

Beauty and the Beast (Disney version)

Once upon a time, in a distant kingdom, a prince lived in a sumptuous castle. Although rich, he was selfish, insensitive, and finicky.

One winter evening, an old beggar knocked on his door. She asked him for refuge for the night. In exchange, she wanted to offer him a rose ... It was her only good! But the prince looked at her with disdain. He refused his present and drove it away.

The beggar then resumed her true appearance, that of a magician. And, to punish the prince, she turned him into a hideous beast.

"This rose that you refused, take it! She said to him. Before its last petal withers, you will have to love a girl and make yourself loved, otherwise you will remain a beast forever! "

Not far away, on a sunny morning, a young girl crosses the square of a village. Her nose plunged into a book, she sees no one ... Especially not Gaston, the most beautiful boy in the region whom she finds pretentious and rude, but whose all the girls are crazy about. Flanked by his faithful friend Le Fou, Gaston approaches.

"So, Belle, don't you even notice me?" He said, taking an advantageous look.

Gaston snatches the book from Belle's hands and then flips through it carelessly ...

"How can you read this? There are not even any pictures! He cries. You should rather be interested in more important things. To me, for example! "

Belle is getting impatient. She is in a hurry because her father is waiting for her.

" I'm sorry ! Another time, Gaston! I have to go back home ! "

Belle rushes to her house. Maurice, his fatherly genius, has yet again exploded his new invention: a wood cutting machine! The old man emerges from a cloud of smoke.

"Damn it! he grumbles. He's more stubborn than a mule! I will never manage to settle it! "

Belle reassures him with a smile.

" Yes ! You will get there! You will have the first prize at the fair, tomorrow! And you will be the most famous inventor! "

Encouraged by Belle, Maurice resumes his tools and goes back to work. A few more turns of the adjustable wrench, the machine finally starts working. The old inventor is amazed. He has tears in his eyes.

"Quick, Beautiful! Splint Philibert! I'm going to the fair! "

When leaving, Maurice sends a last sign to his daughter.

" Goodbye beautiful ! Pay attention to you! "

Philibert has made good progress. The sun has just set and a thick fog rises, enveloping the countryside. Worried, Maurice stops at a crossroads.

He raises his lantern to read the signs.

"My old Philibert, we missed the first crossing! You have to shoot here! "

Maurice sinks into the forest and ends up getting lost. Around him, shadows lurk. Eyes glow in the dark: wolves that suddenly come out howling. Philibert neighs, frightened. It rears up when ejecting Maurice, then disappears in the dark.

The old man gets up, sore. The wolves are approaching, he must flee. At the bottom of a ravine, he sees the gates of a castle....

The old man slips behind the gates and closes them immediately. Here he's safe. Still trembling, he entered the castle. The place is deserted.

"Hey Ho! he says shyly. There is someone ? "

Lying on a table, next to a pendulum, a candlestick is lit. Maurice seizes it, when a voice sounds:

"Good evening, dear sir! Welcome to the castle!

- Who spoke ? panics Maurice.

- It's me ! My name is Lumière! "Replies the candlestick, becoming animated.

Maurice is amazed. It's incredible ! A talking candlestick! Faith of inventor, he never saw that!

Lumière invited Maurice to rest by the fire. The old man warms up slowly. A monstrous beast then arises ...

"What are you doing here?" She roared.

Maurice steps back in horror. He has no time to explain, the Beast takes him and makes him his prisoner ...

The next day, in the village, Gaston goes to Belle's house.

"My pretty one, I came to tell you that your dream will come true! he trumpeted. I'm coming to ask your father for your hand. "

Belle watches him sit and take off his shoes. Gaston tells him about their future life. To get rid of it, she draws him toward the entrance. Gaston wants to kiss him, but Belle snaps open the door and pushes him outside.

Gaston gone, the way is clear. Beautiful, mad with anger, leaves her house.

"Me, marry this boor, this pretentious?" Oh no, never in life! "

Eager to find her father, she rushes into the countryside. That's when a neighing makes her jump. She sees Philibert arriving without his rider.

"Philibert! Where is dad ? What happened ? "

Belle is worried. Surely something has happened to his father!

She detaches Philibert from the cart and rides on his back. The horse starts to gallop and advances in the forest.

Suddenly, he stops and Belle sees a gigantic castle in the distance ...

"What a strange place! "She exclaims, dismounting.

Belle discovered her father's hat in the entrance to the vast mansion. Upset, she sets out to find him.

" Dad! It's me ! You are there ? She calls.

At the end of a corridor, she finally finds him, locked in a dungeon. The old man begs her through the bars:

"Quick, Beautiful! Save yourself from this cursed place! "

Belle suddenly feels a presence and turns quickly. A monstrous beast is emerging from the shadows.

" Who are you ? Asked the girl, distraught.

The Beast growls, threatening:

"I am the master here!" Your father is my prisoner!

- My father is old and sick. Free him, implore Belle, and I will do what you want!

- Go away ! replies the Beast, walking away. You can do nothing for him!

- Keep me in his place! "

The Beast turns around.

" Ok ! she declares, pulling Maurice out of his cell. But you will be my prisoner forever!

"

As soon as he was freed, Maurice ran to seek help in the village.

He enters the tavern screaming.

Gaston listens to him, looking sly.

"What do you say Maurice? Have you seen a horrible monster covered in hair? Well, we're going to help you! "

And with a gesture, he orders his companions to throw the old man out.

Installed in a room of the castle, Belle sob on her bed. Big Ben, the pendulum, approaches her and announces:

"Dinner will be served at eight o'clock!" "

The girl looks up and does not believe her eyes: the objects around her are animated and speak to her.

"Unexpected, isn't it? Exclaims Mrs Samovar, the teapot.

A little later, the Beast paces in the dining room and gets impatient:

"What is Belle doing?" Did you tell him to come down?

- Come on, Master, Light intervenes, keep calm. This girl must break the spell you are trapped in, remember. Instead of getting carried away, sit up, smile, and try to please him! "

Despite the Beast's efforts, Belle refused to come to dinner. Later, at night, driven by hunger, the girl discreetly leaves her room and goes to the kitchens. Immediately, as if by magic, everything is animated and organized to prepare a feast for him. Invited to sit down, Belle attends, amazed, at an extraordinary ballet of dishes and objects, orchestrated by Lumière.

After the meal, Belle visits the castle. She's headed for the west wing. Big Ben and Lumière try to prevent it, because it is forbidden! But the girl escapes them. There she is in the lair of the Beast. Everything is devastated and covered with dust. Under a glass globe, bathed in a halo, a rose shines. Fascinated, Belle reaches out to grab it.

Suddenly, a wild cry sounds and makes Belle back off.

"I had forbidden you to enter," roared the Beast. You almost ruined everything!

- Sorry ! I didn't know it was so bad! apologize Belle.

- Out of here! Get out! Shouts the Beast.

Terrified, Belle forgot her promise and fled the castle with Philibert.

In the snow-covered forest, Philibert gallops. Belle has only one desire: to see her father again! Suddenly, yellow eyes appear. They are wolves, with threatening fangs, foaming mouths, which growl and get closer! Frightened, Philibert tries to escape ...

The circle of wolves closes, Belle falls to the ground. Wolves will fall on it and devour it when the Beast shows up.

With a powerful paw, she projects one of them into the distance. The big cats, then, rush on this new enemy. The Beast, ignoring their terrible bites, fights them one after the other.

Defeated, the wolves retreat. They retreat, Belle is saved.

Exhausted, the Beast collapses in the snow. Beautiful, tight throat, kneels near her. The monster is injured and blood flows from its wounds ...

Despite her fear, the girl dreams that she cannot let him die. He saved her life! She covers it with her coat, then hoists it on Philibert's neck. Shivering in horror, the horse takes on this burden and brings it back to the castle ...

Belle installed the Beast by the fire. The girl tries to heal her wounds, but the furious monster shies away, growling in pain.

Belle finally manages to reason with him and takes her arm to treat him.

"By the way, thank you for saving my life! She said softly.

By means of attentions and care, Belle tames the Beast. The monster, whose character is so carried away and so rude, is gradually transformed. He becomes patient, delicate, and kind. Belle discovers it, all moved. She is no longer afraid of him. And it is with pleasure that she now dines with her every evening.

However, the rose is almost faded. Hurry up...

Encouraged by Lumière, the Beast decides to confess her love to the girl. After dinner, he takes her to the grand ballroom and invites her to dance. By candlelight, paralyzed by emotion, he dared not declare himself ...

Belle smiles at him and hugs him.

Despite her attachment to the Beast, Belle is not happy. She misses her father. Seeing this, the Beast hands him a mirror.

"He is delighted!" It will show you what you want to see! "

Immediately the image of Maurice appears. The old man is passed out in the middle of the forest.

" Dad ! Cries Belle, upset.

"Go find your father," said the Beast, "he needs you."

- Are you giving me back my freedom? Oh thank you ! "

Before letting go of the girl, the monster offers her the enchanted mirror.

"It will allow you to see me and not forget me! "

Belle joins Philibert and gallops away in the forest.

Fortunately, Maurice is alive! Belle found him just in time, lying in the snow. The girl settles on Philibert's back and brings him home.

When he wakes up, the old man sees her very close to him, sitting on his bed.

"Beautiful, I thought you were lost!" He exclaims, hugging her.

No sooner has the girl finished her story than a dark-faced man knocks on the door. He runs the insane asylum and comes to get Maurice to look after him ...

Beautiful protest:

"Leave my father alone!" He's not crazy! "

Gaston intervenes, sneering:

"Come on, Belle, calm down!" I can still fix things if you agree to marry me!

- My father was not delirious, cried the girl. The Beast he spoke of does exist and I can prove it! "

She brandishes the enchanted mirror and the monster appears...

"He's not mean," she adds, "and he's my friend!" "

Gaston snatches the object from his hands and shows it to the crowd.

"This beast will come and take your children to devour them. You have to kill her! "

In the village, it's the battle. A column of armed men is formed, trained by Gaston. Belle wants to intervene, but the young man, carried away by jealousy, has her locked up with her father in the cellar. In the light of the torches, the troop sets off through the forest ...

When the Beast Castle is in sight, Gaston orders to attack.

With the help of a tree trunk, the villagers break down the door. Lumière and his friends, from the top of a tower, watch their progress.

" Quickly ! You must warn the Master! launches Big Ben. If these peasants want a fight, they will be served! "

In a flash, the defense is organized in the entrance of the castle. The objects are gathered, in tight rows, ready to fight back.

Light asked them not to move ... and at the signal given, the army of pots, plates, brooms, cutlery and furniture fell down furiously on the amazed attackers!

Gaston pulls away from the fray and rushes up the stairs, looking for the Beast. After crossing a maze of corridors, he finally finds her, withdrawn into his lair.

The monster turns its back on it; he seems beaten, without resistance.

Gaston quickly adjusts his bow and shoots an arrow. Touched in the shoulder, the Beast rears up, growling in pain.

Suddenly the storm breaks out, the rain begins to fall.

Taking advantage of his weakness, Gaston pushes the Beast towards the terrace. With a violent kick, he sends him to roll on a ledge. He will knock him out with a gargoyle, when, in the distance, a cry sounds, stopping his gesture:

"Gaston! No ! "

It's beautiful. The girl, who managed to escape from her home, galloped up to the castle.

Worried, she rushes inside ...

Belle is back! The Beast regains hope and its strength returns to it. With one bound, she straightens up and disarms Gaston. The two adversaries clash on the roofs.

Eyes charged with hatred, Gaston defies the monster:

"Your hour has struck the Beast!" Belle is mine! "

The Beast, hearing Belle's name, then attacks furiously.

Gaston barely escapes the clutches of the Beast. He takes refuge on the walkway. By the way, he tears off a gargoyle to defend himself. Too late! The monster is already on him. He grabs him by the throat and hangs him in the void.

Gaston struggles by imploring him:

"No! Please don't hurt me! I surrender!"

The Beast is about to let go of Gaston, when Belle bursts onto the terrace.

The monster then changes its mind.

He places his opponent on the ledge and leaves him to join the girl.

Quietly, Gaston gets up and stabs the Beast in the back.

Under the effect of pain, the monster falters.

It will tip over, dragging Gaston, but barely clings to the railing.

Gaston cannot recover, he loses his balance and falls back.

A long howl accompanies his dizzying fall ...

The girl helps the Beast to lie on the terrace ...

"Beautiful, I will have seen you one last time!"

The girl is upset. Everything is his fault. She begs forgiveness ... But the Beast is dying.

"It may be better this way! Said the Beast, with a last sigh.

The Beast closed its eyes. Everything is finished. Behind the window, the last rose petal came off. Belle is desperate. She leans over the monster and hugs him tenderly:

" No ! Please don't abandon me! She cries. I love you ! "

At the same time, a rain of stars descends from the sky. It envelops the body of the Beast and lifts it up...

The Beast floats in the air for a moment, bathing in a halo of light. Each part of his body, as if by magic, is transformed.

In place of the monster, Belle sees a young man appear who smiles at her.

"Belle, it's me ... the Beast! He murmurs. Your love has broken the curse hanging over me. "

Moved, the girl throws herself in his arms ...

The spell is broken. The sun rises again on the castle which comes back to life. One after the other, the servants regain their true appearance.

Happy, the Prince hugs them....

"Big Ben! Light! Mrs Samovar! And the little Zip! What happiness! "

A few days later, in the ballroom of the castle, we celebrate the wedding of Belle and the Prince.

Everybody is here. Maurice watches the newlyweds dance with a tender eye.

Thus ends the story of Beauty and the Beast, which shows that love can overcome all spells.

Belle and the Prince lived very long.

And in the castle gardens still bloom the most beautiful roses on earth!