

Plot points – *The Rest is Silence*  
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22-3: Narrator first begins to establish Forest Garden

41: attraction to Lina

45, 57, 307(2): silence  
(307: “the rest is silence”)

56: Art confesses military trauma (doesn’t shoot friend)

59: first of Benny or of NYC

82: Benny is accepted to Cornell

95: Benny starts at Leach’s lab

110: mom leaves

110: Mom’s inscription in *Middlemarch*

117: Dad’s affection lagging

126: summer fling with Katherine

137: story of how Benny lost her virginity

143: narrator confesses love to Lina

167: Benny ends friendship with Leroy

168: Leach calls Benny “Ben.” She tells him not to.

174: Dad dies

175: Dad’s funeral

175: Narrator mad at mom for not showing (above)

177: Dad buried under apple tree

178: mom’s death reported

186: Lina proposes to narrator

200: marathon fail

203: Lina first leaves Forest Garden

217: Leach tells Benny to hurry or move along

220: Benny confesses feelings for Rachel to Leroy

223: Lina's pregnant

227: Jon and Leach sexually harass Benny

239: Benny wants the DNA sequence for Huntingdon from Leroy

260: first bacteria success

266: Benny releases bacteria

268: Benny verifies bacteria

291: Benny realizes bacteria affecting Art's recuperation

278: Lina leaves with Chucko

280: Benny signs letter "Love, Ben"

280: Benny adopts Rachel's appearance, & steals passport

281: Benny gets on ship to Halifax

294: Benny's secret revealed to Art

295: Benny abandons ship

301: SRY

304: Art's relationship to narrator revealed

310: Art's dead

316-7: Ben reconnects with Rachel and Leroy

318: Ben burns photos (to move on)