

# Rapunzel's insanely long wait

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# Characters

**PRINCESS RAPUNZEL** – Teenage girl, golden hair that goes all the way to the floor, aggressive, a tad insane.

**PRINCE HENRY**– Guy, not good looking geeky person with glasses and some acne on his face (if visible to the audience), can have a burgundy prince hat. Should have a typical geeky/nerdy voice.

**NARRATOR STEVEN**- not visible. Deep narrator voice- preferably British accent.

# Scene 1

*Podium is made of two parts separated by a high wall with a window on the upper part. Room in the tower on the left and Outside of the tower on the right.*

*In the room should be a bed with a pillow, facing towards the audience, a bookshelf with books and a table with a pair of knitting needles (one broken), unfinished sock and a ball of yarn There should also be stairs (the less visible the better) leading to the window to create an effect that Rapunzel is talking to Henry from the top of the tower.*

*Outside of the tower can be just a grass covered ground with a path and a couple of trees to create something like a forest.*

*In the first scene only the inside of the tower is visible or somehow highlighted from the outside. Before the play starts the podium should be dark or curtains closed.*

## NARRATOR

Hello. My name is Steven (if played by a girl continues with “yes, deal with it”) and I’d like to welcome you to our little play. This play will be more of a comedy about how a woman would feel, if she was locked up in a tower her whole life, but don’t get mad yet. The play is based on a study that writes about how women would behave if enclosed in a small space for a long period of time. I’ll be your narrator and I hope you enjoy the play.

*“Short pause”*

Note, just to clarify this study doesn’t exist and was entirely made up by men.

Oh. I wasn’t supposed to read that?

*“The play begins and the inside of the tower lights up. The outside stays dark”*

*“Rapunzel comes in from the left and falls on the bed with her face in the pillow”*

**NARRATOR**

This is Rapunzel.

**RAPUNZEL**

*“Lets out a frustrated scream into the pillow”*

**NARRATOR**

Rapunzel is very frustrated, because she just broke one of her two favorite knitting needles.

**RAPUNZEL**

*“Turns on her back and starts staring at the ceiling, trying to figure out what has she done to deserve this, as the Narrator talks”*

**NARRATOR**

Also she has been knitting for the past ten years..

Anyway, she stopped doing whatever it was, stood up and went to the closet to get a new one.

*“Nothing happens for a short while”*

**NARRATOR**

Rapunzel stopped messing around and started cooperating.

**RAPUNZEL**

Mind your own business for once, okay?

**NARRATOR**

Rapunzel started cooperating after she somehow realised that if she doesn't, her second needle might break.

**RAPUNZEL**

“sits up”

**NARRATOR**

Very good. Who is a good Rapunzel.

**RAPUNZEL**

Alright that's it..

**NARRATOR**

What's what?

**RAPUNZEL**

Shortly. I'm out.

**NARRATOR**

What do you mean you're out? You can't just simply quit? I control basically every aspect of your life!

**RAPUNZEL**

*"Stands up and looks at the audience"*

Can you believe this guy (her)?!

He (She) has been controlling me my whole life. Constantly mocking me and terrorizing me with his stupid knitting. But I've had enough!

**NARRATOR**

Stop breaking the fourth wall please.

**RAPUNZEL**

*"Looks upwards"*

*Or what?*

**NARRATOR**

*Or you will face consequences.*

**RAPUNZEL**

*“makes a mocking smile”*

Oh yeah? And whatcha gonna do? Make my knitting equipment disappear?

I won't mind.

*“sits back down on the bed”*

You have nothing to take away from me since you never gave me anything except those stupid needles and a bunch of exotic cookbooks that I can't cook from anyway.

**NARRATOR**

*\*Sigh\** Alright. What do you want?

**RAPUNZEL**

*“thinks”*

A ticket out of this tower. In the form of a prince preferably.

*“thinks a bit more..”*

And a cappuccino.

**NARRATOR**

First of all. There is no way I'm giving you a prince.

**RAPUNZEL**

But whyyyyy!?

**NARRATOR**

What would I do if you left?

**RAPUNZEL**

*“with a kind voice”*

I’m sure you would find some other girl to lock up and bother for the rest of her life.

**NARRATOR**

*“with a bothered voice”*

AND SECONDLY!

**RAPUNZEL**

*“looks amused from the reaction for a moment”*

**NARRATOR**

From where in the hell do you know what a cappuccino is?!

**RAPUNZEL**

The books of course Sherlock..

**NARRATOR**

Ouch.

**RAPUNZEL**

I feed on your pain.



**NARRATOR**

Stop trying to insult me and rather think of some other stupid thing that you'd want.

**RAPUNZEL**

A cappuccino.

**NARRATOR**

You're not getting any.

**RAPUNZEL**

*"says angrily"*

But why?!

**NARRATOR**

You wouldn't like it.

**RAPUNZEL**

And how can you know that

**NARRATOR**

*"says angrily"*

BECAUSE I SAID SO! THINK OF SOMETHING ELSE!

**RAPUNZEL**

Hey! Chill! Geez..

*“Thinks for a moment”*

*I don’t know.. Any suggestions?*

**NARRATOR**

I’ve got a few ideas.

**RAPUNZEL**

Like what?

**NARRATOR**

What about a soccer ball?

**RAPUNZEL**

*“turns her head to the side in confusion”*

Soccer what?

**NARRATOR**

It’s a ball you play a game called soccer with.

*“As he says that a soccer ball jumps from the side of the podium into the room”*

**RAPUNZEL**

*“watches the whole event in a judging disappointment”*

Really?

**NARRATOR**

What now?!

**RAPUNZEL**

Not even a puff or anything. You just make it jump out of the corner...

**NARRATOR**

*“says with an irritated tone”*

Hey look!

I am the Narrator. Not a magician. Take it or leave it..

**RAPUNZEL**

*“makes an amused devilish grin”*

Alright, Alright.

*“she then stands up, walks to the ball and picks it up”*

**NARRATOR**

*Would you like to know what soccer is?*

**RAPUNZEL**

*Yeah why not?*

*“says as she turns the ball around in her hands and around the time the narrator begins to explain, she start walking towards the stairs and up to the window (fast enough so the narrator can’t finish talking)*

### **NARRATOR**

Soccer is a game played between two teams of 11 players each with the objective to propel a round ball into the opponent's goal by kicking or by hitting it with any part of the body except the hands and arms. One match lasts for about two hours with forty five [45] minute halves and a fifteen [15] minute break at the middle. The team which scores more goals during the game wins.

*(he stops and continues with „hey! What are you doing?“ when she reaches the window)*

### **RAPUNZEL**

*“throws the ball out of the window and watches it jump away”*

*[Audience can’t see the ball because it’s on the outside of the tower, which is not visible yet]*

*Well that was fun.*

*“she says as she begins to walk down the stairs”*

*What’s next?*

### **NARRATOR**

I DoNt KnOw. WhAt Do YoU wAnT?

### **RAPUNZEL**

A prince.

**NARRATOR**

You already asked that, and I said no. ReMeMbEr dArLiNg?

**RAPUNZEL**

I want a prince.

**NARRATOR**

You're not getting one.

**RAPUNZEL**

I want a prince

**NARRATOR**

I can do this all day..

**RAPUNZEL**

Oh yeah?

“she calmly lies down on the bed head facing the pillow. After that nothing happens for a moment. Then she starts slamming her hands and legs into the matrace while screaming”

I WANNA PRINCE I WANNA PRINCE I WANNA PRINCE and so on for a while..

**NARRATOR**

“after a while”

Alright, alright, alright, ALRIGHT!

Here is your damn prince..

Just please. Do not EVER do that again..

**RAPUNZEL**

“she immediately stops and points her head towards the audience with a surprised and happy look on her face”

EEEEEEK! Thank you so much!

“she jumps out of the bed”

I can’t wait to get out of this stupid tower.

“looks up”

No offence. “grins”

**HENRY**

“Screams from a distance”

AAAAARGH!!

**RAPUNZEL**

“casually asks” Was that him?

**NARRATOR**

Yep!

**RAPUNZEL**

Did you make him step on a spike?

**NARRATOR**

Just a small one.

**RAPUNZEL**

Prick.

**HENRY**

“We can’t see him but we can hear him from the outside, now fairly close.”

Hello? Is anyone there?

**RAPUNZEL**

“She starts rushing towards the window”

Oh yeees!

“says in half singing-half normal voice”

I’m coming my sweeeet

“finishes as she looks down from the window”

## Scene 2

"Scene takes place on the outside of the tower. The inside should be dark so the audience doesn't pay attention to it. Henry is standing at the bottom of the tower and is looking up at Rapunzel. Rapunzel is looking out of the window at Henry"

### RAPUNZEL

"flings her hair out of the window"

I'm coming my sweet-

"sees Henry and her face turns from happiness and excitement into disappointment"

-Prince ° \_\_\_\_ °

### HENRY

Oh hello!

My name is prince Henry. What's your name?

### RAPUNZEL

Hello..



“the more she looks at him the more her disappointment grows”

I am princess “stops herself at the last second and tries to think of a name”  
Ra-R-R-Br-Ber-Ber-Bertha!

Oh yes! Bertha I am and no one else..

#### **HENRY**

“with sheer astonishment”

Oh! So you are a princess? Finally! “Starts talking about how relieved he is to find a princess”

#### **NARRATOR**

“as Henry talks. Narrator speaks with Rapunzel”

What’s the matter?

Don’t you like him?

“He says while not hiding that he is really enjoying it”

#### **HENRY**

I’ve been searching for so long!

#### **RAPUNZEL**

*“Says to the Narrator”*

I hate you!!

**HENRY**

*“stops talking for a second and makes an concerned look”*

Oh excuse me. I think I heard something. Is there someone else with you?

**RAPUNZEL**

*“Panics for a moment”*

Oh no, no, no, no, no, no, NO. You must've misheard something. There is no one else but me and a “shouts upwards”

PLAGUED OLD RAT!!

**NARRATOR**

*“loud whisper”*

*You're welcome*

**HENRY**

Oh, well then! My long journey is over. I'll climb up, rescue you from that tower and you will be my queen! Just let me get my back-support belt.

*“turns around and prepares to start walking”*

**RAPUNZEL**

Oh no, no my prince. Don't even bother.

*“she says as she quickly pulls her hair up inside the tower before he realizes ”*

*“Henry turns around in slight confusion”*

It's hopeless because...

*“she thinks for a moment, then she gets it”*

This tower is cursed. And if you try to climb up you'll die.

**HENRY**

Cursed you say?

**RAPUNZEL**

„nods more than needed“

Yes, yes, exactly. So don't even bother.

**HENRY**

Ok.

*„short, uncomfortable pause“*

And is there any way to get rid of this said curse?

**RAPUNZEL**

EH? Oh right.

*“she thinks a bit more”*

To free me you need to find the-aah.

*“looks around in desperate search for some help and sees the soccer ball”*

The soccer ball. Yes, the soccer ball.

**HENRY**

A sacred ball you say?

**RAPUNZEL**

YES! The sacred ball.

*“Experiences a bit of relief”*

You have to find it and then throw it into the volcano called uh..

Vulcanus.

**HENRY**

Volcano Vulcanus..

What a stupid name am I right?

**RAPUNZEL**

*“now a bit irritated”*

Yeah right.. And until you do so the curse won't be lifted, and you won't be able to rescue me. “swipes some sweat off of her forehead”

**HENRY**

And could I perhaps know where is this said.. Vulcanus located?

**RAPUNZEL**

*“with a lecturing tone”*

Well what do I know?! That's your job to figure out right?

**HENRY**

Ok then princess-uh.

**RAPUNZEL**

Bertha.

**HENRY**

Oh yeah.. Ok then Bertha. I'll be on my way. I'll travel the world until I find the sacred ball and the volcano and I'll destroy the god forsaken thing in its lava.

Then I'll rescue you and you will be my queen.

*"There is an awkward pause"*

**RAPUNZEL**

Ok then bye.

**HENRY**

Oh ok bye.

"he turns around and starts slowly walking away as Rapunzel watches him leave"

"He turns his head around towards Rapunzel"

Volcano Vulcanus. Really?

**RAPUNZEL**

*"now mildly irritated"*

JUST GET GOING ALREADY!!

**HENRY**

Ok, ok.

"And quickly leaves"

## Scene 3

*“Rapunzel is sitting on her bed. She thinks about what just happened and then says”*

**RAPUNZEL**

Well. Never again.

*“smiles with a fake smile”*

**NARRATOR**

Well? What did you learn today?

**RAPUNZEL**

That you are a total bastard.

**NARRATOR**

*“says with a jolly tone”*

Says someone who just sent of an innocent person on a meaningless search lasting a lifetime”

**RAPUNZEL**

Alright you win. “she says in a slightly irritated tone with a bit of guilt in it”

I’m staying for now. But we have to make our relationship better or we will both go mad.

**NARRATOR**

Agreed.

So.. Do you want something to drink? Or eat perhaps?

*“with a cheerful anticipating undertone”*

**RAPUNZEL**

Yeah. I could drink something..

*“her face turns into a grin”*

**NARRATOR**

So what's it gonna be princess?

**RAPUNZEL**

*“Looks up with a big grin”*

A cappuccino.

**NARRATOR**

*“Highly irritated now..”*

OH FOR THE LOVE OF-!!

*“lights go out”* **THE END**

