

# Rapunzel and the Ninjas

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## Characters

Rapunzel

The Prince

The band of Ninjas

## Scene 1

*The tower. Rapunzel sits, alone, playing a board game with herself.*

*Rapunzel:* Ha! I own Park Place! Pay up, sucker! *(she moves to the other side of the board)* Oh man! Why is it that whenever I have Park Place you never land on it, and when ever you have it, I land there every time?*(she goes back to the first side)* 'Cause I'm a winner, and you're a loser. Pay up! *(to the other side)* Why do you have to be such a jerk about it? Why can't you ever be a gracious winner? I don't want to play anymore. *(To the other side)* You don't want to play? I don't want to play! *(She knocks over the game and stomps off in a huff. Then she turns, looks at the board, and sighs.)* I really need to find some way of meeting new people.

*Suddenly, the room is full of Ninjas.*

*Rapunzel:* New people, I said. Not ninjas.

*Ninja :* Rapunzel, our Ninja radar tells us that you are unhappy.

*Ninja :* We've come to amuse you.

*Ninja:* I brought you some puppets.

*Ninja :*And I brought some books.

*Rapunzel:* I have puppets. And I have books. What I really need is a real, actual human to interact with. Preferably not inside this tower.

*Ninja :* You know you can never leave this tower, Rapunzel.

*Rapunzel:* Why?

*Ninja :* Why? Because... um... because the world outside is too dangerous.

*Ninja :* It's too dark.

*Ninja :* And too dirty.

*Ninja :* There are monsters.

*Ninja :* And Enormous Crocodiles.

*Ninja :* And very little oxygen.

*Ninjas:* Yes, very, very little oxygen. You just wouldn't survive.

*Rapunzel:* But when I look out my window, I can see the world outside. And it doesn't look dark, or dirty.

*Ninja :* What are you talking about? It's dark right now.

*Rapunzel:* Only because it's night time. During the day it isn't dark. And it certainly isn't dirty. And I've never seen a monster, or an Enormous Crocodile. In fact, I've only ever seen bluebirds and deer and rabbits when I look out.

*Ninja :* Bluebirds are very vicious.

*Ninja :* Deer are notoriously violent.

*Ninja :* And rabbits... why, they're the ones taking all the oxygen.

*Rapunzel:* If there's very little oxygen out there, then how do all of you survive? And why is there enough oxygen in here? I usually have the window open.

*Ninja :* Um....

*Ninja :* Er...

*Ninja :* Oh, look, a crocodile (*points out the window.*)

*Rapunzel:* Where? (*she looks out the window.*)

*Ninja :* Oh, it must have run away.

*Ninja :* Anyways, enjoy your books and puppets!

*They disappear, and Rapunzel is left alone again. She sighs, and curls up with a book.*

## **Scene 2**

*The next night. Rapunzel is doing a puppet show for herself when she is interrupted by a voice from outside her window.*

*Rapunzel:* There's a volcano in the next town, Mr Bunny, we have to run! I'll grab the lettuce and you –

*Prince:* Rapunzel, Rapunzel, let down your hair!

*Rapunzel:* What was that?

*Prince:* Rapunzel, Rapunzel, let down your hair!

*Rapunzel goes to the window.*

*Rapunzel:* Is someone out there?

*Prince:* Rapunzel, Rapunzel, let down your hair!

*Rapunzel:* I can't even see you, it's too dark!

*Prince:* Would you let down your hair, already!

*Rapunzel:* It is down.

*Prince:* I can't find it.

*Rapunzel:* Well, of course not! You're way down there and I'm way up here!

*Prince:* Haven't you got really long hair? Hair so long that it reaches the ground?

*Rapunzel:* Reaches the ground? Are you kidding? Do you know how much time I'd have to spend brushing my hair every day?

*Prince:* Well, how am I supposed to get in?

*Rapunzel:* Why should I let you in?

*Prince:* Because I'm a handsome Prince, here to save you from your life of captivity.

*Rapunzel:* That sounds interesting. Come on up.

*Prince:* How?

*Rapunzel:* There's a teleport device somewhere down there. I'll see you when you come up.

*She goes back to her puppets, and a moment later the Prince enters, out of breath.*

*Prince:* That's not a teleport device! It's a door, with stairs behind it!

*Rapunzel:* Really! They always told me it was a teleport device, and it was programmed to vaporize me if I tried to use it.

*Prince:* Who told you that? The evil witch?

*Rapunzel:* What evil witch?

*Prince:* Hold on. I thought that you were Rapunzel, held captive by an evil witch in a tower, which is only accessible by the one upper window. And the only way to climb up to it is by calling out, "Rapunzel, Rapunzel, let down your hair", and you would let down your flowing locks for me to climb up.

*Rapunzel:* That would hurt.

*Prince:* And I'm the handsome prince who was supposed to rescue you. But I guess I got the wrong tower.

*Rapunzel:* I guess so. But it's funny that there would be two princesses named Rapunzel.

*Prince:* So... your name is Rapunzel?

*Rapunzel:* Yes, but I'm being kept here by-

*The Ninjas enter.*

*Prince:* Ninjas!

*Rapunzel:* Yes! Did I tell you this already?

*Prince:* No, they're here!

*Ninja :* Who are you, and how did you get in?

*Prince:* I'm the handsome prince-

*Ninja :* That's an odd name.

*Prince:* And I'm here to save Rapunzel-

*Ninja :* Which is also an odd name.

*Ninja:* Hey! I named her. I thought it was a pretty name.

*Ninja :* It's actually the name of a type of lettuce.

*Ninja :* Are you sure? I thought it was a type of radish.

*Rapunzel:* You named me after a vegetable?

*Prince:* Excuse me? I think I have the wrong tower. I'll just be going.

*Rapunzel:* Take me with you!

*Ninjas:* No!

*Rapunzel:* You've been lying to me all these years. You said it was a teleport device behind that curtain. It's actually a door, and some stairs, isn't it.

*Ninja :* Maybe.

*Rapunzel:* And I'll bet the world isn't that dangerous.

*Prince:* Well, not so dangerous you need to be locked in a tower.

*Ninja :* Quiet you!

*Rapunzel:* I'll bet there are no crocodiles or monsters...

*Prince:* Crocodiles and monsters?

*Ninja :* They're very, very scary.

*Ninja :* Oh, stop. She knows. We can't fool her forever.

*Ninja :* We're sorry, Rapunzel. It's just that we wanted to keep you safe.

*Rapunzel:* From what?

*Ninja :* It's a hard life, ninjahood. We just wanted you to live a happy life, without the stress.

*Prince:* Hold on, I'm confused.

*Ninja :* We may have kidnapped you as a baby princess, Rapunzel, but that doesn't mean we don't care.

*Ninja :* We couldn't keep you with us, you see. Our work is very dangerous.

*Ninja :* Ninja-ing is no life for a beautiful young girl.

*Prince:* I'm still confused. Where's the witch? And the long hair?

*Ninja :* Oh, that's just a rumour we spread to keep people away.

*Ninja :* We found it worked pretty well.

*Ninja :* Until now.

*Ninja:* Well, yeah. Obviously

*Rapunzel:* I'm really upset with you guys. I've been missing out on life for years!

*Ninja :* Uh oh, rebellion!

*The Ninjas strike a ninja pose.*

*Ninja :* Get the Prince! He's the one who ruined all of this for us!

*The ninjas attack the prince, who has no trouble fighting them off, with Rapunzel's help. After, when all the ninjas lie on the ground moaning, he pulls off their masks. They are all princesses, too.*

*Rapunzel:* Hey!

*Prince:* You guys are lousy ninjas.

*Ninja :* We know. But we were all raised in towers, too, before we were allowed into the ninja trade. This is all we know.

*Rapunzel:* So you lied to me twice!

*Ninja :* Yeah. Sorry.

*Rapunzel:* All right. I'm getting out of here.

*She goes to the curtain and exits. The Prince shakes his head at the ninjas and exits as well.*

*Ninja :* You know, this has really made me think. Just because we were kidnapped and raised in towers by ninjas, it doesn't mean that we should kidnap others and raise them in towers.

*Ninja :* Yeah. I never even wanted to be a ninja. I wanted to be an investment analyst.

*Ninja :* And I wanted to be a veterinarian.

*Ninja :* Maybe we should just... quit being Ninjas.

*Ninja :* Sounds good to me. But before we do, I think we should get in one last good exit.

*They put on their masks, strike a pose, and disappear.  
The End*