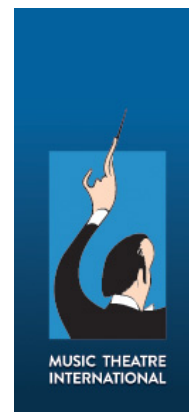


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Audition Central: Disney's Beauty and the Beast JR.

Script: Maurice

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.

MAURICE

Bye bye, Belle.