Cast In Order Of Appearance:

Narrator
Husband
Wife
Gothel
Rapunzel
Prince

NARRATOR : Once upon a time there was a husband and a wife who lived next door to an enchantress named Dame Gothel, who had a beautiful garden that was surrounded by a high wall.

One day, the wife looked down onto Dame Gothel's garden and saw the most beautiful rampion.

The wife desired to eat the rampion, but she knew she could not get any. So she pined away and became pale and miserable. Her husband grew alarmed.

HUSBAND : What ails you, dear wife?

WIFE : If I cannot eat some of that rampion, I shall die.

NARRATOR : The husband loved his wife and decided to get her some, no matter what the cost. At twilight, he climbed over the fence, grabbed some rampion and took it to his wife.

She ate it greedily. It tasted so good that her desire for rampion increased three times as much as before.

To appease her, the husband once more climbed over the fence, but Dame Gothel was waiting for him.

GOTHEL : You descend into my garden and steal my rampion like a thief!

HUSBAND : Please, let mercy take the place of justice.

GOTHEL : If that is the case, then you may take as much rampion as you like, under one condition. Your wife will soon give birth to a child. I get the child.

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NARRATOR : The husband agreed. The new baby was given to Dame Gothel. And the child grew into the most beautiful child under the sun. She was named Rapunzel.

When Rapunzel turned twelve, Dame Gothel took her into the forest and shut her up in a tall tower that had no stairs and no door. There was only a small window high above the ground.

When Dame Gothel came to visit, she stood under the window and called—

GOTHEL : Rapunzel, Rapunzel,
let down your hair to me.

RAPUNZEL : Okay.

NARRATOR : Rapunzel had magnificent long hair which she kept braided. She would wind her braids around a hook on the windowsill and let the rest fall over twenty ells to the ground.

Dame Gothel would climb up Rapunzel's hair to get to her.

A year or two passed and a Prince, riding through the forest, heard Rapunzel singing. He looked for a door to the tower, but couldn't find one, so he rode home.

Each day he returned to the forest to listen to her. Finally, one day, he saw Dame Gothel approach the tower and call—

GOTHEL : Rapunzel, Rapunzel,
let down your hair to me.

RAPUNZEL : Okay.

NARRATOR : The Prince watched as her hair fell and Dame Gothel climbed up into the window. He left and returned the next day at twilight.

PRINCE : Rapunzel, Rapunzel, let down your hair to me.

NARRATOR : Her hair fell down to him and up he climbed.

PRINCE : Your singing has captured my hear. Come to my father's palace and be my wife.

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RAPUNZEL : He will love me more than old Dame Gothel will. Yes, I will marry you! Each time you visit me bring a skein of silk so I can weave it into a ladder, so I can descend from this tower and I will ride back to your castle on your horse.

NARRATOR : Because Dame Gothel came during the day, the Prince visited Rapunzel each evening. Dame Gothel suspected nothing, until one day, Rapunzel said—

RAPUNZEL : Dame Gothel, tell me, why are you so much heavier for me to draw up than the Prince is? He will be here soon.

GOTHEL : What did you say?! Why, you wicked, wicked child! I thought that I had separated you from all the world.

NARRATOR : In her anger, she clutched Rapunzel's braids and cut them off. Then she fastened them to the hook on the windowsill and, by magic, sent Rapunzel to go live in a desert in grief and misery.

When the Prince arrived, Dame Gothel was waiting for him.

GOTHEL : Aha! Your beautiful bird no longer sings in this nest. The cat has gotten it and will scratch your eyes out as well.

NARRATOR : The Prince leapt from the tower. A bush broke his fall but the thorns pierced his eyes and blinded him. He wandered and wandered in this condition, eating roots and berries, whilst lamenting and weeping for his lost Rapunzel.

Some years passed and he finally wandered into the very same desert where Rapunzel lived.

The Prince heard her voice and went towards it. Rapunzel recognized him and ran and hugged him. She cried for joy. Two tears fell upon his eyes and healed his blindness.

PRINCE : I can see again!

NARRATOR : They lived happy and content for a long, long time.

The end.

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