

COGSWORTH

Good show, everyone! Good show! Off to your cupboards now...

(The SERVANTS exit, muttering excitedly about the new guest, leaving BELLE alone with COGSWORTH and LUMIERE.)

BELLE

Oh, Lumiere, thank you for dinner. It was delicious!

COGSWORTH

Oh my goodness, look at the time. Off to bed!

BELLE

Oh, I couldn't possibly go to bed now. It's my first time in an enchanted castle.

LUMIERE

Perhaps you would like a tour?

COGSWORTH

I'm not sure that's such a good idea.

BELLE

(to COGSWORTH)

Perhaps you'd like to take me. I'm sure you know everything there is to know about the castle.

COGSWORTH

(flattered)

Well... actually, I do! Right this way...

(COGSWORTH exits with BELLE and LUMIERE. The BEAST enters carrying a tray of food for Belle.)

~~Oh, Lumiere, it's all so beautiful! I had no idea. If only he weren't here!~~

(COGSWORTH re-enters with BELLE and LUMIERE. The BEAST hides.)

COGSWORTH

(points offstage)

Now that is yet another example of the late neo-classic baroque period. And, as I always say, if it's not baroque, don't fix it!

(COGSWORTH laughs heartily. BELLE and LUMIERE are silent. COGSWORTH continues the tour as he exits.)

May I draw your attention to the flying buttresses above the aviary...?

BELLE

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