


# Beauty and the Beast

A merchant  receives word that his lost ship has returned-





He must go to town to inspect it.

Assuming they've become rich, his children beg him to bring them luxurious gifts.




But, the youngest, Belle  asks only for a rose. 

The merchant finds he has lost  everything.

He sets off home and a terrible storm  arises.



Out of the darkness he finds a brightly illuminated but deserted  castle.


He falls asleep and wakes to find breakfast prepared for him.



Seeing roses as he departs, he picks one for Belle.






Suddenly, a terrible  Beast accuses him of stealing!

He will only spare the merchant's life if  one of his daughters

Comes to the castle to take his place.




Belle agrees to return through the forest    to the castle.

She spends months at the castle full of enchantments, including a clock that speaks her name...








The Beast asks her nightly to marry  him but she politely  declines.

One day Belle sees he  sick father in a magic  mirror.



The Beast allows her to visit home for a week by use of a magic  ring.





The family begs her to stay longer, but after ten        days,

Belle dreams the Beast is dying. The ring returns her to the castle and she finds him unconscious.

She begs him not to die  but live to be her husband!

Immediately the Beast is transformed into a handsome  Prince!



A  fairy explains that the prince was under a curse  which Belle has broken

By loving him in spite of his appearance.



Belle and The Prince marry and live happily ever after.

