

SCENE TWO

(The Woods. Something is wrong. The natural order has been broken. Trees have fallen. The birds no longer chirp.)

RAPUNZEL ENTERS, sees BAKER, BAKER'S WIFE, BABY, LITTLE RED RIDINGHOOD and CINDERELLA; SHE screams; THEY scream and EXIT.

RAPUNZEL sees JACK; SHE screams; HE screams and EXITS.
RAPUNZEL sits, weeping. WITCH ENTERS)

WITCH

(Urgent)

Rapunzel! What are you doing here?

(RAPUNZEL whimpers)

What's the matter?

RAPUNZEL

(Suddenly laughs)

Oh, nothing! You just locked me in a tower without company for all my life, then blinded my Prince and banished me to a desert where I had little to eat, and again no company, and then bore twins! Because of the way *you* treated me, I'll never, *never* be happy!

(Cries)

WITCH

(Defensive, yet sincere)

I was just trying to be a good mother.

(RAPUNZEL runs OFFSTAGE)

Stay with me! There's a Giant running about!

(Follows RAPUNZEL OFFSTAGE.)

RAPUNZEL'S PRINCE ENTERS; CINDERELLA'S PRINCE ENTERS
from another direction)

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RAPUNZEL'S PRINCE

Good brother! What a surprise.

CINDERELLA'S PRINCE

Brother. How good to see you.