

CALLBACK SIDE #1

DISNEY'S DESCENDANTS

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#1 – Overture

Orchestra

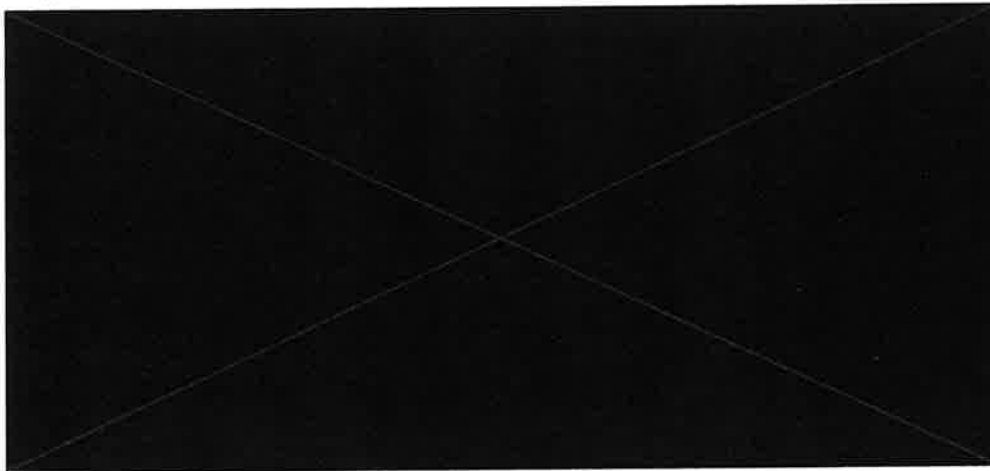
(An evil laugh is heard.)

SCENE 1: Auradon, Belle and Beast's Castle

#2 – Better Together (Prelude 1)

Ben

(BEN, a classically regal, caring teen, looks out over his kingdom, i.e., the audience. He sings, as he writes out a speech.)



START

BEAST

Ben! How is it possible that you will be crowned next month? Sixteen is just a baby! And – what does that make me?

BELLE

A has-been, darling.

BEAST

Grrr, darling, grrr –

BEN

Mom, Dad – you set the stage for me to take Auradon into the next generation. And with that in mind – I've chosen my first official proclamation as King!

BELLE, BEAST

Ooh, do tell! / Yes, finally. / etc.

BEN

When I look out over our beautiful island, I always see the Isle of the Lost in the distance. They've been abandoned. And they deserve a second chance.

BEAST

The Isle of the Lost? Okay...

BEN

So... I've decided: The children on the Isle of the Lost... should come to live here in Auradon!

(His PARENTS gasp. That is not what they were expecting.)

BEAST

Living among us?! Are you mad?!

BELLE

Now, now—I gave you a second chance, didn't I?

BEAST

(to BELLE)

He's never been to the Isle, he doesn't know what they're like—

BEN

For starters, they're not a "they." We can start with a test run. I've already picked four candidates.

BELLE

(calm, supportive)

See? Our son is sensible. Now, Ben— who are their parents?

BEN

Cruella de Vil...

BELLE, BEAST

Oh—

BEN

Jafar...

BELLE, BEAST

Oh—!

BEN

Queen Grimhilde...

BELLE, BEAST

Oh—!!!

BEN

... and... Maleficent.

(BELLE and BEAST's faces turn from concern to abject terror.)

BELLE

(no longer calm)

The children of our sworn enemies?! No. I draw the line. Maleficent is the worst villain in the land. We tried this kind of leniency before and she nearly destroyed us!

BEN

But that was twenty years ago! We have to learn to live together, now, or we'll be cursed to repeat the past.

BEAST

She's guilty of unspeakable crimes!

BEN

Yes, but her daughter isn't. What if she could learn to be good?

BELLE

Is this really the only way?

BEN

It's the only one we haven't tried.

BEAST

One chance, Ben. I may be giving up the crown for some well-deserved R & R – but I'm still your father. And if you do not succeed... Auradon will never re-open its walls again.

BEN

... Then I'd better be right.

FINISH