

BEAST

Uh...Belle...I uh...have something to show you.

(He leads her upstage.)

But first you have to close your eyes. It's a surprise.

(Belle closes her eyes)

LUMIERE

Get the girl!

BELLE

Can I open them?

(A swag opens to reveal a beautiful Library with stacks and stacks of books.)

BEAST

All right...now!

(Belle opens her eyes and gasps with wonder.)

BELLE

I can't believe it! I've never seen so many books in my whole life!

BEAST

You...like it?

BELLE

It's wonderful!

BEAST

Then...it's yours!

(Belle runs to look at the books. She dashes from stack to stack...giddy with delight.)

BELLE

NEW AND BIT ALARMING

WHO'D HAVE EVER THOUGHT THAT THIS COULD BE

(Beast enters the library)

TRUE THAT HE'S NO PRINCE CHARMING

BUT THERE'S SOMETHING IN HIM THAT

THAT I SIMPLY DIDN'T SEE

(Musical underscoring continues. Belle shows the Beast a book.)

This is one of my favorites. King Arthur. Have you ever read it?

BEAST

No.

Reading #3
Belle, Beast
(prepare reading #4)
also

start ↓

BELLE

Then you don't know what you're missing. I'd love to read it again. Wait! You can read it first.

BEAST

(He pushes it back to her)

That's all right.

BELLE

(She pushes it back to him)

No, really...you read it.

BEAST

No...you.

(He pushes it back to her.)

BELLE

No...you.

(She pushes it back to him. Finally, in frustration, he confesses.)

BEAST

No! I can't!

BELLE

You never learned to read?

BEAST

Only a little and long ago.

(He goes to leave)

BELLE

Well, it just so happens, this is the perfect book to read aloud. Come here, sit by me.

(They sit down to read. Lumiere, Cogsworth, and Mrs. Potts enter. Mrs. Potts pushes her tea cart with Chip.)

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LUMIERE

WELL, WHO'D HAVE THOUGHT

MRS. POTTS

WELL, BLESS MY SOUL

COGSWORTH

WELL, WHO'D HAVE KNOWN

(reading)

"Knowing not that this was indeed the legendary sword called Excalibur, Arthur tried to pull it from the stone. He tried once, to no avail. He tried a second time, but still he could not pull it out. Then, for the third time, Arthur drew forth the sword..."

BEAST

(excited)

So that must mean that he's the king!

BELLE

Wait and see.

(The Beast shakes his head with wonder.)

BEAST

I never knew books could do that.

BELLE

Do what?

BEAST

Take me away from this place and make me forget...for a little while.

BELLE

Forget?

BEAST

Who I...

(correcting himself)

...what I am.

(Belle looks at him. He's touched her heart.)

BELLE

We have something in common, you know.

BEAST

What?

BELLE

In the town where I come from, the people think I'm odd.

BEAST

You?

BELLE

(There's a beat. Their eyes meet. A long, long journey between them.)

(BELLE)

(reminded, she picks up the book and reads)

"For the third time, Arthur drew forth the sword. And there arose from the people a great shout..." Arthur is King!"

BEAST

Told you so.

(Lumiere enters and watches Belle and Beast in the library. Mrs. Potts and Chip enter) *end*

MRS. POTTS

They're still in there?

LUMIERE

Yes, and so far he has been a perfect gentleman.

CHIP

You know what, Mama? I have a funny feeling inside. I don't know what it is, but it makes me feel kind of bubbly.

(Mrs. Potts and Lumiere share a knowing look)

MRS. POTTS

It's hope, son. I've been feeling it too.

#13 - Human Again

Ensemble

LUMIERE

Ah oui...my little friend, the day we have waited for may be at hand!

MRS. POTTS

If only that were true, Lumiere.

LUMIERE

Ah, human again.

MRS. POTTS

Human again.

LUMIERE

Yes. Think what that means!

I'LL BE COOKING AGAIN
BE GOOD-LOOKING AGAIN
WITH A MADEMOISELLE ON EACH ARM
WHEN I'M HUMAN AGAIN