

# OBSERVATIONS ON BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

## Questions That Don't Have Answers

Has anybody else ...

... wondered why the hospital bandaged Catherine's eyes when she had plastic surgery? We know why Father did this, but why was it necessary in the hospital?

... noticed that the Tom (Gunther) in 'Remember Love' is different from the Tom in the pilot?

... caught Father's reference to nuclear weapons during the McCarthy trials? He should have said 'atomic' ...

... speculated about the ring Catherine wears while she is healing Below? She doesn't leave the party with it, and she doesn't return to her world with it.

... noticed that Father walked down the library steps – minus his cane – in 'Once Upon a Time ...'? When, then, did he – Father, not Roy – begin to use a cane?

.. wondered how Devin is able to grow such a thick, bushy beard over his scars?

... looked up St. Catherine? We know that St. Vincent is the patron saint of the homeless, lepers, prisoners, spiritual help, hospitals and hospital workers. St. Catherine is the patron saint of leather workers, philosophers, scribes, secretaries, spinsters, stenographers and ... the tongue. Honest.

... picked up on the fact that, before Father disappeared in "Song of Orpheus" no one seemed to know his last name – at least, no one was able to tell Catherine. After the fact, in later episodes, everyone seems to know it. (Not many secrets in the tunnels by then?)

... similarly, before "The Alchemist" Vincent has no knowledge at all about Paracelsus, yet during "To Reign in Hell" and "Dead of Winter" we see all the children being taught the story as part of their heritage.

... tried to figure out exactly what Father says when he is being attacked by all those bats ('The Alchemist')? Did we hear what we think we heard?

... noticed that Vincent and Catherine sleep on opposite sides of their respective beds? Perhaps they're holding the spot open for possibilities ...

... checked out the chess board Father and Vincent play on? In order to set the pieces up correctly, you must have a white square in the bottom right hand corner for each player. Little things are important!

... seen Irina Irvine (Jamie) in the Certs commercial punching the punching bag?

... wondered where on earth Catherine puts the money her father gives her in the dream sequence of 'Once Upon a Time ...' She begins stuffing it down her bodice ... then tries to find a pocket ... but dreams often don't make sense.

... noticed Catherine drinks her coffee black?

... speculated on where Samantha gets the money to ride the subways for her candle deliveries ('Dead of Winter')? Perhaps she doesn't pay – and arrives on the platform from a secret tunnel door – maybe even the one that Jason ('Terrible Savior') used.

... wondered if Lena's daughter spells her name the same way Catherine spells hers? There are over 25 ways to spell Catherine.

... noticed that the date(s) of Catherine attack – as shown on Edie's computer screen – are different – by a whole year!

... taken note of the “recycled” extras in 'China Moon'?

... wondered who finally won out in the struggle to include/not include Father's old suit in Michael's luggage?

... noticed that Catherine's apartment seems to rearrange itself periodically? We'll not talk about the furnishings

... Vincent rearranges his mementos quite a bit too. Just look at what sits on the ledge below the stained glass window in every ep.

... decided that the REAL reason Jacob never told Devin that he was his son was because he knew Devin would begin to call him “Pop.”

... subscribed to USA Today because of the B&B articles?

... rearranged the video rack at K-Mart so that B&B was in front (or DVDs in Walmart??)

... notice Paracelsus' “bendable” blade?

... noticed that Vincent has a flashback in 'The Outsiders' to something he never actually did – break into Catherine's balcony window. But Michael has a nightmare about exactly that in 'A Fair and Perfect Knight' – which preceded 'The Outsiders' in both airing and production order. Could it have been Vincent's nightmare too?

... noticed which hand Vincent writes with? It's official – our favorite feline is a south-paw!!

... given much thought to what we should call ourselves? If Star Trek fans are trekkies, does that make us “beasties”?

... catch Eddie's passing references to Devin's usual female companions ('Brothers')? Something tells me Devin is not exactly drawn to sweet little school teachers from Iowa (or anywhere else).

... noticed that Leo Mundy ('Siege') finds a sneaker footprint in the tunnel, although Vincent is wearing boots when he meets Catherine? And Catherine is wearing high-heeled boots.

... seen the bottle of Scope sitting on Catherine's sink in her bathroom? ('Dark Spirit').

... observed that the secret sliding door in the tunnels shuts before Vincent has the chance to hit the switch? ('China Moon') .

.. heard Vincent as he storms out of the chamber after arguing with Father in 'Remember Love'? The "stone" floor goes bang, bang, bang – suspiciously like elevated aluminum?

... noticed when Vincent is sending his letter to Ellie ('Ashes, Ashes') it quickly shows Catherine with Vincent just barely visible behind her with his hand on her shoulder?

... that Catherine wears no gloves in 'A Children's Story', the second episode in production order, but ever after does?

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