

## SCENE 9: The Castle

*(BELLE helps the BEAST to his chair. He holds one arm painfully. MRS. POTTS, LUMIERE and COGSWORTH enter and observe from a distance. BELLE dips a clean cloth into a bowl with hot water and wrings it out. She reaches for the BEAST's wounded arm, but he growls and pulls away.)*

**BELLE**

Let me see. Just hold still.

*(BELLE reaches for him again and gently dabs at the wound. The BEAST cringes and howls in pain.)*

**BEAST**

Ow! That hurts!

**BELLE**

If you'd hold still, it wouldn't hurt as much.

**BEAST**

If you hadn't run away, this wouldn't have happened.

**BELLE**

If you hadn't frightened me, I wouldn't have run away!

**BEAST**

Well, you shouldn't have been in the west wing!

**BELLE**

And you should learn to control your temper!

*(The BEAST doesn't have an answer for that. He and BELLE glare at each other in a silent battle of wills. The BEAST looks to MRS. POTTS and LUMIERE, who avert their eyes. BELLE dips the cloth in hot water again and wrings it out.)*

Now hold still, this may sting a little.

*(BELLE dabs gently at the wound on the BEAST's arm. He winces but doesn't pull away.)*

By the way... thank you for saving my life.

**BEAST**

You're welcome.