

Beauty & the Beast is charming fantasy

Beauty and the Beast (CBS, Fridays, 8 P.M.) is a Manhattan fairy tale. Anyone who has ever traveled the serpentine tunnels beneath the island of Man-



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hattan knows that there's more down there than subways and sewers—thugs, for instance, as Catherine (Linda Hamilton), a beautiful lawyer, discovers when she is attacked and then saved by a heroic leonine figure named Vincent (Ron Perlman). Deformed and abandoned, Vincent has grown up under the streets with the help of a reclusive professor (Roy Dotrice). Now, he is Catherine's unofficial partner in defeating the forces of evil who are beating New York to a pulp. When things get rough for Catherine, Vincent—who doesn't need to change his clothes to assume superherodom—just hops out of the nearest sewer to her rescue.