*The Rest is Silence*

Plot (The answer to the question “What happens?”)

17 – meets Art

23 – Reference to “T.S” Eliot’s “The Waste Land”

29 – first talk of plastic degradation

30 – bisphenolA

33 – starts digging Art’s septic line

35 – dance with Jennifer, meets Art first time

37 – meets Lina

41 – first hear about Art’s wife

42 – 3 – radio on plastic-eating bacteria

44 – nightmare, Dad explains how to sleep it off

58 – Benny’s first appearance in the story , Benny responsible for plastic problems

65 – first talk of Japanese bacteria research

73, 83 – “to make sense of our lives”

78 – Benny hears Leach’s lecture—starts her on plastic-eating path

87 – running home to school

95 – Benn starts in Leach’s lab

113 – Bean’s mom leaves

117 – Dad’s affection stops

118 – Lina moves in with Bean

126 – Katherine

129 – Bean and Dad fight over camping

138 – loss of virginity

144 – his dad has lost interest in him

146 – heart to heart with dad re: why did mom leave

147 – dad returns to being dismissive of Bean

150 – Dad doesn’t wave

152 – Benny & Rachel’s first sexual encounter

156 – Lina & Ben go to Art’s cabin, eat weed cookies, Ben continues Benny’s story

170 – B & Lina move into the cabin

174 – Benny gets phone call re: dad’s death

178 – Benny’s mom dies

183 – “never felt at home” in her body

183 – runs to make herself feel at home in her body

191 – Benny: “I’m building a . . . monster [to] release on the world”

193 – “keep running”

195 – Lina moves out of cabin into her own tent

196 – “no place feels like home till you stop”

201 – Benny fails marathon

202 – 3 – Lina leaves Forest Garden for good

203 – radio report on epidemics

203 – good general information page

210 – we learn Lina’s been hanging out with Charles

212 – Lina’s breasts are sore

219 – Leach presents Benny with deadline

219 – Benny confronts Leach about putting money before environment

223 – Lina’s pregnant

238 - oysters

251 – Leroy realizes Benny has manipulated him re: DNA test

253 – 4 – Has internal conversation with his dad about why both his parents left him

253 – 4 – Same conversation as above: ‘how did I wind up alone in the woods after such a happy childhood?’

266 – Benny releases plastic-eating bacteria

280 – 1 – Benny leaves NYC

288 – Benny “suicide”

294 – Ben and Benny are the same person

295 – Ben arrives in NS

304 – learn Art & Ben are related

306, 315 - storytelling

310 – Art kills himself & his wife