

*(GASTON thunks LEFOU on the head.)*

**GASTON**

*(to LEFOU)*

Yeah! Don't talk about her father that way!

**BELLE**

My father's not crazy! He's a genius!

*(#4 MAURICE'S ENTRANCE. Belle's slightly addled genius father, MAURICE, brings his colorful and noisy invention onstage. As he waves merrily, part of the invention breaks. GASTON and LEFOU laugh and exit.)*

Papa! Papa, are you all right?

**MAURICE**

Oh, I'll never get this bone-headed contraption to work!

**BELLE**

Yes, you will! And you'll win first prize at the fair tomorrow.

**MAURICE**

Well... we'd better get cracking then! Now let me see, where did I put that dog-legged clencher?

**BELLE**

*(holds out a funny-looking tool)*

Papa...

**MAURICE**

Oh... thank you, dear!

*(takes the tool and starts tinkering)*

So... did you have a good time in town today?

**BELLE**

I got a new book.

**MAURICE**

You do love those books.

*(MAURICE ducks behind the invention.)*

**BELLE**

Papa... do you think I'm... odd?

**MAURICE**

My daughter! Odd?

*(re-appears with silly-looking goggles)*

Now where would you get an idea like that?

**BELLE**

I don't know. It's just... I'm not sure I fit in here. There's no one I can really talk to.

**MAURICE**

What about Gaston? He's a handsome fellow.

**BELLE**

He's handsome all right... and rude and conceited and— oh Papa, he's not for me!

**MAURICE**

Well, don't you worry, 'cause this invention's going to be the start of a new life for us.

*(MAURICE pulls a lever. The invention chugs to life.)*

**BELLE**

It works!

**MAURICE**

It does? It does!

**BELLE**

Papa, you did it! You really did it!

*(puts a scarf around MAURICE's neck)*

Here, I made you a scarf for good luck at the fair.

**MAURICE**

Now I know I'll win. And then, we'll get out of this town and travel to all those places you've read about in your books!

**BELLE**

Goodbye, Papa.



*(LEFOU hurries in looking for Gaston. He wears Maurice's scarf.)*

**LEFOU**

Hey, Belle! Have you seen Gaston?

**BELLE**

You just missed him. Wait a minute, where did you get that scarf?

**LEFOU**

This? At the crossroads in the woods. Pretty nice, huh?

**BELLE**

It belongs to my father. Something must have happened to him!

**LEFOU**

Yeah, well, finders-keepers.

*(LEFOU runs off toward town.)*

**BELLE**

Oh, Papa!

*(#9 OH, PAPA! BELLE runs off toward the forest.)*

## **SCENE 5: The Castle**

*(COGSWORTH and LUMIERE enter.)*

**COGSWORTH**

Couldn't keep quiet... just had to invite him to stay—

**LUMIERE**

I was trying to be hospitable!

**COGSWORTH**

Rubbish!

**LUMIERE**

Ah, Cogsworth... can you blame me for trying to maintain what's left of our humanity? Look at us. Look at you!

**COGSWORTH**

What about me?  
*(looks at pendulum)*  
Oh... right.

**LUMIERE**

If the Master doesn't break the spell, slowly but surely we will all become... things.

**COGSWORTH**

*(pats LUMIERE on the back)*  
Hold on, Lumiere. We've got to hold on.

**(#10 BELLE IN THE CASTLE.)**

**BELLE**

*(offstage)*  
Hello? Is anyone here? Hello?

**LUMIERE, COGSWORTH**

It's a girl!!!

**LUMIERE**

This is the one! The girl we have been waiting for. She has come to break the spell!

*(LUMIERE hurries off.)*

**COGSWORTH**

Wait a minute... let's not be hasty!

*(COGSWORTH runs after LUMIERE. BELLE enters.)*

**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.)*