

BEAST (A)

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## BEAST and BELLE #1

BELLE: Release my father at once!  
 BEAST: I am the master of the castle! I do not take orders from anyone. Throw her out!  
 BELLE: No! Wait! Forgive me. Please, let him out. Can't you see he's not well?  
 BEAST: Then he should not have trespassed here.  
 BELLE: But he's an old man. He could die!  
 BEAST: He came into my home uninvited and now he'll suffer the consequences.  
 BELLE: Please... I'll do anything.  
 BEAST: There's nothing you can do!  
 BELLE: Take me instead!  
 BEAST: What did you say?  
 BELLE: Take me instead.  
 BEAST: You would do that? You would take his place?  
 BELLE: If I did, would you let him go?  
 BEAST: Yes. But you must promise to stay here... forever.

## BEAST and BELLE #2

BEAST: *(To Belle)* I thought I told you to come down to dinner!  
 BELLE: *(yelling back)* I'm not hungry!  
 BEAST: I am the master of this castle and I'm telling you to come to dinner.  
 BELLE: And I'm telling you... I'm not hungry!  
 BEAST: You're hungry if I say you're hungry.  
 BELLE: Don't be ridiculous!  
 BEAST: What did you say?  
 BELLE: You can't go around ordering people to be hungry. It doesn't work like that.  
 BEAST: I can...  
 BELLE: Besides, it's rude.  
 BEAST: Oh? Rude is it? Then how about this, if you don't come down to dinner, I will drag you by the hair...  
 BELLE: Why are you being such a bully?  
 BEAST: Because I want you to come down to dinner!  
 BELLE: So... you admit you're being a bully.  
 BEAST: *(Gritting his teeth.)* Would you be so kind as to join me for dinner? Please.  
 BELLE: No, thank you.  
 BEAST: Fine! Then starve!