

SCENE TWO: Castle

(BELLE helps the BEAST to his chair by the fireplace. He holds one arm painfully. MRS. POTTS, LUMIERE, and COGSWORTH enter. COGSWORTH carries a bowl and cloth to wash the Beast's wounds. MRS. POTTS pours in steaming water. BELLE dips a clean cloth into the hot water and wrings it out. She reaches for the BEAST's wounded arm, but he growls and pulls away.)

BELLE

Don't do that!

(BELLE reaches for the BEAST again, but he won't let her touch his arm.)

Just hold still.

(BELLE gently dabs at the wound.)

BEAST

(cringing and pulling away)

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!

(This gives the BEAST pause.)

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. 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.

(MRS. POTTS, LUMIERE, and COGSWORTH look at each other with happy surprise.)