

Beauty and the Beast Tidbit (100 words)

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Terminology

Terminology matters.

Through the years I have heard myself described many ways. To Father I am “son”, to Mouse “friend”, to Devin “little brother”. To Narcissa, and often to newcomers, I am a “being”. In the eyes of my enemies, dying, I see “beast” or “monster”. Writers might term me “leonine”.

Only Catherine calls me a “man”. She also addresses me as “my love”, a term I will always find amazing.

I am all those things. Best of all, soon I will be “father”.

I gaze at her beside me, then turn over to kiss my wife, my lover, my Catherine.