

AUDITION SIDE: BEAST, BELLE, MAURICE

BELLE

Hello? Is anyone here? Please, I'm looking for my father.

(MAURICE is revealed in a cell behind bars. A STATUE stands guard nearby.)

MAURICE

Belle? Is that you?

BELLE

Papa!

(BELLE rushes to MAURICE.)

MAURICE

(coughs from the chill)
How did you find me?

BELLE

Your hands are like ice! Who has done this to you?

(The BEAST appears in the shadows.)

MAURICE

Belle, you must leave this place.

BELLE

I won't leave you here!
(senses the BEAST)

Who's there?

(hears the BEAST panting)

I know someone's there. Who are you?

BEAST

The master of this castle.

BELLE

Then, you're the one who's responsible for this! Release my father at once!

BEAST

I do not take orders from anyone. Get out!

BELLE

No! Wait! Forgive me. Please, let him out. Can't you see he's not well?

BEAST

Then he should not have trespassed here.

But he's an old man. He could die!

BELLE

There's nothing you can do!

BEAST

Wait, please... take me instead!

BELLE

No! Belle, you don't know what you're doing.

MAURICE

You would do that? You would take his place?

BEAST

If I did, would you let him go?

BELLE

Yes. But you must promise to stay here... forever.

BEAST

No!

MAURICE

Come into the light.

BELLE

(The BEAST draws near. BELLE cringes.)

Belle, listen to me. I'm old... I've lived my life.

MAURICE

You have my word.

BELLE

Done.

BEAST

AUDITION SIDE: BELLE, GASTON, LEFOU

GASTON

Hello... Belle.

BELLE

Bonjour, Gaston.

(GASTON blocks BELLE's way.)

Excuse me.

(GASTON snatches BELLE's book.)

Gaston. May I have my book, please?

GASTON

(flipping through the book)

How can you read this? There's no pictures.

BELLE

Well some people use their imagination!

GASTON

Belle, it's about time you got your head out of these books and paid attention to more important things.

(GASTON strikes a handsome pose.)

LEFOU

Hint... hint.

BELLE

Like you? Gaston, please! I have to get inside to help my father.

LEFOU

That crazy old fool. He needs all the help he can get!

(GASTON and LEFOU laugh heartily.)

BELLE

Don't talk about my father that way!

GASTON

(GASTON thunks LEFOU on the head.)

Yeah! Don't talk about her father that way!

BELLE

My father's not crazy! He's a genius!

AUDITION SIDE: GASTON, LEFOU

LEFOU

You didn't miss a shot, Gaston. You're the greatest hunter in the whole world!

GASTON

I know.

LEFOU

No beast alive stands a chance against you! And no girl for that matter.

GASTON

It's true, Lefou.

(points to BELLE)

And I've got my sights set on that one.

LEFOU

The inventor's daughter?

GASTON

She's the lucky girl I'm going to marry.

LEFOU

But, she's –

GASTON

The most beautiful girl in town.

LEFOU

I know, but –

GASTON

And don't I deserve the best?

LEFOU

Well, of course you do!

AUDITION SIDE: LES FILLES DE LA VILLE, GASTON

LA FILLE 1

It can't be true! I don't believe it.

LA FILLE 2

Why would you go and do a thing like that?

LA FILLE 3

I simply can't bear it!

LA FILLE 1

Oh Gaston, say it isn't so.

GASTON

It's so.

LES FILLES

Waaaaaaaahhhh!

GASTON

Girls... I'm just getting married. Don't tell me a little thing like that's going to change your feelings for me?

LA FILLE 1

Oh no!

LA FILLE 2

No!

LA FILLE 3

Never!

GASTON

Good. Well... if we're going to have a wedding, I guess I'd better propose to the bride!

LA FILLE

Waaaaaaaahhhh!

(The LES FILLES DE LA VILLE go off sobbing.)

**AUDITION SIDE: MAURICE, COGSWORTH, LUMIERE, BABETTE,
MRS. POTTS, CHIP**

MAURICE

Hello? Hello!

COGSWORTH

What? Who is that?

LUMIERE

He must have lost his way in the woods.

COGSWORTH

If we keep quiet, maybe he'll go away.

MAURICE

I don't mean to intrude, but I'm lost and need a place to stay for the night.

LUMIERE

Poor fellow.

(pauses, weighs options)

Oh, Cogsworth, have a heart.

(steps out, to MAURICE)

Monsieur, you are welcome here!

MAURICE

(startled, jumps back)

Ah!

COGSWORTH

And good-bye!

(COGSWORTH pushes MAURICE toward the door.)

MAURICE

Wait... wait... wait! You're a clock!

(pokes and prods COGSWORTH curiously)

And you're talking!

COGSWORTH

Really sir... hee-hee... stop it, I say!

MAURICE

I don't mean to be rude. It's just that I've never seen a... aaaachoo!

LUMIERE

You're a chilled to the bone, Monsieur. Come... warm yourself by the fire.

COGSWORTH

Not the Master's chair! I'm not seeing this. I'm not seeing this!

(BABETTE, a feather duster, enters.)

BABETTE

Oooh la la... what have we here? Do my eyes deceive me or is this a man?

MAURICE

(embarrassed)

Oh! Well! Hello!

COGSWORTH

All right! This has gone far enough!

MRS. POTTS

(offstage)

Coming through!

(MRS. POTTS, a kind-hearted teapot, enters, followed by her son CHIP, a teacup.)

How would you like a nice spot of tea, sir? It will warm you up in no time.

MAURICE

Oh, yes please!

(MRS. POTTS pours into CHIP. MAURICE gasps.)

CHIP

I think I scared him, Mama.

MAURICE

Hey there, little fella! What's your name?

CHIP

Chip.

BABETTE

Care for a blanket, *monsieur*?

COGSWORTH

We've got to get him out of here! Do you have any idea what the Master will do if he finds out we let a stranger in—

LUMIERE

Calm yourself, Cogsworth. The Master will never have to know.

**AUDITION SIDE: COGSWORTH, LUMIERE, MRS.POTTS, BABETTE,
MADAME DE LA GRAND BOUCHE, BEAST**

*(COGSWORTH, LUMIERE, MRS. POTTS, BABETTE and MADAME DE LA
GRANDE BOUCHE pace nervously. The BEAST enters.)*

BEAST

It's time for dinner. Where is she?

COGSWORTH

I'll go check on her. Won't be a minute.

(COGSWORTH runs off.)

MRS. POTTS

Try to be patient, sir. The girl has lost her father and her freedom all in one day.

LUMIERE

Master... have you thought that perhaps this girl could be the one to break the spell?

BEAST

Of course, I have! I'm not a fool.

LUMIERE

Good! So... you fall in love with her, she falls in love with you and poof!
The spell is broken! We'll be human again by midnight!

MRS. POTTS

Lumiere, it's not that easy. These things take time.

LUMIERE

But we don't have time! The rose has already begun to wilt!

BEAST

It's no use. She's so beautiful and I'm... well, look at me!

MRS. POTTS

Master, you must help her to see past all that.

BEAST

I don't know how!

MRS. POTTS

Well, you could start by trying to make yourself more presentable.

LUMIERE

Impress her with your rapier wit.

MRS. POTTS

But be gentle.

BABETTE

Shower her with compliments.

MADAME DE LA GRANDE BOUCHE

But be sincere.

LUMIERE, MRS. POTTS

And above all...

BEAST

What???

LUMIERE, MRS. POTTS, BABETTE, MADAME

You must control your temper!

AUDITION SIDE: NARRATORS

NARRATOR 1

Once Upon a Time in a faraway land, a young prince lived in a shining castle.

NARRATOR 2

Although he had everything his heart desired, the Prince was spoiled, selfish and unkind.

NARRATOR 3

But then, one winter's night, an old beggar woman came to the castle and offered him a single rose in return for shelter from the bitter cold.

NARRATOR 4

Repulsed by her haggard appearance, the Prince sneered at the gift and turned the old woman away.

NARRATOR 1

But she warned him not to be deceived by appearances for beauty is found within.

NARRATOR 3

And when he dismissed her again, the old woman's ugliness melted away to reveal a beautiful Enchantress.

NARRATOR 4

The Prince tried to apologize, but it was too late, for she had seen that there was no love in his heart.

NARRATOR 2

As punishment, she transformed him into a hideous beast and placed a powerful spell on the castle and all who lived there.

NARRATOR 3

Ashamed of his monstrous form, the Beast concealed himself inside his castle with a magic mirror as his only window to the outside world.

NARRATOR 1

The rose she had offered was truly an enchanted rose, which would bloom for many years.

NARRATOR 4

If he could learn to love another and earn her love in return by the time the last petal fell, then the spell would be broken.

NARRATOR 2

If not... he would be doomed to remain a beast for all time.

NARRATOR 1

As the years passed, he fell into despair and lost all hope.

NARRATORS

For who could ever learn to love a Beast?