



Into the Woods

Character Descriptions

Jack: A simple boy who is best friends with his cow, Milky White. He is cheerful but slow to learn and impulsive.

Little Red Ridinghood: A young, clever girl who has a habit of talking to strangers. She wishes to bring food to her sick grandmother but allows curiosity to hinder her goal. She appears innocent but has a darker side.

The Baker: A man who wishes for a child. He believes his parents were killed in a baking accident. His house has been cursed by the Witch. He is determined, yet insecure.

The Baker's Wife: A woman who wishes for a child. She is determined to help her husband reverse the curse on their house. She is smart, practical and secretly romantic.

The Witch: An obsessive and vain woman who has magical powers. She is the Baker's neighbor and placed a spell on his house. She is Rapunzel's adoptive mother and tries to shield her from the outside world by trapping her in a tower. Under her harsh exterior, she is insecure and lonely.

Cinderella: A pretty, kind young woman who wishes to go to the royal festival. She is mistreated by her stepmother and sisters but is determined to improve her life. A prince falls in love with her, but she is ambivalent about whether she should marry him.

Cinderella's Prince: A charming young man who meets and falls in love with Cinderella at the festival. He is more interested in the pursuit than the reality of love and becomes dissatisfied once he weds Cinderella. He is the older brother of Rapunzel's prince.

Cinderella's Stepmother: A cruel woman who punishes Cinderella by making her work in the kitchen to keep her from going to the royal festival.

Florinda: A vain and smug woman who is mean to her stepsister, Cinderella.

Lucinda: The second of Cinderella's stepsisters. She behaves just like Florinda and their mother.

Jack's Mother: A poor woman who worries about her son and lashes out at him when he makes mistakes. She wishes for their family to have a better life.

The Mysterious Man: A strange man who speaks to different characters in the woods. He is really the Baker's father.

The Narrator: A storyteller who appears periodically to advance the narrative and speaks directly to the audience.

Rapunzel: The beautiful adopted daughter of the witch who is trapped in a remote tower that is accessible only by climbing her long hair. She is naïve and emotional because of her captivity. She is really the Baker's sister.

Rapunzel's Prince: A man in agony over his desire to wed Rapunzel. He is more interested in the chase and is unsatisfied once they are married. He is the brother of Cinderella's Prince.

Milky White: A sad cow who belongs to Jack and is unable to produce milk. She is sold off to the Baker and his wife in exchange for magic beans.

The Giant: The wife of the giant that Jack killed. She is angry and goes on a rampage searching for Jack.

Cinderella's Mother: A deceased woman who appears as a ghost in a tree. She is nurturing and provides good advice.

The Wolf: A cunning creature who attempts to eat Little Red Ridinghood while dressed up as her grandmother.

The Steward: The right-hand man to Cinderella's prince. He is bureaucratic and full of self-importance.