

THE BEAST

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Characters:

Belle

Beast

Ms. Potts

Lumiere

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INT. CASTLE

BELLE slow dances with the BEAST. ROMANTIC MUSIC plays.

LUMIERE and MS. POTTS sit by.

MS. POTTS

I think she'll do it! Once she  
proclaims her love, the curse will  
be broken and the beast will turn  
back into a prince!

LUMIERE

Hon hon! Oui oui!

Beat.

MS. POTTS

...Yeah!

The music STOPS.

BELLE

I do love you, I do!

BEAST

You do? True love?

BELLE

Yes!

MYSTICAL MUSIC plays.

Beast's MANE comes off.

MS. POTTS

It's happening! The curse!

LUMIERE

Hon hon! Oui oui!

MS. POTTS

Okay enough of that.

BEAST

Now we can be together!

BELLE

(displeased)  
...Yay!

Ms. Potts crosses to Belle.

MS. POTTS

You did it! You broke the curse  
with true love! Now we need to fit  
you for a wedding!

BELLE

Woah, that's a little fast.

LUMIERE

But you do love him!

BELLE

I guess!

MS. POTTS

Yesterday you said his mane was a  
mark of pride! That his jowls were  
a symbol of his strength!

BELLE

I did,

LUMIERE

You said his meaty paws were marks  
of his hard work through this awful  
curse, and that you wanted to spend  
the rest of your days with him!

BELLE

I mean, I said all that... when he  
had paws. And a mane. And jowls.

BEAST

Wait.

MS. POTTS

Did you only want to be with him  
when he was a beast?

LUMIERE

But now he's a strapping prince!

BELLE

Yeah! He's cool! And he's nice!

BEAST

I'm a prince!

BELLE

Of what?

BEAST

The town!

BELLE

The town that hates you?

BEAST

The town that hates *us*, as husband  
and wife.

BELLE

Could you put the mane back on?

LUMIERE

*Sacre bleu!*

MS. POTTS

Stop that.

BEAST

I guess?

BELLE

Think of it like a toupé. And the  
fangs.

BEAST

I can't put back on the fangs. They  
grow.

BELLE

Can you grow them again? I have a  
nail file.

BEAST

No!

BELLE

Well I guess that's it! If you're  
not willing to compromise-

BEAST

I'll put on the mane!

Beast puts on the mane.

BELLE

Hmmph.

BEAST

Well.

BELLE

Have you tried minoxydil?