SCENE 1

(GASTON enters carrying a rifle. He is a very handsome, rude, self-centered hunter who goes to great lengths to get what he wants. His dim-witted sidekick, LEFOU, follows carrying a sack of GASTON's game.)

LEFOU

You didn't miss a shot, Gaston. You're the greatest hunter in the whole world.

GASTON

I know.

LEFOU

No beast alive stands a chance against you! And no girl for that matter.

GASTON

It's true, Lefou.

(points to BELLE)

And I've got my sights set on that one.

LEFOU

The inventor's daughter?

GASTON

She's the lucky girl I'm going to marry.

LEFOU

But, she's...

GASTON

The most beautiful girl in town.

LEFOU

I know, but...

GASTON

And don't I deserve the best?

LEFOU

Well, of course you do!

SCENE 2

GASTON

Hello... Belle.

BELLE

Bonjour, Gaston. (GASTON blocks BELLE's way.) Excuse me. (GASTON snatches BELLE's book.) Gaston. May I have my book, please?

GASTON

(flipping through the book) How can you read this? There's no pictures.

BELLE

Well some people use their imagination!

GASTON

Belle, it's about time you got your head out of these books and paid attention to more important things. (GASTON strikes a handsome pose.)

LEFOU

Hint... hint.

BELLE

Like you? Gaston, please! I have to get inside to help my father.

LEFOU

That crazy old fool. He needs all the help he can get! (GASTON and LEFOU laugh heartily.)

BELLE

Don't talk about my father that way!

GASTON

(GASTON thunks LEFOU on the head.) Yeah! Don't talk about her father that way!

BELLE

My father's not crazy! He's a genius!





