

RILEY:

If it's any consolation, you had me convinced.

BEN GATES:

It's not.

RILEY:

I was thinking, what if we go public, plaster the story all over the internet? It's not like we have our reputations to worry about. Although, I don't think that's exactly gonna scare Ian away.

BEN GATES:

[standing in front of the Declaration of Independence] 180 years of searching, and I'm three feet away. Of all the words written here about freedom, there's a line here that's at the heart of all the others. "But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and provide new Guards for their future security." . . . People don't talk that way anymore.

RILEY:

Beautiful, huh? I have no idea what you said.

BEN GATES:

It means if there's something wrong, those who have the ability to take action have the responsibility to take action.

[pause]

I'm gonna steal it.

RILEY:

[laughs] What?

BEN GATES:

I'm gonna steal the Declaration of
Independence.

[walks away]

RILEY:

[laughs, then follows Ben] Uh, Ben?