

Cinderella's Prince & Rapunzel's Prince

Rapunzel's Prince: Ah, there you are, good brother. Father and I had wondered where you had gone.

Cinderella's Prince: I have been looking all night ... for her.

Rapunzel's Prince: Her?

Cinderella's Prince: The beautiful one I danced the evening with.

Rapunzel's Prince: Where did she go?

Cinderella's Prince: Disappeared, like the fine morning mist.

Rapunzel's Prince: She was lovely.

Cinderella's Prince: The loveliest.

Rapunzel's Prince: I am not certain of that! I must confess, I too have found a lovely maiden. She lives here in the woods.

Cinderella's Prince (incredulous): The woods?

Rapunzel's Prince Yes! In the top of a tall tower that has no door or stairs.

Cinderella's Prince Where?

Rapunzel's Prince: Two leagues from here, due east, just beyond the mossy knoll.

Cinderella's Prince: And how do you manage a visit?

Rapunzel's Prince: I stand beneath her tower and say, "Rapunzel, Rapunzel, let down your hair to me." And then she lowers the longest, most beautiful head of hair – yellow as corn – which I climb to her.

Cinderella's Prince (starts laughing): Rapunzel, Rapunzel! What kind of name is that? You jest! I have never heard of such a thing.

Rapunzel's Prince (defensive): I speak the truth! She is as true as your maiden. A maiden running from a Prince? None would run from us.

Cinderella's Prince (sobers): Yet one has.