

Beauty and the Beast

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EXT. CASTLE GROUNDS, DAY

Beauty and the Beast have just finished singing a song and are now seated at a bench in the courtyard.

BEAUTY

Oh, Beast, I'm so glad I've come to overlook your disgusting monster appearance and frankly terrible hearing-

BEAST

What?

BEAUTY

I was saying, I have come to love you for what's on the inside.

She waits expectantly.

BEAUTY

*I said, I have come to love you for your inside.*

BEAST

What?

BEAUTY

I LOVE YOU.

BEAST

Hey, cool.

BEAUTY

Um...

BEAST

What's up?

BEAUTY

You're not changing.

Beast looks confused.

BEAUTY

I thought the deal was I say I love you for what's on the inside and then you become a handsome prince.

BEAST

Yeah, that's not a thing. Why would you think that was a thing?

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BEAUTY

We sang like 8 songs about how appearances can be deceiving, and not to trust your eyes?

BEAST

Metaphors! Those are all metaphor-songs.

BEAUTY

One of those songs was literally called "I Am A Handsome Prince In Disguise."

BEAST

Ohhh. Okay, that one might have been a lie-song.

BEAUTY

So, you're... not going to become a handsome prince.

BEAST

Not remotely.

Beat

BEAUTY

Yeah, so, you've been great, still totally love you and everything, but I think I might leave now...

BEAST

I don't think so. We're married.

BEAUTY

No we're not-

She looks at her hand and freaks out to discover a wedding band

BEAUTY

Wh- How? When?

BEAST

Just now? The "We're Married" Song? That song's legally binding.

BEAUTY

I thought that was another metaphor-song!

BEAST

Nope. You gotta be careful with those singing plates. Ordained ministers, every one.

BEAUTY

I can't believe this.

BEAST

You know, I'm hearing a lot of negativity for someone who just became the queen of half a castle.

BEAUTY

Half?

BEAST

You think a deformed goblin like me's got *whole* castle money? I split this baby with Pinnochio and that ginger chick with the fish ass.

Beast sees Beauty's livid expression and misreads its cause.

BEAST

I'm sorry. The ginger *lady* with the fish-

BEAUTY

You're not even *rich*? I could have been with Gaston! He had money! Cape money!

BEAST

Yeah you could have. If he wasn't totally dead. Up top!

He holds up his paw for a high-five.

BEAUTY

You killed Gaston?

BEAST

No, honey. *We* killed Gaston. My murders are your murders now. That's what marriage means.

BEAUTY

I can't deal with this right now.

She starts lighting a cigarette.

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BEAST

Look. You said you loved me. And if you're not willing to accept my flaws then I think that makes you a pretty shallow- Wait, hold up. You're a smoker? When were you planning on telling me about this?

BEAUTY

Are you kidding me? You're a giant hairy ogre!

BEAST

Who happens to have asthma, okay? I'm sorry. This is not going to work out. So... Get.

He starts shooing her away.

BEAST

But hey! We can still be friends!

Beauty gives a shout of rage.

BEAST

Lumiere said you'd be this way!