



Rats & Butterflies

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Incorrect Quotes with Bruno and Mirabel!

Chapter 1: Hiding Behind A Plant

Mirabel: [about to go save the Miracle]

Bruno: I know I can't stop you, but I won't let you go by yourself.

Bruno: Just, uh, don't expect me to help much.

Chapter 2: Diary

Bruno: You read my diary?

Mirabel: At first I didn't know it was your diary. I thought it was a very sad handwritten book.

Chapter 3: This One Is So Funny To Me For Some Reason XD

Mirabel: We all have our demons.

Mirabel, grabbing Bruno: This one's mine.

Bruno: [waves]

Chapter 4: During The Vision In Antonio's Room

Mirabel: I regret nothing!!!

Bruno: I regret everything!!!

Chapter 5: Exactly How That Went

Mirabel: Hey, can you do me a favor?

Bruno: Sorry, I have to go do literally anything other than this.

Mirabel: You don't even have a legitimate reason?

Bruno: You want me to have a vision, I hate having visions.

Mirabel: You don't know that! I could be asking you for anything.

Bruno: Okay, what do you want then?

Mirabel: ...I just need you to have one tiny little vision–

Bruno: Nope. [runs off]

Chapter 6: Rats Are Nocturnal Creatures

Mirabel, chipper as ever and ready to start her day: Good morning!

Bruno, disheveled and holding a cup of coffee: Is it? Is it really?

Chapter 7: Mirabel Has Her Flaws

//After getting in yet another misadventure

Bruno: ...can I panic now?

Mirabel: No. Act natural.

Bruno: I have never acted natural in my life, I am not starting now.

Mirabel: Just act like it's a normal day!

Bruno: My 'normal' days consist of a lot of panic.

Mirabel: Will you just cooperate?!

Bruno: I'm terrible at cooperating! Just ask your Abuela!

Mirabel: Tio! I thought you were an actor, now you're telling me you can't do this?

Bruno: I... That's...

Bruno: ...

Bruno: Okay, *fine*! Fine. I'll 'act normal'.

Villager: Hi, how's it going?

Bruno, a little nervous: Uh, same as usual, really. Hehe.

Villager: That's nice. And you, Mirab-

Mirabel, smiling too wide and laughing loudly: Perfectly fine, no problems whatsoever, nothing to see here, MOVE ALONG!

Villager: ...

Bruno: ...Am I the normal one in this situation?

Villager: Yes, you are.

Bruno: ...

Bruno: Well, that's horrifying.

Villager, eyeing Mirabel warily: Yes, it is.

Chapter 8: Different Mindsets

Mirabel: We're all in this together. If one of us falls, we all fall. Nobody is expendable in this family.

Bruno: Sounds fake but ok.

Chapter 9: Is This Stockholm?

Bruno: I think I've developed Stockholm Syndrome with existence itself.

Mirabel: What?

Bruno: I'm actually starting to understand the universe's sense of humor and that terrifies me.

Mirabel: *What??*

Bruno: Life has been fucking with me for so long I've started to laugh whenever something horrible happens.

Mirabel: Ohhhh. Yeah, I totally get that feeling too sometimes.

Chapter 10: Tell Me I'm Wrong

Mirabel, upon discovering Bruno in the walls: Ok, first of all, what the fuck?

Mirabel: Second of all, how do you feel about giving visions?

Chapter 11: His Entire Character Summarized

Bruno: I'm very scary.

Mirabel: You're about as scary as a wet kitten.

Bruno: Wet kittens are cute, so at least I've got that going for me.

Mirabel: And small.

Bruno: ...

Bruno, sadly: Yeah, yeah. I guess.

Mirabel: And impossible to hate.

Bruno, slightly happier: Huh...

Chapter 12: Anxiety

Mirabel: How has life been treating you lately?

Bruno: Horribly.

Bruno: People keep hugging me and insisting I should rest, no-one's demanding I do visions, all the kids love playing with me, my telenovelas are actually becoming pretty popular...

Mirabel: What? How is that horrible?

Bruno: I'm constantly walking on eggshells, terrified of being seen as a curse again and losing all the love and affection I've been afforded since I returned.

Mirabel: ...so life is treating you really well but you have anxiety.

Bruno: Yep. Yeah, pretty much. Yeah.

Chapter 13: Team Saving-The-Miracle

Bruno: Name a more iconic duo than my crippling fear of abandonment and my anxiety. I'll wait.

Mirabel: You and me! We're a team!

Bruno, tearing up: Ok.

Chapter 14: Their Exact Conversation

Mirabel: Do you need help getting out of here?

Bruno: Nah, I'm cool here in the walls.

Bruno: It's kitchen adjacent, I've got my rats...

Mirabel: ...yeah, you need help getting out of here.

Chapter 15: Not That Nice A Person

Mirabel: I don't think you make bad things happen, Tio. I think you've been unfairly judged when all you want to do is protect and warn people. I know you love this family, and I love you too.

Bruno, waving it off: Please, you're only saying this to be nice, because you are a nice person. I appreciate it, Mirabel, but–

Mirabel: I'd make fun of your height but there isn't enough to make fun of.

Bruno, upset: W-what..?

Mirabel: I'm really not that nice of a person.

Bruno: ...

Bruno, hugging her: [teary-eyed] You don't know how much I needed to hear that.

Chapter 16: This Movie Had No Villain And I Loved It

Mirabel: You know, when I first met you I thought you were a real villain.

Bruno, nervous: A-and what changed your mind?

Mirabel: I saw you put on a telenovela with rats and then cry when they didn't like the costumes you made for them.

Bruno: Well, I worked *hard* on those! I just wanted to make them something they'd like, something to make them *happy*—

Bruno: Ohhhh. Yeah, okay. I hear it now.

Chapter 17: A Decade Of Thievery

Mirabel, looking around the Rat Cave: Is that my mug??

Bruno: What? No, that's mine.

Mirabel: It... looks just like the one I lost a while ago...

Bruno: You don't have one like that anymore.

Chapter 18: She Has A Point

Mirabel: Oh my God, why can't anyone just talk to *each other*?!

Mirabel: Adults are the most insanely stupid people I have the displeasure of interacting with.

Bruno, tearing up: Even me?

Mirabel: ...I don't know what to say here.

Bruno, crying: I understand.

Mirabel: No, no, I mean...

Mirabel: I love you, you're a sweetheart, and you lived in a wall for ten years to protect me.

Mirabel: But Tio, you lived in the walls for ten years to avoid a difficult conversation.

Bruno: ...

Mirabel: A *very* difficult conversation, granted, but still.

Chapter 19: Respect Jorge

Bruno: Nope, not doing this, bye! [tries to run back through the painting-hole]

Mirabel: Tio Bruno, come back here! Have you no dignity?

Bruno: Of course not! How long have we known eachother?

Mirabel: Not counting the first five years of my life, less than five *hours*!

Bruno: *That's plenty of time to know better!*

Bruno: You saw me with the bucket on my head, right?!

Chapter 20: Micro Prophecy

Bruno, sleep deprived, making a cup of tea: Yeah, get into that leaf juice, you sexy, sexy bee sauce.

Mirabel: ...how long have you been down here, again?

Bruno, squinting at her: Are... Are you a giant bee?

Mirabel: What?

Bruno, eyes faintly glowing: Oh, no, sorry. My mistake. You're a butterfly.

Mirabel: What?

Bruno: I just got confused 'cause you're all yellow.

Mirabel: [looks down at mostly blue-and-white dress]

Mirabel, looking back up: What???

Chapter 21: Slightly Less Lonely

Bruno: I don't know, it's not my cup of tea.

Mirabel: Well then whose is it?

Bruno, staring at a cup of tea: I don't know! No-one but you and I come back here!

Bruno: And Dolores.

Bruno: And sometimes 'Milo.

Bruno: And the rats.

Bruno: And Antonio now, I guess.

Mirabel: ...so it could be anyone's.

Bruno: Yeah.

Chapter 22: IDK ?♀

Mirabel: Are you good?

Bruno: In what sense?

Mirabel: Generally.

Bruno: Oh, definitely not.

Chapter 23: Prophets Can See Things Others Cannot

And that's it for this one, hope you enjoyed!

The last installment of this series should be up soon, so keep an eye out!

Demon: Hey, I took your soul last month and—

Bruno: No returns.

Demon, sobbing: But it's making me sad...

Bruno: Too bad.

Mirabel: Um... Who are you talking to, Tio?

Bruno, remembering that his niece isn't a prophet: Uh...

Bruno: Hernando.

Mirabel: I thought you said Hernando wasn't a separate person.

Bruno: He's not.

Mirabel: ...

Bruno: ...

Mirabel: Okaaaay, then...

Demon: ...

Demon: Please.

Bruno: Nope.

— end of "Rats & Butterflies" —