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	MAURICE doing.
You would do that? You would take hi	BEAST s place?
If I did, would you let him go?	BELLE
Yes. But you must promise to stay here	BEAST forever.
No!	MAURICE
Come into the light.	BELLE
(The BEAST draws near. BELLE cr	inges.)
N Belle, listen to me. I'm old I've lived n	MAURICE ny life.
You have my word.	BELLE
Done.	BEAST