

Will's Sides: "Cole"

Alternately, choose comparable scene of your choosing

Cole looks at Malcolm's caring eyes. Cole stares at Malcolm a long time.

EVERYTHING THAT'S SAID FROM THIS POINT ON IS WHISPERED.

COLE

I want to tell you my secret now.

Malcolm blinks very slowly.

MALCOLM

Okay.

Cole takes an eternal pause. A silent tension engulfs them both.

COLE

...I see people.

Malcolm just gazes quietly.

COLE (cont'd)

I see dead people... Some of them scare me.

Beat.

MALCOLM

In your dreams?

Cole shakes his head, "No."

MALCOLM (cont'd)

When you're awake?

Cole nods, "Yes."

MALCOLM (cont'd)

Dead people, like in graves and coffins?

COLE

No, walking around, like regular people... They can't see each other. Some of them don't know

(MORE)

COLE (cont'd)
they're dead.

MALCOLM
They don't know they're dead?

Beat.

COLE
I see ghosts.

Malcolm becomes completely motionless. Works to hide his shock. He and Cole stare at each other a long time.

COLE (cont'd)
They tell me stories... Things
that happened to them... Things
that happened to people they know.

Beat. Malcolm's words are extra-controlled. Revealing nothing.

MALCOLM
How often do you see them?

COLE
All the time. They're everywhere.
(beat)
You won't tell anyone my secret,
right?

Beat.

MALCOLM
...No.

COLE
Will you stay here till I fall
asleep?

Malcolm nods, "Yes." Cole pulls the covers up to his chin and turns to the window in the room. Malcolm is very still and stares at Cole.