

## *This is not a Fairytale*

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*All that you hear about in stories are happily ever after and the end. But no one ever tells you the truth or when things go wrong. But these things help determine reality, Earth from fantasy, full of childlike, unethical things. But I will tell you the truth.*

*In everyday modern life there was a thirty-two year old woman named Rapunzel, ironically named after her favorite childhood fairytale. She lives in the 'dog-eat-dog' world of the north New York City. Rapunzel was brought up like an average child, with two loving parents and a house to call her own. As a young child, Rapunzel was read fairy tales about people who did unrealistic things; she aspired to be like them. So she did as most children do, followed in their footsteps. Rapunzel tried talking to animals, singing soprano and imagining being tall and beautiful. Her parents tried to get help when they realized that she was not always 'on Earth' but therapists told them to relax because it was only a phase. As Rapunzel grew older she was still in a daze, she did not do well in school and started out her first years unexcelled and different than people her age.*

*Eventually when Rapunzel hit middle school she was whimsical, avid daydreamer. Her parents took her to another therapist, but he told them it was too late to help because they should've gotten it fixed at a young age, so her parents accepted her for who she was.*

*After high school her parents gave her everything she ever needed, a car, house, and money, so she would never have to work in her life. But Rapunzel didn't want it. Rapunzel from then on spent her days how she wanted them her entire life, in a fairy tale. She slept with her animal friends in Central Park hiding in the trees, she received*

food from elderly people who dropped bread crumbs on concrete for birds, and bathed in lakes, freshening with flowers. While everyone else had real things in life to achieve Rapunzel was not at their level.

One day at Rapunzel's park home she saw an old childhood best friend who she always thought would be her Prince Charming. His name was Vinny; he approached her as he recognized the same spacey face. He spoke and asked about her present life in which she explained every detail. As she explained, she noticed the expression of disgust on his face, and she regretted telling him. Even though his face spoke disgust, his mouth spoke, "Same hilarious Rapunzel" always joking around.

Then and there she knew it was destiny. Every day for a month he agreed to meet her at Central Park. On a breezy Friday Rapunzel decided to introduce Vinny to her friends. He agreed to meet her by the largest tree in Central Park, her home.

When he arrived he was greeted by animals staring at him and making various sounds. As Rapunzel told him each of the animal names they started to attack him. Vinny grew panic stricken and called her delusional, crazy, nostalgic fool and said that she needed to grow up and live in reality. Rapunzel screamed back, "I told you the truth!" and he said, "I thought you were joking but now I know you're the joke!" Rapunzel had an epiphany moment, where she realized she had a heart of a toddler.

His words stung like bees as they echoed in her mind. She tried to ignore them, but deep inside she knew he was being honest. Rapunzel knew what she must do; prove to him she is not a child so they could live happily ever after. So she consulted her animal friends who told her, "If she leaves she can NEVER come back." Rapunzel thought tediously in the uncomfortable tree branch at night. She knew if she left she would be leaving her friends, but if she left she wouldn't have to sleep in a branch or bathe in the lake, she also had an opportunity at true love and she could always make new friends. So her decision was made, she left.

*That year she immediately rekindled with her parents who sent her to college, and got her an apartment. After college she got a job as an assistant of a large corporation. On her first day she made no friends because she was seen as an overachiever which surprised her because in school overachievers had friends. After eating lunch by herself she was introduced to her boss, notorious Vinny. At first glance his eyes bulged and face turned red while she was red of excitement. He spoke, "Umm what are you doing here?" , "I work here." she spoke enchanted, "Really, I thought you were too busy being delusional" he said harshly, "Oh about that" she said jokingly "I knew you were joking!" "I'm sorry I'm a jerk," he said apologetically. "Oh sure she said hypnotized."*

*1 Year later, on a romantic afternoon, Vinnie planned a dinner by the tree where they rekindled in Central Park, Rapunzel had an anxious feeling of an icy gaze of animals; she knew she had to tell him the truth. When she tried to tell him he ignored her, until he got down on one knee and animals attacked him. Rapunzel cried and asked why, but they told her he took her away. Once again he stormed this time furious as he threw the ring down, he was proposing. Rapunzel was too distraught stay in New York, so she moved Alaska to start over her fairytale.*

*On her first and last night she tried to sleep in a cave but in the morning she was pronounced dead, the bear whose home she slept in ate her. That same day Vinny tried to find her to apologize but she was nowhere to be found. He never gave up hope. This is the truth. There is no The End because this is only The Beginning.*