

BEAST

*(offstage)*

Who dared to disobey me?

MRS. POTTS

Oh dear!

BEAST

*(offstage)*

You have all betrayed me!

*(There's a flash of lightning and a roar of thunder. Suddenly, the BEAST appears.)*

Who are you?

MAURICE

*(fearfully)*

Maurice.

BEAST

What are you doing in my castle?

MAURICE

I lost my way in the woods—

BEAST

You're not welcome here!

MAURICE

Then I'll be on my way.

*(MAURICE looks up and for the first time gets a good look at the BEAST's face. It's a gruesome sight. MAURICE gasps.)*

BEAST

It's hideous. Isn't it?

MAURICE

*(drops eyes deferentially)*

I wasn't...

BEAST

It's what you came here for, isn't it? To get a look at the monster?

MAURICE

No! I needed a place to stay.

BEAST

*(raising his huge paw)*

I'll give you a place to stay!