts to turn red.

LOUISE

Or... YOU COULD GO AHEAD AND TELL ME!

BOB

TELL YOU WHAT EXACTLY?

Louise doesn't answer. Beat. Gene rips a ridiculous fart.

GENE

Whew! He was a fighter - just the way I like 'em.

Louise's nose twitches, and her eyes water. Bob's mustache moves, and his throat rasps. Louise smiles as Linda returns.

LINDA

Ok kids quit bothering your father it's time for school.

Linda recoils at the smell.

LINDA (CONT'D)

Oh my god Gene that's terrible. No more fruit snacks before bed dear they're making you too gassy.

Louise walks past Bob, followed by Gene and Tina.

INT. STAIRWAY - CONT.

TINA

I'm surprised you're having us go to school Mom. I thought you'd want us to help you here.

LINDA

Exactly why I can't spare you going today. I need you kids to hide outside the restaurant and stop people from coming in.

GENE

You're weaving a deadly, loveless web mother.

LOUISE

Ummm, Mom that's a great plan and all. But it's February. It might be a bit cold to stand outside all day.

LINDA

True. I guess we'll tell your father school was cancelled.

LOUISE

No that's not what I--

TINA

Wait, we can do that?

LINDA

Of course we can. We just have to stick together.

END OF ACT ONE

ACT TWO

INT. - BOB'S BURGERS - KITCHEN - LATER

Linda returns.

BOB

Lin, why aren't you taking the kids to school?

LINDA

Oh Bobby you wouldn't believe it but school's cancelled.

Bob sees old snow on the ground, but nothing new coming down.

BOB

Really? There's not even ice on the road.

LINDA

Well you can't see it because it's black ice. The whole city is coated with it.

BOB

Really?

LINDA

I know it's terrible. And so dangerous, they're not letting any of the school buses on the road.

Bob goes over to the window. No cars are in sight.

BOB

I guess that makes sense.

LINDA

Of course it makes sense. Now I've told the kids to come down and help us out today.

Bob is about to speak when the kids come in.

GENE

Good morning again father, are you ready for our help on this school free day of wonders?

BOB

Yea, sure. Aprons kids.

They walk over to the counter. Linda sees Teddy coming.

LINDA

(whispered)

Louise. Teddy, incoming!

LOUISE

On it.

Louise bolts out the door.

BOE

Where's she going?

LINDA

Probably to warn Teddy about the streets. You know how caring Louise can be sometimes.

BOB

Hah. Good one.

EXT. RESTAURANT - CONT.

Louise runs up to Teddy.

TEDDY

Good morning Louise. Why aren't you in school?

LOUISE

No time. Now listen- you can't mention Valentine's Day to my dad.

TEDDY

What? Why not?

LOUISE

Because my get out of jail free card depends on it, get me mister?!

TEDDY

Whoa, take it easy. There's no need for hostility.

Louise gets in close.

LOUISE

Just keep that trap zipped up tight and we won't have any problems.

TEDDY

Wow. You're pretty intimidating for a little girl.

Louise smiles.

LOUISE

Thanks. Now, do we understand each other?

TEDDY

Perfectly. No Valentine's Day talk.

LOUISE

Good. And don't disappoint me - I'll get so sad, and I'm always so unpredictable when I'm sad. Know what I mean?

Louise "slips" and tears a button off Teddy's shirt. Teddy gulps, then heads inside.

INT. BOB'S BURGERS - KITCHEN

Bob stands at the grill, having a moment.

BOB (V.O.)

How will Lin pull this off? There's no way somebody won't mention it being Valentine's Day. Just so long as I don't break first, she's bound to be shown up.

Teddy and Louise sit side by side. Linda shuts the blinds.

BOB

Hi Teddy.

TEDDY

Hi Bobby--

BOB

Lin, what are you doing?

LINDA

My eyes hurt from the snow glare.

BOB

What snow--

Linda shoots him a look.

BOB (CONT'D)

(under his breath)

So that's how you want to play it huh?

(normal)

Oh right, can't be too careful. So Teddy, how's your Friday going?

TEDDY

Going well Bobby. New day full of possibilities and new--

TEDDY (CONT'D)

Oww, Louise why did you do that?

LOUISE

I don't know. Who knows what I'll do next?

BOB

New what Teddy? What were you saying?

LINDA

What's that Teddy it's early so you want to get some bacon and eggs at the diner down the street?

BOB

Lin, no. Teddy I have bacon and eggs. And tomatoes. What were you going to say?

TEDDY

Ughh, I don't know--

BOB

Yes you do Teddy-

Linda starts to shove Teddy off his stool.

LOUISE

Careful Teddy we don't want any accidents happening.

TINA

What's going on? I can't see.

GENE

It's about to explode!

TINA

What is?

GENE

Everything!

LINDA

Nothing Tina. Let's go Teddy.

Linda drags Teddy backward.

BOB

Lin, let Teddy go he's a grown man for God's sake.

TEDDY

Bobby, help me out here.

LINDA

Gene, get over here.

GENE

On it.

Gene grabs a leg and Louise pushes on the other.

TEDDY

Bobby, help.

BOB

Teddy!

TEDDY

BOBBY!!

Teddy grabs on to the door jamb, not letting go.

LINDA

Tina, let's go! Show me what a woman can do.

Tina exits the kitchen.

BOB

Tina don't do it.

TINA

Ummmm.

LINDA

Come on, help your Mom.

BOB

Tina I'm your father and I'm telling you not to do what your mother says.

LINDA

Bob we can't contradict each other.

TINA

Ummmmm.

Tina freezes.

LOUISE

Tina, move it. Now.

LINDA

It's for love sweetheart. Remember that.

Beat. Tina slides her spatula underneath Teddy's fingers.

BOB

Teddy, nooo!!!!

The door closes on Teddy. Grease pops up and burns Bob.

BOB (CONT'D)

Ow.

He snaps out of it and gets back to work.

EXT. BOB'S BURGERS - SIDEWALK - CONTINUOUS

Everyone holds Teddy down. The mailman walks up.

MAILMAN

Good morning Belcher's. I've got your mail.

Everyone looks at him.

MAILMAN (CONT'D)

I'll just go in and give these to Bob.

Louise quickly glances at Teddy.

LOUISE

Oh my god it's an anthrax attack.

The mailman freezes.

MAILMAN

I'm not a martyr!

He turns tail and runs.

TEDDY

And I'm not an animal!

LINDA

Calm down Teddy it's fine.

Teddy stops struggling and everyone backs off. Jimmy Jr. walks out of Jimmy Pesto's.

JIMMY JR.

Hi Tina. Aren't you coming to school?

Tina looks over.

TINA

Hi Jimmy Jr. No. I'm a woman now, making the tough decisions.

JIMMY JR.

Oh, ok. Well happy Valentine's Day.

She sighs, but cracks starts running. Linda holds her back.

LINDA

Good work Tina. That a girl.

Tina composes herself.

TTNA

That a woman Mom. That a woman.

Everyone goes back inside.

Montage set to opera music sung by Gene ala Pavarati:

Mort getting scared off by Gene in zombie makeup.

Louise flipping the open/closed sign to closed.

Gene hailing down a car for Marshmallow.

Bob flipping the open/closed sign open.

Linda holding up a sign outside saying "e coli attack!"

The clock time-lapsing to later in the day.

Louise writing a list of things to do: Convince everyone at school they're adopted, raise an army of sewer rats, etc.

Tina writing a Valentine, then crossing it out.

BACK TO SCENE:

The clock hits seven.

BOB

Well, that's a day. And somehow we didn't get one customer inside after Teddy.

LINDA

I know, I guess it's just one of those days.

BOB

I guess so. Let's head upstairs kids, it's been a long day.

INT. BOB AND LINDA'S BEDROOM

Bob, brushing his teeth, sees Linda staring out the window. From her perspective everything sounds like white noise, with ocean waves creeping in. Bob moves towards her.

FALSETTO VOICE

Ahhhh!!!

BOB

Who's that?

Beat. Bob looks around as Linda turns to him.

LINDA

Who's who?

BOB

You didn't hear that?

LINDA

Hear what?

BOB

Nothing.

Bob walks away. Then he comes back.

BOB (CONT'D)

Lin?

LINDA

Yes Bob?

BOB

Nothing. I just wanted to say - happy Friday.

LINDA

Oh. Thanks Bobby.

INT. TINA'S ROOM - CONT.

Tina sits with Louise and Gene.

LOUISE

Can you believe Dad didn't bring up Valentine's Day? I didn't think he had it in him. I expected resolve on the level of his candle gift.

GENE

Did it fail to rekindle their love? Yes. But Sea Foam by The Sea's salty aroma was delicious!

TINA

Today was awful. Jimmy Junior tried to profess his love for me and I had to turn him down. Being a woman is awful.

LOUISE

But now you can fully explore womanhood with your fresh get out of jail free card.

TINA

I guess so. Maybe I can seduce Jimmy with my feminine wiles. And Mom and Dad won't be able to say anything.

LOUISE

That's pretty disgusting Tina, but I'm glad you're thinking of ways to use your new found power.

GENE

The power is going straight to my head.

Gene rolls of the bed into a headstand.

GENE (CONT'D)

I can feel it - what a rush!

LOUISE

I was impressed by you out there Gene. So tell me, why are you helping Mom?

GENE

I came from her - it's the least I can do.

INT. BOB AND LINDA'S BEDROOM - CONT.

Bob walks over to the bed. A soft light comes in from the window.

BOB

Lin? I just wanted to say, Happy--

Bob pauses. The falsetto voice calls out.

BOB (CONT'D)

(heated whisper)

Alright, what is that? Gene, is that you?

No one answers. Bob looks back to Lin.

BOB (CONT'D)

(afterthought)

You're going to love your present tomorrow morning.

Linda snores loudly. Bob turns over and goes to sleep.

END OF ACT TWO

ACT THREE

INT. BOB AND LINDA'S BEDROOM - MORNING

SUPER:

"DAY TWO: THE FALL"

Bob sleeps. Peacefully.

FALSETTO VOICE

Haaaaa!!!

Bob winces.

LINDA (O.S.)

Bobby..Bobby!

He writhes. Through Linda's eyes, once again all sound melds to waves lapping. Bob tosses.

LINDA (O.S.) (CONT'D)

Bobby!

Bob wakes up. A car skids and a cat howls - just like yesterday. He sees Linda staring.

BOB

Aghh! Lin, what's going on?

Lin crosses her arms and turns.

LINDA

Nothing.

Bob tilts his head, confused.

BOB

You woke me up by yelling. Again. Nothing's wrong?

LINDA

(muttered)

No.

BOB

Ok. What time is it, did I oversleep?

LYNN

(muttered)

Overslept, hah. Wouldn't that be convenient.

Bob sits up, bewildered.

BOB

Didn't we already do this?

Linda doesn't answer. Bob slides towards her.

BOB (CONT'D)

I -- I can tell you're mad--

LINDA

I'm not mad.

BOE

Yes you are. Just like you were mad yesterday. I can tell.

LINDA

(under her breath)
Can you Bobby? Like you can tell
what day it is?

Bob perks up.

BOB

Ah ha! I knew you were going to say that. I know what you're going to say!

Linda smiles, turning back.

LINDA

You do?

BOB

You're going to say something about what day it is.

We push in on Linda's face. Her eyelid twitches.

LINDA

What day is it Bobby? Tell me tell me.

Bob thinks about it.

BOB

Saturday?

LINDA

No. It's Friday.

BOB

Lin, yesterday was Friday.

LINDA

Bobby you're crazy. Today's Friday.

BOB

No, yesterday was Friday!

LINDA

(yelling)

Kids - tell you're father it's
Friday!

LOUISE (O.S.)

It's Friday Dad face the music.

GENE (O.S.)

It's beautiful.

Linda exits. Bob looks around, unsure of what to do.

INT. BOB'S BURGERS - UPSTAIRS BATHROOM - CONT.

Gene, Tina, and Louise stand around the sink. Tina is again putting on lipstick, and Gene clips his toe nails.

TINA

Now I can embrace my womanhood and let the world know who I am.

LOUISE

A gross sister plastered in "shade of a hussy"?

TINA

No, I'm Tina. Belcher. The woman?

LOUISE

Right right, I almost forgot.

Linda walks by.

TINA

Good morning Mom.

LINDA

Good morning Tina.

Linda returns, coming in and shutting the door.

LOUISE

Something tells me the crazy train hasn't left town.

TINA

Uhhhh, I don't like this.

LINDA

Kids I have to tell you something.

GENE

You were adopted?

T₁TNDA

What? No honey. Your father --

Linda wrings her hands, then zones out.

LOUISE

Mom?

Linda hears waves. Louise waves her hand about.

LOUISE (CONT'D)

Hello?

INT. BOB'S BURGERS - BASEMENT - CONTINUOUS

Bob walks down the steps in the dark, tripping down the last few.

BOB

OW!

He gets back up and rummages for his box, opening it. The red light shines on his face.

BOB (CONT'D)

Maybe I should just give Linda her present and apologize.

FALSETTO VOICE (V.O.)

Noooo!!!

Bob looks around.

BOB

(scared)

Hello?! Disembodied voice?

Bob walks deeper into the darkness.

BOB (CONT'D)

Gene if this is one of your pranks...ha ha ha, you can come out now.

Beat.

INT. BOB'S BURGERS - UPSTAIRS BATHROOM - CONTINUOUS

Linda is still zoned out. The sound of waves are marked by lightning cracks. Her cheek spasms. Beat.

LINDA

It's Friday. Again.

TINA

Uhhhhh, can I get a hernia? Who am I kidding I'm an adult and riddled with stress.

LOUISE

It'll be worth it Tina, trust me. So, Mom, what are you offering? No Valentine's Day round two, make me want it..

LINDA

(desperate)

Two get out of jail free cards. Each!

LOUISE

Deal.

She spit-shakes Linda's hand.

INT. BOB'S BURGERS - BASEMENT - CONTINUOUS

Linda's words echo down. Bob looks up.

BOB

Ahhhrgh! Lin why are you making me not give you your wonderful present.

He slams the case shut, plunging him into darkness. He goes upstairs, tripping again.

BOB (CONT'D)

(wincing)

Stay strong Bobby. You once didn't go number two for two days.

(MORE)

BOB (CONT'D)

Being trapped in the walls didn't help--

(with resolve)

But you can do this! Whoo!!

Bob exits.

INT. BOB'S BURGERS - RESTAURANT - LATER

Everyone stands around looking at each other.

BOB

I guess school's cancelled?
 (muttered)

Again.

LINDA

Uh huh. All that black ice.

BOB

So dangerous.

LOUISE

You wouldn't want us risking our lives would you father?

BOB

Of course not Louise. I love you all so very very much.

GENE

And we love you, more than we can tell you.

TINA

The love of children, and the love of an adult.

BOB

Thank you Tina. I appreciate it.

LINDA

Alright kids get to work.

Everyone starts getting ready. Teddy walks in.

BOB

Hello Teddy.

TEDDY

Hello Bobby.

Teddy sits at the counter.

TEDDY (CONT'D)

Did you have a nice Val--Argh!

Louise hides behind him, whispering in his hear.

LOUISE

Mention Valentine's Day and things get ugly.

BOB

Teddy are you okay?

LOUISE

I'm fine. I'm fine!

TEDDY

I'm fine.

LOUISE

How was your Thursday?

TEDDY

How was your Thursday?

Bob squints.

BOB

It was fine. Yours.

Teddy's eyes light up.

TEDDY

Actually I got a great--

LOUISE

No going off script. It was uneventful. Burger please.

TEDDY

Nothing happened. Burger.

Bob looks at Linda. She is zoned out again.

BOB

Coming up.

The mailman walks up, but bends over to tie his shoe.

LOUISE

Gene, take over for me, I've got to take care of the mailman.

GENE

Copy that.

Gene stands behind Teddy.

GENE (CONT'D)

I'm replacing Louise.

TEDDY

Oh hi Gene.

GENE

Hi Teddy. Now stay quiet and fabulous.

TEDDY

Thanks Gene - you have a much better hostage taker manner.

GENE

I've been a hostage before - I know what works!

Louise dumps a salt shaker into her hand and exits.

EXT. BOB'S BURGERS - SIDEWALK - CONTINUOUS

The mailman sees Louise coming out.

MAILMAN

Oh hey Louise, I hope everything is ok today?

Louise coughs into the salt, creating a small white cloud.

LOUISE

Ackk...help me!

Louise falls to all fours. The mailman backs off, terrified.

MAILMAN

No no no!

He trips and runs off. Louise extends a whitish hand.

LOUISE

Please...

MAILMAN

I'm not a hero, I'm sorry Louise.

Beat. Louise hops up and dusts herself off.

LOUISE

Easy peasy.

She looks across the street to see Jimmy Jr. staring.

JIMMY JR.

Hey Louise.

LOUISE

Jimmy Jr.

JIMMY JR.

Umm, is Tina inside?

LOUISE

Yea, nooo.

JIMMY JR.

What?

Louise speaks a little louder.

LOUISE

I said yeaaaaa.

JIMMY JR.

Yea?

LOUISE

Nooooo...

JIMMY JR.

What? Is she there or--

LOUISE

Jimmy I'm so sorry but I have to get back inside and help my Dad don't come over okay?

Louise goes inside.

JIMMY JR.

Ok. Bye.

INT. BOB'S BURGERS - KITCHEN - CONTINUOUS

A burger patty simmers. Bob stares at it, transfixed.

TINA

Dad.

Bob stares at the bubbling grease. A drop flits on his hand. Tina waves her hand in front of Bob's face.

TINA (CONT'D)

Hello, Dad? The burger is going to burn.

Bob can't look away. The burger starts to burn.

FALSETTO VOICE

(underwater)

Haaa!

TINA

Dad!

Bob snaps out of it. He flips the burger.

BOB

Thanks Tina.

TINA

You were just standing there.

BOB

Yea, I guess so huh? How long was it, like an hour?

TINA

No. Not even five minutes.

BOB

Ahhh why won't this day end?

INT. BOB'S BURGERS - RESTUARANT - CONTINUOUS

The clock ticks. Linda looks at Bob and Tina in the kitchen. Gene stands behind Teddy.

GENE

Chew chew chew!

Louise winks at her and watches the street. Mort is about to come in but she locks the door, slowly shaking her head. Linda startles at Gene's voice.

GENE (CONT'D)

Chew chew chew!

She wrings her hands. Gene's voice meshes with waves.

GENE (CONT'D)

Chew Chew che-

LINDA

Alright Teddy it's time to go!

Beat. The room is silent. Teddy gulps. Louise leans in.

LOUISE

I'd do what she says chief, she's the one who scares even me.

Teddy throws down his money and heads out.

GENE

I'll never forget you. I don't know what reverse hostage taker syndrome is, but I have it!

Louise holds the door for Teddy.

BOB

Bye Teddy.

TEDDY

Bye Bo-

Louise shuts the door in his face.

LOUISE

Teddy says bye.

BOB

Oh my God this day is horrible.

LINDA

I have to go check on something you kids help your father and remember to..

GENE

To sing the song in our hearts no matter what society says?

LINDA

Yes sweetie and keep helping your Mom.

Linda rushes out. Bob walks out from behind the kitchen.

BOB

Linda where are you going?

She doesn't look back.

BOB (CONT'D)

I know she made the kids help her with this crazy act. Now to get the truth.

The clock ticks incessantly. Bob sees Louise, who smiles.

BOB (CONT'D)

Too smart.

He looks at Gene, beating out a rhythm with spoons.

BOB (CONT'D)

Too...Gene.

Bob looks at Tina. Their eyes meet..

TINA

Ah. Dad don't scare me like that.

BOB

Bingo.

Bob walks towards her.

TINA

What are you doing?

He gets closer, not answering.

TINA (CONT'D)

Stop don't look at me.

BOB

I just wanna talk sweetheart.

Bob rounds the counter, almost to the kitchen.

TINA

Ahhh...

Tina backs away.

BOB

Tell me what's going on Tina.

TINA

Ahhh...I don't know.

BOB

Tina I know everything. I just want to hear you say why you did it.

TINA

You know? Then why are you still playing along?

BOB

Then there is something to know?

TINA

Of course.

BOB

Tell me what's to know Tina!

Tina sees Louise, who holds up a picture of Jimmy Jr. and smiles as it slowly starts to burn.

TINA

Jimmy Jr. no!!

BOB

What?

TINA

Dad I can't I'm suffering for love you wouldn't understand.

Tina exits.

BOB

Dammit. So close.

FALSETTO VOICE (V.O.)

Bob!!!

BOB

I heard that - someone just said my name.

Bob tears around the kitchen looking for the source.

BOB (CONT'D)

I'm going to found out who this is and destroy you!

Louise and Gene watch Bob's mania.

GENE

He's lost his mind.

LOUISE

And soon we'll be reaping all the benefits Gene.

EXT. BOB'S BURGERS - SIDEWALK - CONT.

Linda stands alone by the door.

LINDA

Come on Linda you can do this. You gave birth to three beautiful children, this is no problem. Now go back in there and show Bobby how stupid he is for forgetting Valentine's Day.

Linda sees her reflection. Beat.

LINDA (CONT'D)

Whoop!

She goes back in.

INT. BOB'S BURGERS - KITCHEN - LATER

Transition to 6:59. Bob, red-eyed, watches every passing second. When it strikes 7 he decompresses.

BOB

Finally.

Bob, Gene and Tina exit. Louise goes over to her Mother, who stares at the turned off TV.

LOUISE

Looks like we made it Mom.
I guess Dad will cave and you can guilt him for a whole year, especially after you give him your gift.

LINDA

What?

LOUISE

Your gift.

Linda squirms.

LOUISE (CONT'D)

It's too perfect. Are you telling me you didn't get him anything?

T₁TNDA

Time for bed Louise.

LOUISE

Mom the sun is still out.

LINDA

Go to bed!!

INT. BOB'S BURGER - BASEMENT - MINUTES LATER

Bob opens his case, basking in it's red light. A whimper sounds, and the light fades.

BOB

(soothing, to himself)

Soon. Soon...

INT. BOB'S BURGERS - LOUISE'S BEDROOM - LATER THAT NIGHT

LOUISE

Well here we are. The sun is only just going down and Mom is making us go to bed.

TINA

Louise I can't do this. I need to profess my love for Jimmy Jr. I don't want to be a woman with multiple suitors, I want to be a girl in Jimmy's peach-fuzzed arms.

GENE

I can't believe Teddy's gone. The time we spent was short, but it has left a life-long impression on me.

LOUISE

I'm sure one of them has given in by now. Just keep it together kids and soon we'll have total amnesty.

TINA

You don't understand. Just because you hate Valentine's Day doesn't mean the rest of us do.

GENE

I'll give you amnesty. Teddy and I are now a hostage family.

LOUISE

Tina my feelings aside you have to realize what we stand to gain here. Anything we want - anything! We're almost done.

TINA

And what if you're wrong Louise? What if Mom tries to make us do this a third time?

LOUISE

Then God have mercy on their pitiful souls.

INT. BOB'S BURGERS - BOB AND LINDA'S BEDROOM - LATER THAT NIGHT

Bob lays in bed, his eyes closed. Linda walks in and sees him sleeping. She climbs into bed.

LINDA

Bobby, are you up?

Bob doesn't answer.

LINDA (CONT'D)

(whisper)

I just want to say... Happy Val-

The words catch in her throat.

LINDA (CONT'D)

(whisper)

Happy Valentine's Day Bobby.

Linda leans over and kisses Bob on the forehead. She turns over and closes her eyes. Bob's reopen, and a single tear falls down his cheek.

END OF ACT THREE

ACT FOUR

INT. LINDA'S DREAM - THE BEACH - NIGHT

Waves lap the sand. Linda runs as lightning flashes. We can't make out any of the surroundings. Linda stops, heaving.

VOICE (O.S.)

(sounds like Louise)

Lindaaaaaa-

Linda turns, terrified.

LINDA

Who's there?

VOICE (O.S.)

It's me Linda.

LINDA

Me who?

VOICE (O.S.)

Me you.

LINDA

Ah.

Linda sees a wave leave foam on the sand, which gathers together to form a blob with a mouth.

SEA FOAM

You can't run forever Linda.

LINDA

What are you?

SEA FOAM

I'm the spirit of Valentine's Day.

LINDA

Really? A big foamy blob?

The sea foam swells and the wind howls.

SEA FOAM

Silence. I'm here to remind you what a terrible person you're being.

LINDA

That's not very nice - wait, why do you have Louise's voice?

SEA FOAM

Nevermind that. If you don't tell Bobby how you feel you'll lose the ability to love forever.

LINDA

Noo!!

SEA FOAM

Heed my words Linda.

"Bells" seep in (ala Gene's voice from yesterday).

SEA FOAM (CONT'D)

Or you'll end up like this poor wretch.

A large heart shaped sand dollar washes ashore.

SAND DOLLAR

(Tina's voice)

Why didn't I express my womanly love? Ahhh...

The bells chime louder. The sea foam closes into Linda. The sand dollar wails and slowly breaks in two.

LINDA

Stop, stop it. Ahh.

Linda cowers. A giant Sea Foam by the Sea candle exits the water. Linda looks up at it.

CANDLE

(Bob's voice)

Linda, what have you done?

LINDA

Bobby no you know I didn't mean it.

CANDLE

Why Linda? Whyyyy...

The candle flickers, then snuffs out.

INT. BOB AND LINDA'S BEDROOM - BOB'S DREAM - CONTINUOUS

Bob and Linda lie asleep. Bob "wakes up" and sees Linda mumbling in her sleep.

BOB

Poor Lin, I think it's starting to get to her.

He puts his hand on Linda's shoulder.

FALSETTO VOICE

Haaaa!!

Poof. A miniature cherub Bob (clad in diaper) appears. Beat.

CHERUB BOB

(squeaky)

Hey, what do you think you're doing wise guy?

BOB

Oh no, I'm seeing things.

CHERUB BOB

Not right now you aren't you bozo. You've got Lin in a corner - you remembered Valentine's Day and she thinks you didn't. Now's where you you can shove it in her face!

Cherub Bob flutters forward towards Bob.

BOB

No, that's terrible. Valentine's Day is, well was, about telling those you love that...you love them.

Bob looks towards his other shoulder. Beat.

CHERUB BOB

I'm it buddy, you think Valentine's Day gets angels and devils? I'm the pissed off cherub who wants you to get your head out of burger butt.

BOB

Hey! You can't talk to me like that!

CHERUB BOB

Oh yea? And what are you gonna do about it?

BOB

I'm gonna swat you that's what!!

We see Bob sitting up in bed with his eyes closed, still sleeping. He swings at Cherub Bob, who dodges it. Linda's red-cracked eyes slowly open.

LINDA

Ughhhh...

A car skids and a cat howls. Linda turns to the window.

LINDA (CONT'D)

(incoherent)

Stupid cat, howling in the street. Go away dumb cat!

Linda sees Bob sleeping and waving his hands around.

LINDA (CONT'D)

Bobby, what are you doing?

BOB

(sleeping)

You think you can tell me what to do you stupid little baby me with wings?!

Bob keeps missing.

CHERUB BOB

You're gonna keep your big mouth shout fat boy!

BOB

(sleeping)

Fat boy? Screw you pal, I'll tell my wife whatever I want!

LINDA

Bobby!

Cherub Bob sticks his tongue out.

LINDA (CONT'D)

BOBBY!!

Cherub Bob laughs in his falsetto voice then disappears as Bob wakes up.

INT. BOB'S BURGERS - BOB AND LINDA'S BEDROOM - CONTINUOUS

BOB

(surprised) What?

LINDA

What are you doing? You're swatting at the air like a crazy person.

Bob chuckles nervously.

BOB

I was not.

LINDA

Bobby I just saw you, you were asleep talking about a baby you with wings!

BOB

I must have been dreaming.

LINDA

Ok. Then what were you going to tell me?

Bob squirms.

BOB

Nothing. I -- have to get up. Just like any other average...Friday.

Bob exits. As the door clicks Linda's eye twitches.

LINDA

Haeh! Friday.

Linda gets up in a trance. Her eye twitches again. She continues, muttering to herself.

LINDA (O.S.) (CONT'D)

Friday. Haeh.

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INT. HALLWAY - CONT.

Linda keeps going.

LINDA

Valentine's Day...Bobby...kids help...sea foam...bells... Valentine's...broken heart.

The kids crack open the door and watch Linda. They see her disheveled appearance and tic.

LOUISE

Interesting, Mom has actually gone...insane.

GENE

I knew it was only a matter of time! Lies eat away at your soul, just like all that soda tries to eat my stomach!

TINA

You guys we should do something. Mom can't possibly expect us to pretend it's Valentines Day again...can she?

LOUISE

She can't even function Tina, how is she supposed to enforce this charade any longer?

LINDA (O.S.)

(close)

It's Friday kids. Still Valentine's Day.

The kids jump in alarm - their mother is back by the door.

LOUISE

Mom, don't do that. You want to give me a heart attack?

Linda looks off in a thousand yard stare.

LINDA

Shush now Louise. No talk of hearts. Remember, it's Valentines Day and your father can't know it. We're going to punish him.

The kids see Linda's glassy eyes.

TINA

Mom, you don't look so good. Are you sure you want to keep doing this?

GENE

Quit crying on the inside and cry on the outside! Your salty tears will ease your broken heart.

Linda stares at Gene. Beat. He averts his gaze.

GENE (CONT'D)

Stop staring at me. The anguish in your adult eyes is overwhelming my child naiveté.

Linda returns to zombie-mode. In her POV we hear waves crashing again and again.

LINDA

Thanks kids.

LOUISE

Mom even I've got to admit there are times when you have to cut your losses.

Linda walks away, oblivious.

LOUISE (CONT'D)

(worried)

We still get the deal though right? The get out of jail free card? It doesn't have to be a real card!!

LOUISE (CONT'D)

This is crazy!

TINA

Oh now it's crazy? I could be in a serious relationship with my one true love by now.

GENE

Those eyes, they told me something.

LOUISE

Not now Gene. We need a game plan.

TINA

Ahh let's go tell Dad. He'll know what to do.

GENE

I know now what it means to be a woman in love. I understand you all now.

LOUISE

Neither of you are helping.

INT. BOB'S BURGERS - BASEMENT - CONTINUOUS

Bob sits hunched over, his head in his hands. His case open, the light fades again.

CHERUB BOB (V.O.)

Hahahaha!

BOB

What have I done? I should have just given this to Linda. And now I'm hallucinating. God only knows what Linda's going through.

Bob looks into the case, then slowly shuts it.

INT. TINA'S ROOM - CONT.

TINA

So what then, what do we do? I can't go on like this, living the same day over and over and over with no Valentines?! I want to be a girl who goes out and gives her heart to some unsuspecting boy waiting to have his body explored.

Louise smacks Tina.

LOUISE

Get a hold of yourself woman! We can't let ourselves become like Mom. Now let's go downstairs and see what happens - if we play it right they'll self destruct and Mom will have no choice but to give us what's rightfully ours.

INT. BOB'S BURGERS - RESTAURANT - CONTINUOUS

Linda wipes down the counter as Bob walks in.

BOB

Look, Linda, there's something I have to say.

LINDA

No time Bobby. We have to get the restaurant ready. Thank goodness we'll have the kids here to help. That black ice can be so dangerous.

Bob frowns.

BOB

Yea, I guess so.

He walks around the counter as the kids walk in.

BOB (CONT'D)

Hey kids.

LOUISE

Hey Dad.

BOB

Help me get things ready?

LOUISE

Sure thing.

Tina and Gene sit in a booth. Linda zones out. Louise watches Teddy approach.

LOUISE (CONT'D)

Let's do this.

EXT. BOB'S BURGERS - SIDEWALK - CONT.

Louise runs screaming at Teddy while flailing her arms.

LOUISE

Bahhh I'm a crazy little girl.

TEDDY

Ahhh!!

Teddy backs up then wobbles away. Gene slams his fists longingly on the window glass - but we can't hear him.

INT. BOB'S BURGERS - DINER - CONT.

GENE

Teddy! Teddyyyy!!!

EXT. BOB'S BURGERS - OPPOSITE SIDEWALK - CONT.

Jimmy Jr. exits his father's restaurant wearing a tuxedo, holding a card. Louise runs at him, screaming.

LOUISE

Tina can't see you right now she's too busy entertaining multiple male lovers.

JIMMY JR.

What?

LOUISE

You're smothering her can't you take a hint?

Louise gets in front of Jimmy Jr. Tina stands at the window, fogging the glass. She too slams her fists on it while yelling, but we can't hear her.

INT. BOB'S BURGERES - DINER - CONT.

TINA

Jimmy Jr!!

EXT. BOB'S BURGERS - OPPOSITE SIDEWALK - CONT.

Jimmy Jr. tries to look past, but Louise blocks his eyeline.

LOUISE

Trust me, soon she'll grow out of this phase and you two can do whatever...kids your age do.

TINA

(muffled)

Jimmy Jr. I love you!

Beat. Jimmy Jr. takes the bait.

JIMMY JR.

Ok. I quess so.

Jimmy Jr. Goes back inside. Louise sighs then heads back across the street. Just as she's about to go inside she senses something. The mailman staring her down.

LOUISE

Can I help you Mr. Mailman?

He narrows his eyes. A rattle sound fades in as two fighting rats roll across the street.

MAILMAN

I've got a job to do.

He holds up a handful of letters.

LOUISE

There's no post on Sundays G-man.

MAILMAN

There is today. I've got a job to do, and I'll see it done.

The mailman takes a step forward, and Louise matches him.

LOUISE

You don't have anything we need.

MAILMAN

I beg to differ.

They both advance.

LOUISE

(suspicious)

What does that mean?

The mailman smiles. He steps forward again. So does Louise. The mailman pulls one letter out from the stack and holds it in front of him. Louise twitches.

LOUISE (CONT'D)

What is that?

The mailman doesn't answer. He steps forward again.

LOUISE (CONT'D)

Tell me what that is.

The mailman is a few feet away.

LOUISE (CONT'D)

Tell me!!!

He extends the letter towards Louise.

MAILMAN

(reading)

A very special Valentine for a very special Louise. Regards of Anthony Utecht.

LOUISE

Tony "bologna lover"? He doesn't- I mean I don't even..Give me that!

Louise snatches it, tearing it open and scanning it. The mailman puts the rest of the mail in her other hand.

MAILMAN

Delivery, first class. Overnight. He really wanted to make sure you got that.

Louise is speechless. She heads back inside, re-reading.

INT. BOB'S BURGERS - RESTAURANT - CONT.

Linda stares at the turned off TV. Bob stands at the grill. Tina and Gene sit at the booth as Louise sits across from them, holding one of her bunny ears down.

TINA

What's that?

GENE

Construction paper, a light aroma of deli meat and gym sock sweat. That's a Valentine's card or my name isn't Gene Music Machine Belcher.

TTNA

What? Louise got a Valentine's card and I didn't get anything.

Louise sits, abd Gene sees letters addressed to him.

TINA (CONT'D)

Oh my gosh even Gene got something.

Tina's head falls on the table.

TINA (CONT'D)

My life is over.

LOUISE

No it's not Tina.

Tina looks at Louise out of the corner of her eye.

TINA

It's not? How do you know?

LOUISE

Because we're going to put an end to this.

TINA

After all this time? What changed your mind?

LOUISE

I change my mind all the time Tina get over it.

GENE

Says the girl holding written proof of the power of love.

Louise puts her face right against Gene.

LOUISE

Gene you're my only brother and I love you but I swear I'll suck all the music from your life if you even think about saying what isn't true.

Gene smiles.

GENE

I can keep a secret if you can.

TINA

How do we do it?

LOUISE

Easy. Happy Valentine's on three.

The clock ticks in slow motion.

LOUISE (CONT'D)

One.

Bob stares at the grill.

LOUISE (CONT'D)

Two.

Linda "watches" the TV.

LOUISE (CONT'D)

Three.

Time stops. Beat.

LOUISE/TINA/GENE

Happy Valentine's Day.

Their voices modulate as Linda turns and Bob's eyes close.

LINDA BOB

No! Finally!

Linda looks at the kids, who look at her and then at Bob. Linda looks at Bob then runs away.

BOB

Linda wait!

Bob chases after Linda. He stops.

BOB (CONT'D)

The gift!

Bob exits to the basement.

INT. BOB AND LINDA'S BEDROOM - LATER

Linda cries on the bed. Bob peeks inside, holding his case.

BOB

Hey Lin.

LINDA

Hey Bobby.

Bob enters.

BOB

So, that was a pretty crazy couple of days. Or day, whatever.

LINDA

Yea.

BOB

How'd you get the kids to help you?

LINDA

I promised them a get out of jail free card.

BOB

Is that what I think it is? Nevermind, we'll talk about that later.

LINDA

Oh Bobby I'm so sorry. I thought you forgot Valentine's Day and I was mad about the candle from last year and then you were the candle and the sea foam was yelling at me and I forgot to get you a gift!

Bob sits next to Linda.

BOB

That's ok.

LINDA

It is? And you're not mad at me?

BOB

Lin, after what I've been through, I'm just glad it's over. And besides, I think my gift will be enough for both of us.

LINDA

Oh Bobby? You got me a gift? What is it?

Bob smiles and puts his case on the bed. They both stand as Bob opens it, casting both their faces in the faded red light. Beat.

LINDA (CONT'D)

Oh Bobby, it's perfect.

Linda kisses Bob and they fall into Bed. Cherub Bob pops up and looks at the case, letting out a long whistle.

CHERUB BOB

Beautiful.

END OF ACT FOUR

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INT. BOB'S BURGERS - END CREDITS

Bob and Linda dance outside in the dining area. Louise walks by reading her Valentine's card, one bunny ear pulled down. Tina walks by in heels and stumbles. The cherub sings the song and flies back and forth. Gene moonwalks in with his keyboard and high fives Cherub Bob.

END OF SHOW