

RAPUNZEL



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Synopsis

In the kingdom of Combovia, joy turns to despair when the beloved Queen falls gravely ill whilst expecting her first child. The desperate King calls upon the fairies for help, and they brew a life-saving potion using the enchanted rampion plant - secretly taken from the garden of the wicked witch, Gothel.

But magic comes at a price! Enraged by the theft, Gothel kidnaps the newborn princess, Rapunzel, stealing her away to a secret tower deep within the forest. There, she is raised by Gothel, hidden from the world - for Rapunzel possesses a powerful gift. Her magical hair can restore youth and beauty.

Eighteen years pass, the king and queen have almost given up hope of finding the lost princess... when chance intervenes. Finn, a kind-hearted - and slightly clumsy stable hand, stumbles upon the tower and discovers Rapunzel. He helps her escape her prison and whisks her away to the annual Lantern Festival - a celebration held every year in memory of the missing princess on her birthday.

But their joy is short-lived... Gothel returns, capturing Rapunzel once more and locking her away again. Can Finn summon the courage to find and rescue her a second time?

With the help of the fabulous palace hairdresser Lucy Locks, the ever-stylish royal influencer Larry Styles, and trusty carrot loving steed Sir Trot-a-Lot, Finn sets off on a daring rescue mission. Along the way, they encounter the delightful Fairy Frizz who helps with a sprinkling of magic - and plenty of audience participation!

Will good triumph over evil? Will Rapunzel finally discover her true identity? And will Combovia be reunited with its long-lost princess?

Characters

- Fairy Frizz – Magical fairy.
- Rapunzel – Lost Princess with magical hair.
- Rascal - A glove puppet squirrel.
- Gothel – Evil witch.
- Stubble – A henchman.
- Bristle – A henchman.
- Finn Barber – Stable hand turned hero.
- Dame Lucy Locks – Palace hairdresser.
- Larry Styles – Palace press officer and social media.
- General Clip – No nonsense general.
- Sir Trot-a-lot – A horse with attitude.
- King Curly – Rapunzel's father.
- Queen Curly – Rapunzel's mother.
- Chorus

Act 1

Scene 1. The Palace

Scene 2. The Tower

Scene 3. The Village

Scene 4. Outside The Tower

Scene 5. The Village Square

Act 2

Scene 1. The Tower

Scene 2. Outside The Tower

Scene 3. The Palace

Scene 4. The Forest

Scene 5. The Palace Courtyard

Scene 6. The Palace

Scene 7. Finale

Suggested Songs

Song 1. Good Morning Everyone (Baltimore) from Hairspray

Song 2. Somewhere Out There – James Ingram & Linda Ronstadt

Song 3. Adventure Of A Lifetime - Coldplay

Song 4. It's My Life – Bon Jovi

Song 5. Footloose – Kenny Loggins

Song 6. Go the Distance - from Hercules

Song 7. I Can Do Without You - from Calamity Jane

Song 8. I'm On My Way -The Proclaimers

Song 9. I Want It That Way – Backstreet Boys

Song 10. Together Forever – Rick Astley

Song 11. Golden – Huntr/x

Audience Participation Song

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Act 1

Scene 1

Front of tabs.

SFX Magical sting. Fairy Frizz enters

Fairy Frizz Welcome to our pantomime,

I'm not a fairy who talks in rhyme,

So, if you like an ode or a ditty,

Sorry folks... you're out of luck!

I'm Fairy Frizz and this is the tale of Rapunzel. Like all good fairy tales, it begins once upon a time... in the kingdom of Combovia, where the King and Queen were eagerly awaiting their first child. But when the Queen fell gravely ill, the King was desperate and begged for the fairies help. Now, fairy law clearly states we must not meddle in human affairs... but fairies are dreadful at sticking to the rules. So, we brewed a potion using a magical herb called rampion. The Queen drank it, made a miraculous recovery, and gave birth to a beautiful baby girl they named Rapunzel. But - and there's always a but... the rampion came from the garden of the wicked witch, Gothel. Furious at our meddling, she vowed revenge. One night, as the princess slept, Gothel crept into the palace... and stole her away. They searched the kingdom, but to no avail, Rapunzel was lost. Every year since, the people of Combovia have held a lantern parade on her birthday – hundreds of lights drift into the night sky, in the hope that one day the lost princess might see them and find her way home. And now... we fast-forward eighteen years. The lanterns still rise, and Rapunzel's story is about to begin again...

The curtain opens on the palace courtyard. Servants bustle around preparing for the Lantern Festival. The King and Queen enter, followed closely by Lucy Locks – fussing. And Larry Styles - live-streaming on his phone.

Song 1

At the end of the song, everyone exits except for the King, Queen, and Lucy. Lucy fusses around, making final adjustments.

Lucy Stand still, Your Majesty. If you keep fidgeting, I'll never get you parade ready. This is the most important night of the year!

King Curly Do stop fussing, Lucy. We're releasing lanterns, not attending the Royal Hair Awards.

Lucy That's beside the point, Your Majesty. The kingdom will be watching you all evening, you must dress to impress and look impeccable! I don't want them thinking I'm failing in my duty as royal hairdresser.

She fusses a little more and straightens their crowns.

Queen Curly It's hard to believe it's been eighteen years already.

King Curly Eighteen years since our little princess disappeared.

Lucy Yes, eighteen years ago flip phones were all the rage.

Queen Curly Now everyone has smartphones.

Lucy looks at the King.

Lucy Except His Majesty... who still thinks that live streaming is something to do with fishing.

King Ah! That would explain why I never catch any fish.

Lucy How time has flown. It feels like only yesterday we were all sitting down watching Blind Date on a Saturday night...

Queen Curly Now it's Bake Off and The Traitors.

Lucy Oh yes! That Claudia Winkleman has a killer fringe.

Lucy steps back and looks at the King.

Lucy Maybe you should consider a fringe, Your Majesty.

King Curly A fringe?!

Lucy Why not? It would stop your crown from slipping down.

Larry enters, phone held up, livestreaming to his followers.

Larry Hello loyal followers! Larry Styles here, coming to you live from the palace where preparations are underway for tonight's Lantern Parade. Behind me, we have the King and Queen... with Lucy Locks - the royal hairdresser.

Lucy instantly plays to the camera.

Lucy Royal hairdresser and celebrity style guru. I attended the Combovia Hairdressing Academy, you know?

Larry You were the tea lady.

Lucy I passed all my hairdressing exams.

Larry *(To camera)* ... barely.

Lucy Are you questioning my expertise? Go on - ask me anything.

Larry Where do sheep go to get their haircut?

Lucy A Baa-baa!

Larry What do you call a row of rabbits hopping away?

Lucy A receding hare-line!

Larry Why do bees have sticky hair?

Lucy Because they use honeycombs?

Larry Why are hairdressers good at winning races?

Lucy Because they know all the short cuts!

Larry I'm impressed... maybe you could give me a makeover.

Lucy I can't work miracles!

Larry Go on – I need a new image. I might grow a beard... all the movie stars are sporting one these days. What do you think?

Lucy Well, I was never a fan of facial hair... but it's starting to grow on me.

Larry Yeah, we noticed... you can get cream for that.

Lucy swats him with her brush.

ACT 2

Scene 1

Back in the tower.

Fairy Frizz enters down stage.

Fairy Frizz Hello again! We're back! Refreshed, recharged, and ready to rumble! Now... where were we? Ah yes - poor Rapunzel is back in the tower...locked away once more, with that wicked Gothel watching her every move. Meanwhile... Finn and Sir Trot-a-Lot are on the case. Although, between you and me... Gothel is already one step ahead. She knows they'll attempt another rescue and she's not about to make it easy for them to find the tower. So, the question is... can Finn step up and be the hero our story needs? Let's see.

Rapunzel enters. She goes to the window and stares into the distance – Rascal appears at her side.

Rapunzel Back in the tower again, Rascal. *(Sighs)* I saw the world, the people... the lights in the sky. Now I'm back it feels like it never really happened.

Rascal whispers in Rapunzel's ear.

Rapunzel Of course I haven't forgotten Finn – how could I? For one night he made me feel special... I felt like a different person. I felt as though... I belonged.

Rascal whispers in Rapunzel's ear.

Rapunzel Oh, I don't think it's a crush, Rascal. It's much more than that.

Gothel (Offstage) Rapunzel! Rapunzel! Let down your hair!

Rapunzel sighs and throws her hair down. Moments later Gothel climbs into the tower.

Gothel Well! That was quite a night! You have some explaining to do. Running away like that, sneaking out when my back was turned to watch lanterns like some foolish child.

Rapunzel I didn't run away. I just wanted to see them up close. They appear every year on my birthday. Doesn't that seem strange to you?

Gothel (*Angrily*) What's strange to me is a girl who ignores her mother's warnings about the dangers of the world and goes prancing off with a silly stable hand. The forest is crawling with wild animals, thieves, and worse.

Rapunzel I saw none of those.

Gothel It's lucky I happened to be in the village when all the chaos broke out. Where was your stable boy then, Rapunzel? Off saving himself - leaving you to your own devices.

Rapunzel It wasn't like that.

Gothel You were lucky... this time. You're safe here in the tower now. And you will stay here. Forever.