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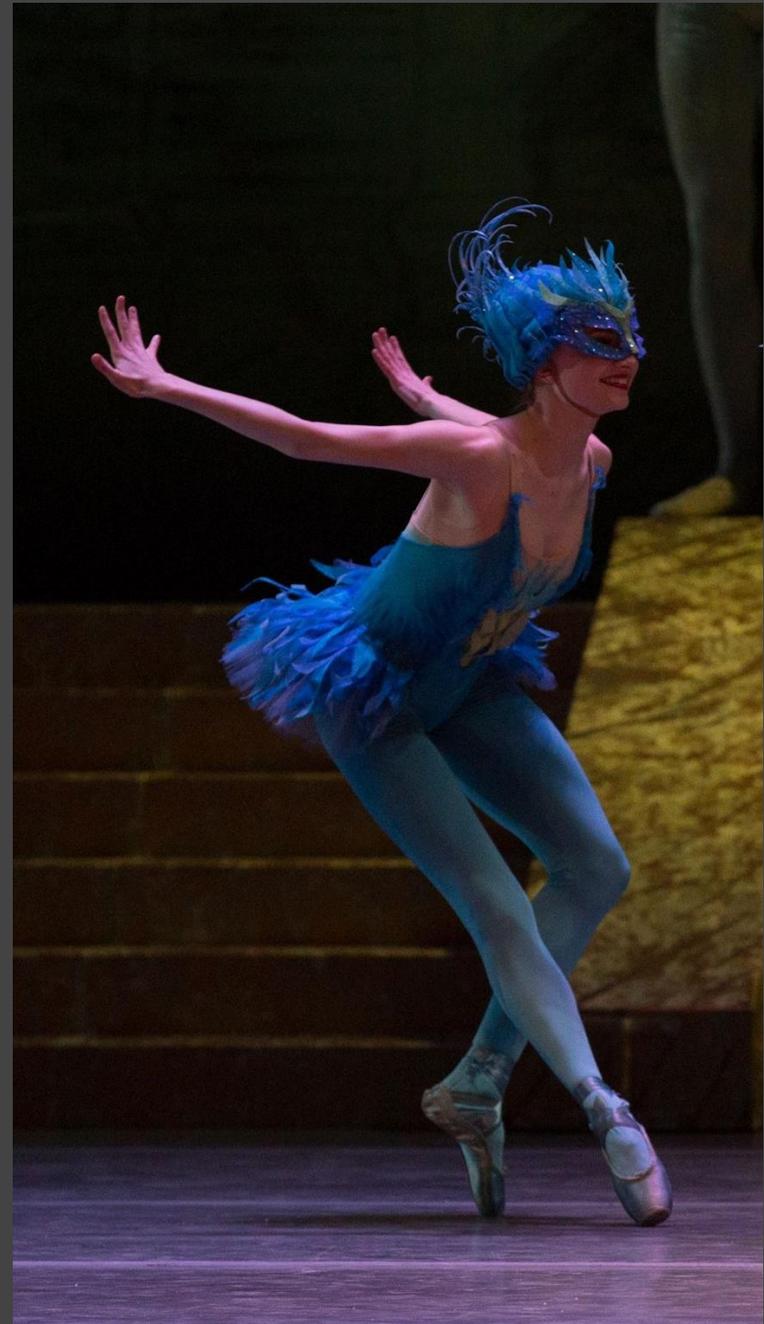
BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

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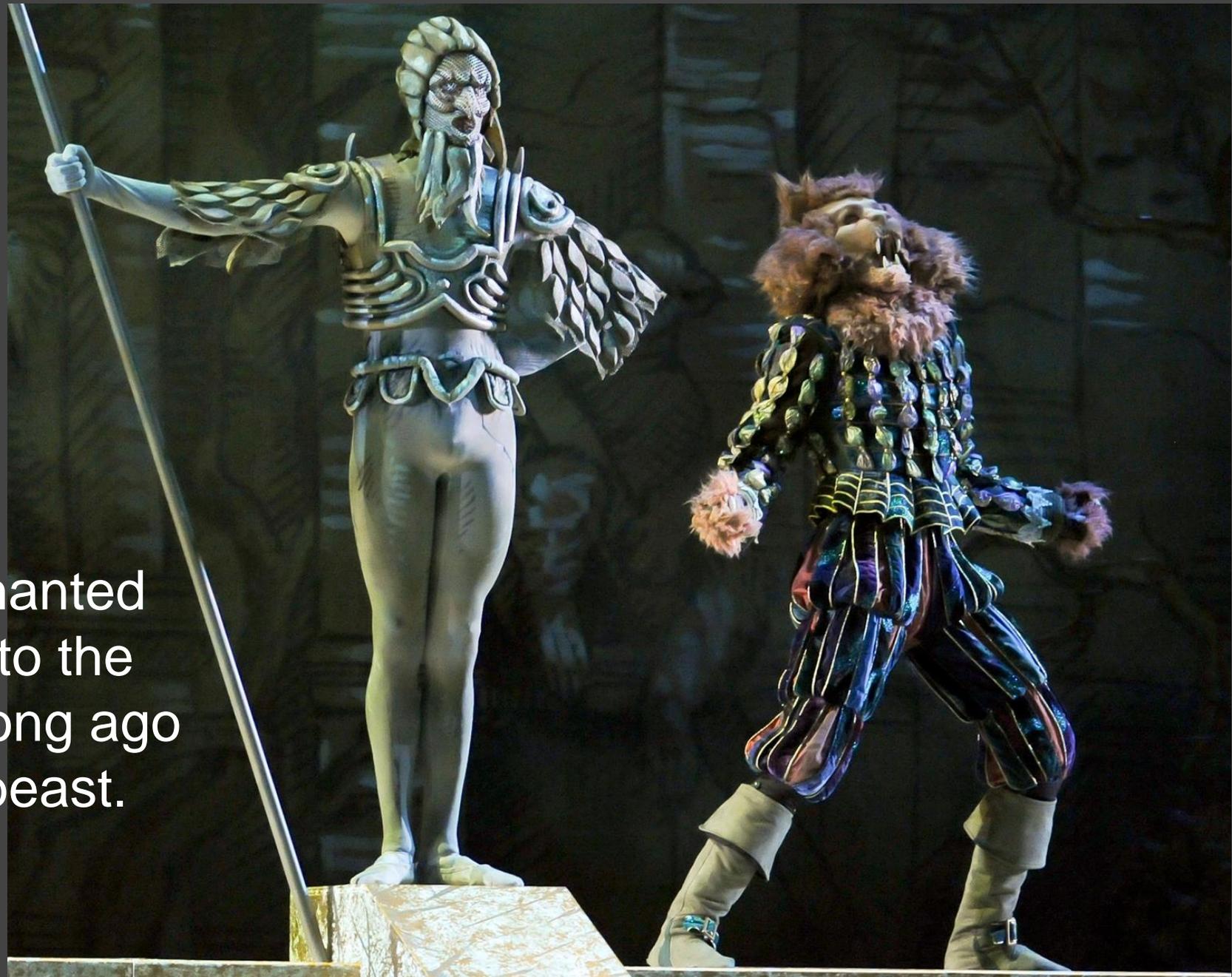


In a dark and beautiful forest, stags, nymphs, and other mysterious creatures dance and fly through the night.





Here there is an enchanted garden that belongs to the Beast - a Prince who long ago was cursed to be a beast.



Into the magical garden wander Beauty and her father.



Beauty's father innocently plucks
a rose for her.



The Beast is enraged
and they are terrified.



He chases the father from the garden and holds Beauty captive.



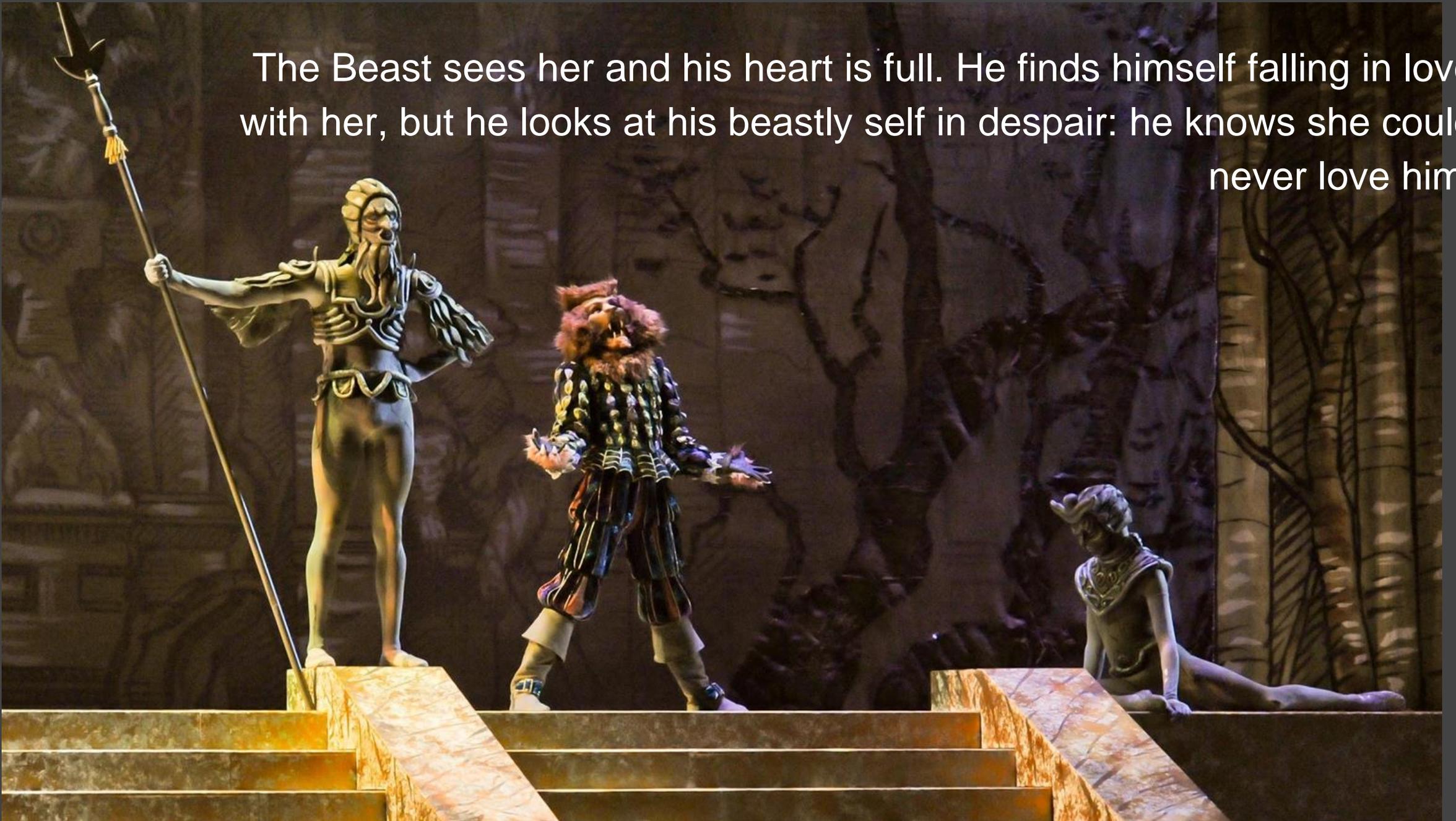
Beauty
dances alone
in the garden -
she aches
with fear and
sorrow.



The garden
Caryatids and
Rose Bushes try
to comfort her.



The Beast sees her and his heart is full. He finds himself falling in love with her, but he looks at his beastly self in despair: he knows she could never love him.



He tries to dance with her and give her a rose. At first she feels his presence but can't see him - when she finally notices him she's terrified and runs from him.





The Beast utilizes everything at his command to cheer Beauty up and to show her his love. He summons his court to entertain her. Agile Simians burst into the garden with acrobatic dancing and spectacular jumps.

They present Beauty with gifts from the Beast: flowers, birds, jewels, and a crown. They build her a golden throne and help her into a sparkling new gown.



Magic Flowers and charming Bluebirds also dance and entertain her.

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In spite of these wonderful gifts, Beauty is still unhappy.





The Beast comes to her to tell her of his love, offering her the rose. Beauty is terrified. She breaks free from the castle guards and flees from the palace.



The Beast is plunged into grief and mourning. He collapses in his garden and dies of a broken heart.

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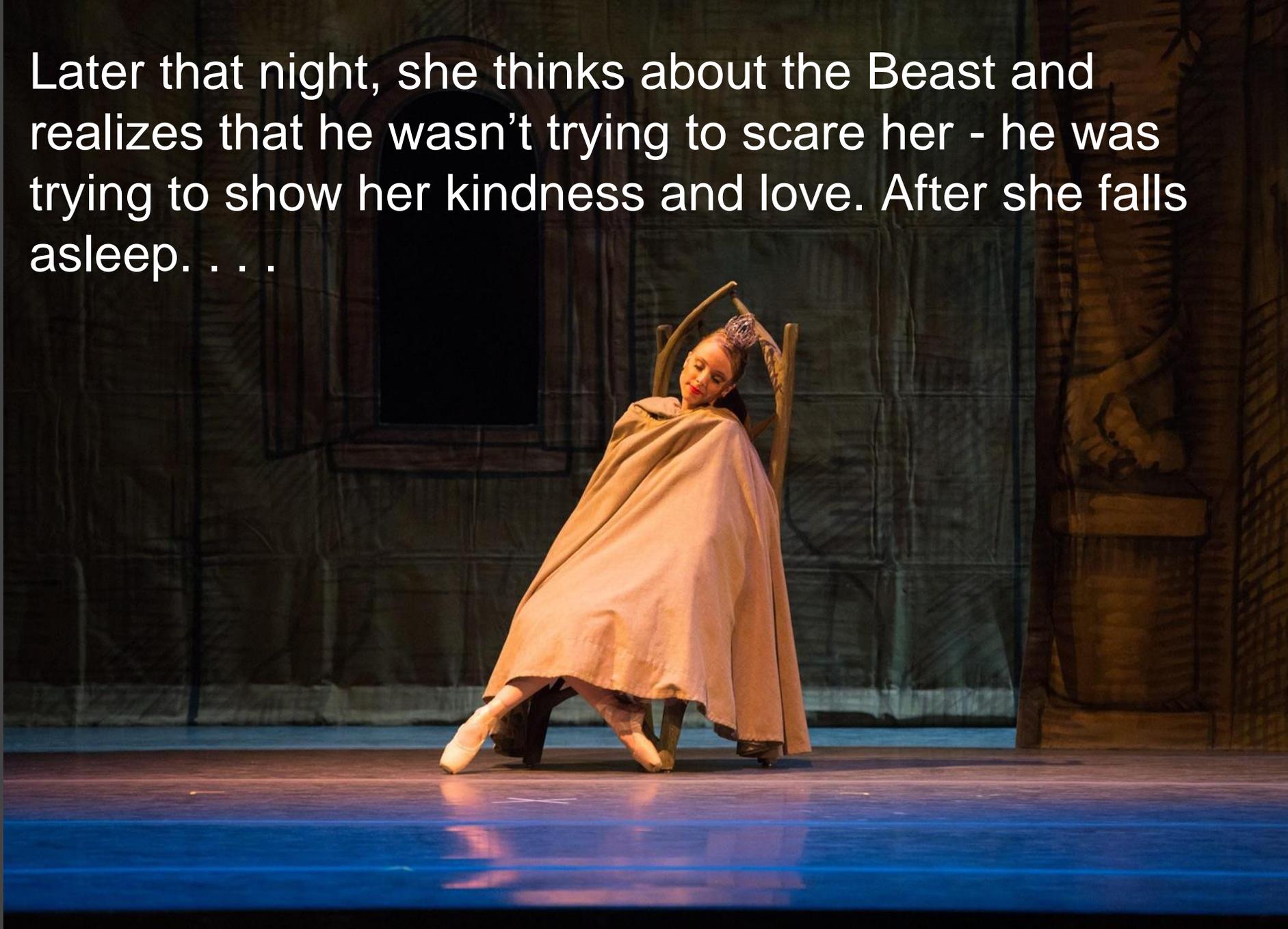
Beauty finds her way back to her home and reunites with her father and sisters.



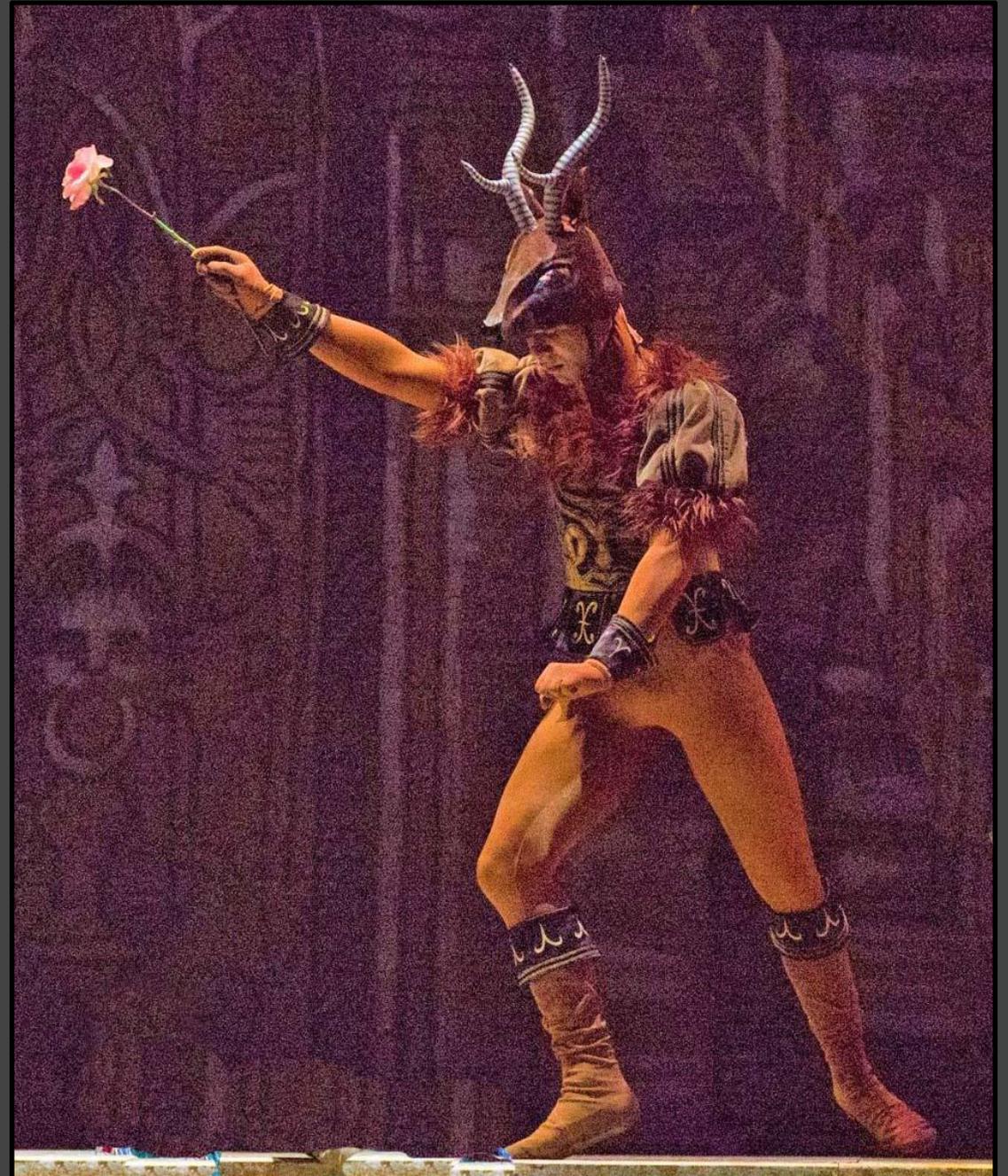
Her sisters are jealous of her beautiful dress and the other gifts she received from the Beast.



Later that night, she thinks about the Beast and realizes that he wasn't trying to scare her - he was trying to show her kindness and love. After she falls asleep. . . .



. . . the stags from the Enchanted Forest appear at her house. They toss a rose into the cottage.



She wakes up and realizes that this is a sign that the Beast needs her. She wonders what to do, and then grabs her cape and hurriedly follows the stags back to the palace.







Back in the Beast's garden a funeral procession is underway. Beauty arrives and finds the Beast lying on a funeral bier. She is too late. She is devastated - she knows now that she loves the Beast. Beauty runs over to him and kisses him; then crumples to the floor and sobs.



Suddenly, the Beast stirs. An arm moves, then his chest rises. Slowly, he rises. He tears at his beastly shell, which little by little falls away. Finally he rips off his beast head -



. . . and is revealed to be the kind and gentle Prince he once was. Beauty's pure heart and true love have broken the curse.

He graciously greets his servants.
He again offers the rose to Beauty,
and this time she accepts it.



Everyone in the kingdom rejoices. The Prince and Beauty get married in a magnificent wedding celebration in the palace.



The palace Courtiers dance in celebration and the Roses perform a beautiful waltz.



Beauty and the Prince
dance a thrilling and
romantic pas de deux -
and live happily ever
after.



The End