

BELLE

You can't go around ordering people to be hungry. It doesn't work like that.

BEAST

I can...

BELLE

Besides, it's rude.

BEAST

(sarcastically)

Oh? Rude is it? Then how about this, if you don't come down to dinner, I will drag you by the hair...

LUMIERE

Master that may not be the best way to win the girl's affections.

COGSWORTH

Please...attempt to be a gentleman.

BEAST

But why is she being so difficult?

(He crosses to Belle).

Why are you being so difficult?

BELLE

Why are you being such a bully?

BEAST

Because I want you to come down to dinner!

BELLE

So...you admit you're being a bully.

MRS. POTTS

Deep breaths, Master...deep breaths.

BEAST

I'll give her one last chance. Would you be so kind as to join me for dinner?

COGSWORTH

(under his breath)

Ahaahaaaa...P...P...

BEAST

(gritting his teeth)

Please.

BELLE

No, thank you.

BEAST

Fine! Then starve!

(HE begins to storm out the room)

LUMIERE

Master, please!

BEAST

If she doesn't eat with me...she doesn't eat at all!

(He roars and storms off angrily.)

LUMIERE

What were we thinking? We will never be human again.

COGSWORTH

So, it appears.

(There's a long moment as they sink into despair)

MRS. POTTS

Well, what would you two have us do? Give up? I can't give up until I hear the sound of my boy's laughter as he runs through these halls again!

COGSWORTH

Quite right Mrs. Potts! We mustn't give up while there's still a chance. Lumiere, stand watch at the door and if there's the slightest change, inform me at once.

(Lumiere, with a mock salute.)

LUMIERE

Oui, mon Capitan.

(Cogsworth and Mrs. Potts exit.)

(The lights dim in Belle's room and come up on the Beast's lair.)

BEAST

I ask nicely but she refuses! What...what does she want me to do...beg?

(He picks up the Mirror.)

Show me the girl!

(The Magic Mirror glows. The lights come up on Belle's room.)