

Beauty and the Beast Tidbit (100 words)

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Light and Shadow

Vincent shone a powerful flashlight around Father's library, but there was too much airborne dust from the tremor to see much. Thankfully, all the candles had blown out. That was good news.

"Father?"

He was answered by a violent fit of coughing.

"Over here."

Father was huddled under the metal staircase, almost invisible behind tumbled books.

Vincent and Kanin quickly freed him.

"Don't light anything," Father warned. "We risk an explosion."

"I know. That might be an improvement," Vincent commented.

"My son who 'bathes the world in light' *," Father misquoted.

"I am 'but a walking shadow' **," Vincent replied.

* - Wordsworth

** - Shakespeare