

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

Beauty and the Beast Chilled Performance The Story of Beauty and the Beast



The story of Beauty and the Beast takes place in and around the village of Middle Widdle on the Piddle which sits at the edge of the Forgotten Forest.

Harold who is a historian has discovered that, five hundred years before, Prince Ferdinand the Third who owned all the land was transformed into a ferocious Beast by an Enchantress because he was so cruel to the villagers.

Harold decides to go into the Forgotten Forest to try to find Prince Ferdinand's castle but is caught by the Beast as he takes a rose for Beauty his daughter.

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The Beast lets him go with the understanding that he sends to the Beast the first living thing he meets when he gets back to the village Harold agrees.

Unfortunately the first living thing he meets is Beauty. Harold will not send Beauty in his place but Beauty insists that she goes back to the Beast and asks him to release her father from the promise.

When she gets to the Beast's castle the Beast won't let her go and insists she stays with him as his companion.

Maurice and the villagers go to rescue Beauty but by the time they see her again she insists that the Beast is good and kind.

However, Maurice is determined to kill the Beast but during their fight the Beast overpowers Maurice just as Beauty returns to him and while the Beast is speaking to Beauty Maurice stabs him with a dagger.

Beauty is so sad and wants the Beast to live but he dies just as Beauty tells him that she loves him.

The Enchantress then transforms the Beast back to Prince Ferdinand who has now become good, fair and compassionate. He then asks Beauty to marry him. Although Prince Ferdinand lived, as a Beast, on his own for five hundred years Beauty's love helped him to become good and be free of the curse.

They lived happily ever after.

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The Characters



Beauty

Beauty has lived in the village, with her dad, all her life. She is very beautiful, loving and caring and looks after her dad Harold.

Beauty is clever and has a warm and bright personality. She is very well liked in the village but is constantly pursued by Maurice.

Beauty is naturally very loving and loyal and it is these qualities that eventually saves the Beast from his five hundred year curse.

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Harold

Harold is Beauty's father and has also lived in the village all of his life. He is now a historian and reads many books about the history of the area. Harold is very respected in the village.

He loves Beauty very much and relies on her a great deal to make sure that he is well looked after.

Harold's thirst for knowledge leads him down many paths but his desire to find out more about Prince Ferdinand gets him into all sorts of trouble.

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Dolly Mixture

Dolly has lived in the village since she was a child and now runs the sweet shop. Dolly is one of the leading lights in the village and not much happens there without her knowing about it.

She is a widow now but has a son called Billy.

Dolly is a great friend of Harold and Beauty and looks upon Beauty as a daughter.

Dolly is known to be a larger than life character in the area and does not stand any nonsense from Maurice. Dolly has a kind heart and will help anyone out if they are in trouble.

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Silly Billy

Billy is Dolly's son and has his own cleaning business. He is not really one of the lads and certainly does not hang around with the likes of Maurice. Billy secretly fancies Grub who seems to hang around with Maurice all the time but is too shy to ask her out.

Although Billy still lives with his mum, he is very independent and is great fun. Billy is well liked in the village but is teased a lot by the likes of Maurice.

Billy's main interest is his Middle Widdle on the Piddle synchronised moping team who practice every Tuesday night and want to take part in the Olympics.

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Maurice

Maurice is well built, quite good looking and very confident. He tries to get off with all the girls in the village because he believes everyone thinks he is a hunk.

Maurice really loves Beauty and tries to get her to go out with him day in and day out but Beauty is just not interested. The only other person Maurice really loves is himself.

Maurice makes fun of Billy and his mopping all the time but really spends no time at all working himself.

Maurice tends to swan around the village looking gorgeous and making sure that Grub attends to every whim.

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Grub

Grub is one of the girls in the village that idolises Maurice.

Grub is always there when Maurice needs something but she secretly has feelings for Billy.

Grub is very intelligent and bright but doesn't get the chance to blossom as Maurice keeps her under his control all the time.

Grub is also a bit of a tomboy and doesn't make the most of herself as she is overshadowed by Maurice the whole time.

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Prince Ferdinand

Prince Ferdinand ruled over the area nearly five hundred years before our story and was so mean to his subjects that an enchantress put a curse on him.

He was transformed into an ugly Beast to show the world what the handsome Prince was really like on the inside.

He would stay a Beast until someone fell in love with him.

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The Beast

When Prince Ferdinand was changed into the Beast he became a recluse and hid away from the world. He was an ugly and bitter character who resented what he had become. He let no light or love into his castle or his life and became more and more resentful.

If anything the curse made him angrier and bitterer until one day Beauty came into his life.

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The Enchantress

The Enchantress is a mystical character who has powerful magic. She is a dark character often seeking out injustices and trying to put them right.

The Enchantress never grows old but can travel through the centuries keeping an eye on the human race who never fail to disappoint her.

She can have a kind heart but can also be ruthless in her judgement.

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The Peasant

The peasant represents the poor people in society who have to scrape a living and have no control over their own destiny.

The commoners that Prince Ferdinand rules over with a rod of iron and no love or compassion.