

Beauty and the Beast TV Series

Plot Statistics

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Critics of the original Beauty and the Beast TV series (1987-1991) often condemned it for its lack of imagination, citing the number of times Vincent saved Catherine from possible violence or death. Others were intrigued by literary references and classical music, while fans avidly watched hoping for a kiss.

Here's a look at the episodes under a number of criteria, all of which are plot elements.
Let the numbers tell all ...

This list examines 'classic' Seasons 1 and 2 only (44 episodes). Note: Episodes are listed by acronym, in airing order, for convenience. (A key to episodes and their acronyms follows the list)

Plots ...

1) Action where Vincent saves Catherine – 15 episodes (OUAT, TS, S, M, TBW, DS, T, DSS, EIE, TRIH, TO, A, TW, AKBS, THM). Note: ADS might also be called a “rescue” episode, although it was via “the bond” at a distance, not a physical/action rescue.

2) Action where Catherine saves Vincent – 4 episodes (NWD, NIB, SOG, TA).

3) Action/violence without a rescue by either Vincent or Catherine – 10 episodes (AIS, ACS, CM, F, AA, DOW, SAS, WRB, COI, TRIS)

4) No violence or rescue sequence – 14 episodes (SOO, POS, OZ, AHL, CM, RL, GBC, FPK, L, B, AGR, O, WTBS, TR)

Other Scenes ...

5) Vincent and Catherine hugs/holds – 20 episodes (OUT, NWD, M, NIB, SOG, T, DSS, OZ, AHL, CM, RL, DOW, TO, O, A, TW, ADS, THM, WRB, TRS)

6) Kisses (soul, hidden or almost) – 4 episodes (SOG, AHL O, WBS, TW)

Classical Literature & Music ...

7) Episodes WITHOUT literary references or readings – 17 episodes: (TS, NWD, TBW, SOO, DS, ACS, AIS, CM, AHL, GBC, SAS, TW, TR, AKS, THM, WRB, COI)

8) Episodes where classical music is used – 6 episodes (TS, S, AHL, CM, THM, TRIS)

Episodes (in airing order) and acronymns

1. Pilot/Once Upon a Time in New York –OUT

2. Terrible Savior – TS

3. Siege – S

4. No Way Down – NWD

5. Masques – M

6. The Beast Within – TBW

7. Nor Iron Bars a Cage – NIB

8. Song of Orpheus – SOO

9. Dark Spirit – DS

10. An Impossible Silence – AIS

11. A Children's Story – ACS

12. Shades of Grey – SOG

13. China Moon - CM

14. The Alchemist – TA

15. Temptation – T

16. Promises of Someday – POS

17. Down to a Sunless Sea – DSS

18. Fever – F

19. Everything is Everything – EIE

20. To Reign in Hell - TRH

21. Ozymandias – OZ

22. A Happy Life - AHL

23. Chamber Music - CM

24. Remember Love - RL

25. Ashes, Ashes – AA

26. Dead of Winter – DOW

27. God Bless the Child – GBC

28. Sticks and Stones - SAS

29. A Fair and Perfect Knight - FPK

30. Labyrinths - L

31. Brothers – B

32. A Gentle Rain - AGR

33. The Outsiders - TO

34. Orphans - O

35. Arabesque - A

36. When the Bluebird Sings - WBS

37. The Watcher - TW

38. A Distant Shore - ADS

39. Trial - TR

40. A Kingdom by the Sea - AKS

41. The Hollow Men -THM

42. What Rough Beast - WRB

43. Ceremony of Innocence - COI

44. The Rest is Silence - TRS