

Louis Louis: A Rapunzel Story

By Sophie V.

There once was a little boy named Louis. Louis had pale skin, green eyes, and platinum blond hair. Hair that he NEVER cut because his mom would not take him to the barber shop. Louis always wondered why. His mom on the other hand, had darker skin and jet-black hair. Because Louis was blond headed, he always wondered about his dad. Louis' mom would also never talk about his dad, which was a little bit weird for him, but didn't think anything of it.

One day Louis mom decided to move out of the city, and build her own house in a large valley with a farm of her very own. But, the bad thing was that his mom never asked for Louis' opinion. So, just one day when his mom was waiting in the car for him to come home from school, she told him. His mom's action bothered Louis a lot since he loved the house they had now. Once he got inside the packed car, Louis' mom began a horrible 12-hour long drive to the Carpathian Mountains of Romania.

Five months later.

Louis and his mom soon settled into their new home. During this lonely time, Louis wondered if he even had a dad. Since Louis' school was so far away now, his mom decided to make him drop out. She said it was too far to drive and full of nonsense anyway. Louis did not agree because he was only in fourth grade. A few days after dropping out of school, it was time to work the farm. Louis and his mom went outside to feed the animals and harvest the crops. It was very early in the morning. While in the field, he came upon a clump of trees. On one of the trees there was a wanted poster nailed on one of them. He wondered who this man was. Most of all, Louis was afraid because a criminal was loose. Soon he heard his mom hollering for him to get back to the house and help with chores.

When Louis finished his chores, he went into the nearest small town to find out who the man on the wanted poster might be. He asked a police officer for more information about the man. After he had taken all day, he had to get home and go straight to bed. Louis couldn't stop thinking about the man on the poster. The next morning, he and his mom had the same routine, but this time Louis decided to show his mom the wanted sign. He asked her if she knew the man, since the man weirdly had the same features as Louis. Louis thought he and the man looked similar. His mom said, "no", in a suspicious way so Louis kept bugging his mother for what was nearly a month until she gave in. "He is your father!" She yelled, out of irritation. Louis looked absolutely horrified. His mom continued, "He was imprisoned 9 years ago and supposed to be there for a lifetime, but he escaped." She sighed. "Go on then, wash up, I'll prepare dinner." Louis went to his room to shower, wash and change clothes. At dinner, he and his mother sat at the dinner table in silence.

Day after day Louis's hair grew longer and longer, until Louis just couldn't take it anymore. He decided to cut it himself. As soon as the scissors cut one strand of hair, his hair turned dark dark deep brown. Louis didn't know what happened. He called for his mom. He was weirdly excited because he now looked like this mother. Louis's mom was terrified. "Louis, I have something to tell you." She said sadly. "What?" Louis replied. "I am not your mom. I stole you from your father when you were just a baby. I took you for your magical hair." Louis's face turned white in shock. She continued. "Now your father is looking for you."

Two week later.

A strange man came knocking on the door. As Louis opened the door he thought, "This man looks very familiar. How peculiar." The man asked, "Where is your so-called mother?" "She's in the back

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garden.” Louis replied. The man walked around the house to find Louis’ mom. As the man approached her he said, “I want my little boy back.” The “mother” was exhausted from keeping her secret, so she gave up. “Fine. You can take him back.” The “mom” said, sounding tired yet annoyed. Louis soon busted through the back door realizing he had found his dad. “W-w-w what happened to your hair?” The man groaned. “I-I-I cut it.” Louis said with his eyes tearing up. “It doesn’t matter anymore, I still love you and I missed you sooo much!” His dad said.

Louis and his father left the house and the old woman behind. Quickly she grew old and weak. Louis on the other hand lived happily as a normal child. He went to school, got good grades, played and hung out with his friends in his old town of Miercurea Ciuc, Romania where his friends called him, “Louis Louis!”