

Rapunzel

A lonely couple, who want a child, live next to a walled garden belonging to an evil witch. The wife, experiencing the cravings of her pregnancy, is desperate to eat some of the rampion plant in the witch's garden. Eventually her husband climbs the wall and steals some rampion.

It tastes so good that she longs for more so her husband returns to the witch's garden. As he climbs the wall to return home, the witch catches him and accuses him of theft.

He begs for mercy, and she agrees to be lenient, and allows him to take all the rampion he wants, on condition that the baby be given to her when it's born. Desperate, he agrees.

When his wife has a baby girl, the witch takes her and names her Rapunzel. She grows up to be the most beautiful child in the world with long golden hair.

When she turns twelve, Dame Gothel locks her in a tower with no stairs or a door, and only one room and one window. When she visits her, she stands beneath the tower and calls out:

"Rapunzel, Rapunzel, let down your hair" and the witch climbs up.

One day, a prince rides through the forest and hears Rapunzel singing from the tower. He loves her beautiful voice. He wants to visit her but cannot enter the tower. He returns often, listening to her beautiful singing, and one day sees the witch visit and he hears her say, "Rapunzel, Rapunzel, let down your hair."

When the witch leaves, he goes to the tower and says, "Rapunzel, Rapunzel let down your hair."

He climbs the tower and talks to Rapunzel. They fall in love. He visits her often and he eventually asks her to marry him.

Together they plan a way for her to escape, where the prince will come each night (avoiding the witch, who visits her during the day), and bring Rapunzel a piece of silk, which she will gradually make into a ladder.

One day when the witch visits, Rapunzel is distracted and remarks her clothes are tight. The witch realises that Rapunzel is going to have a baby and she is very angry.

She cuts off Rapunzel's hair and leaves her in the forest, alone.

When the prince calls that night, the witch lets the severed hair down to let him climb up.

The Prince sees the witch and jumps out of the tower. He lands on some thorns, which blind him. He can't see anything and can't find his way home.

For months, he wanders through the wastelands and forests of the country and eventually comes to the wilderness where Rapunzel now lives with the twins she has given birth to, a boy and a girl.

One day, as she sings, he hears her voice again, and they are reunited. When they fall into each other's arms, her tears immediately restore his sight.

He leads her and their twins to his kingdom, where they live happily ever after.