

LITTLE RED RIDINGHOOD:
To move . . .

JACK:
To battle . . .

CINDERELLA:
To see what the trouble is . . .
Music fades.

Scene 2

The woods. Something is wrong. The natural order has been broken. Trees have fallen. The birds no longer chirp.

Rapunzel enters, screaming. The Baker, Wife and Little Red Ridinghood, frightened, run off in one direction, Jack in the other. Rapunzel sits weeping as the Witch appears; music stops.

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WITCH (Urgent): Rapunzel! What are you doing here?
Rapunzel whimpers.

What's the matter?
RAPUNZEL (Suddenly laughs): Oh, nothing! You just locked me in a tower without company for fourteen years, then blinded my Prince and banished me to a desert where I had little to eat, and again no company, and then bore twins! Because of the way you treated me, I'll never, never be happy! (She cries)
WITCH (Defensive, yet sincere): I was just trying to be a good mother.

Rapunzel screams and runs off.

Stay with me! There's a giant running about! (She follows Rapunzel)

Rapunzel's Prince enters; Cinderella's Prince enters from another direction.