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Rapunzel

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Focus Question

How does Rapunzel's life change?

Words to Know	
company	rage
enchanted	weeping
happily	wretched

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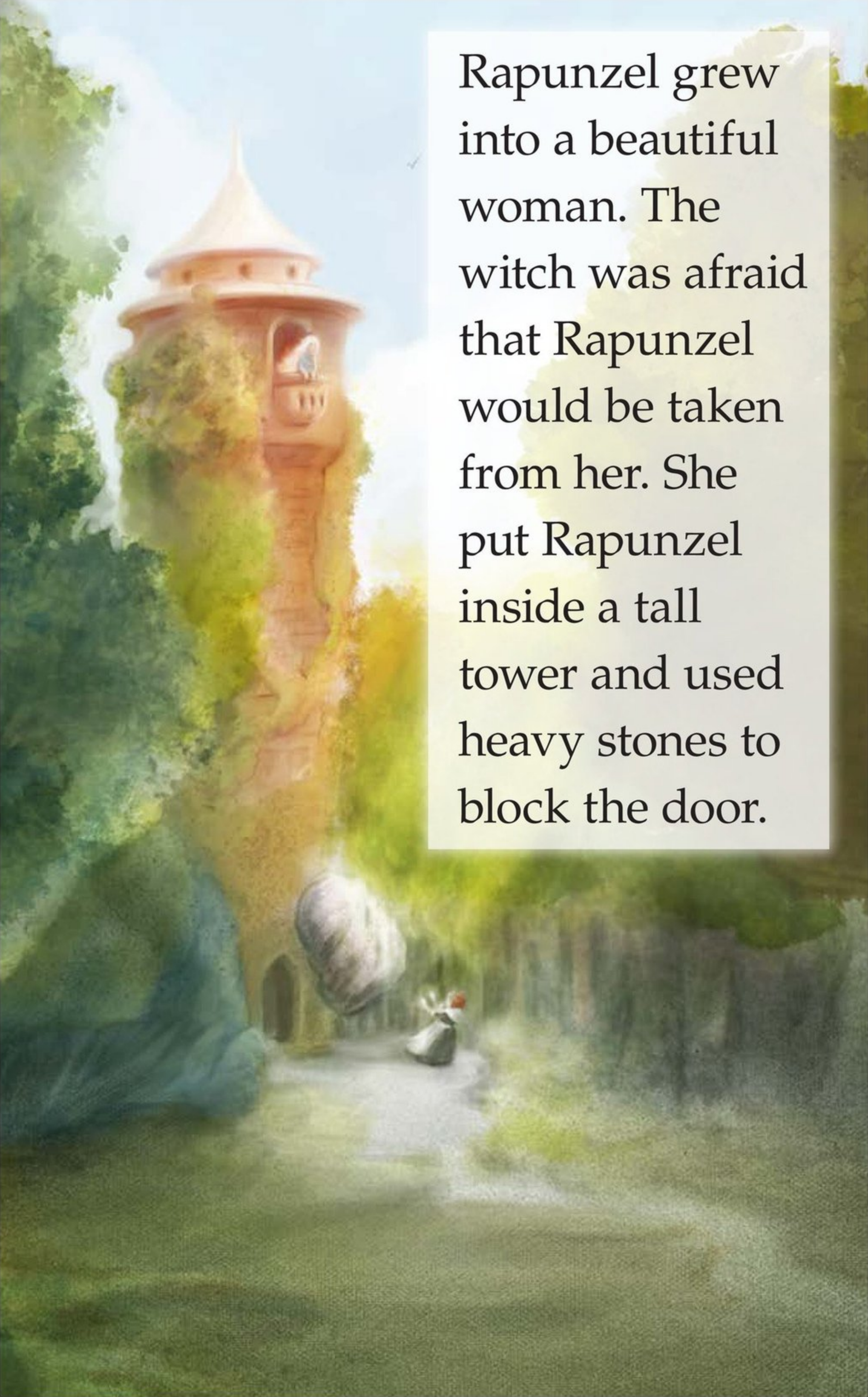
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Once upon a time, there was a lonely witch. She decided to steal a child for **company**. She named the child Rapunzel.

A watercolor illustration of a tall, orange stone tower with a conical roof, partially covered in ivy. A small balcony with a white railing is visible on the tower. At the base of the tower, a large, grey, rounded stone is being rolled into the entrance by a small figure in a black dress and red hat. The scene is set in a lush green landscape with trees and a path.

Rapunzel grew into a beautiful woman. The witch was afraid that Rapunzel would be taken from her. She put Rapunzel inside a tall tower and used heavy stones to block the door.

Each day, the witch stood below Rapunzel's window and called, "Rapunzel! Rapunzel! Let down your hair!"

Rapunzel let her long hair fall out the window. Then the witch would climb up and visit her.

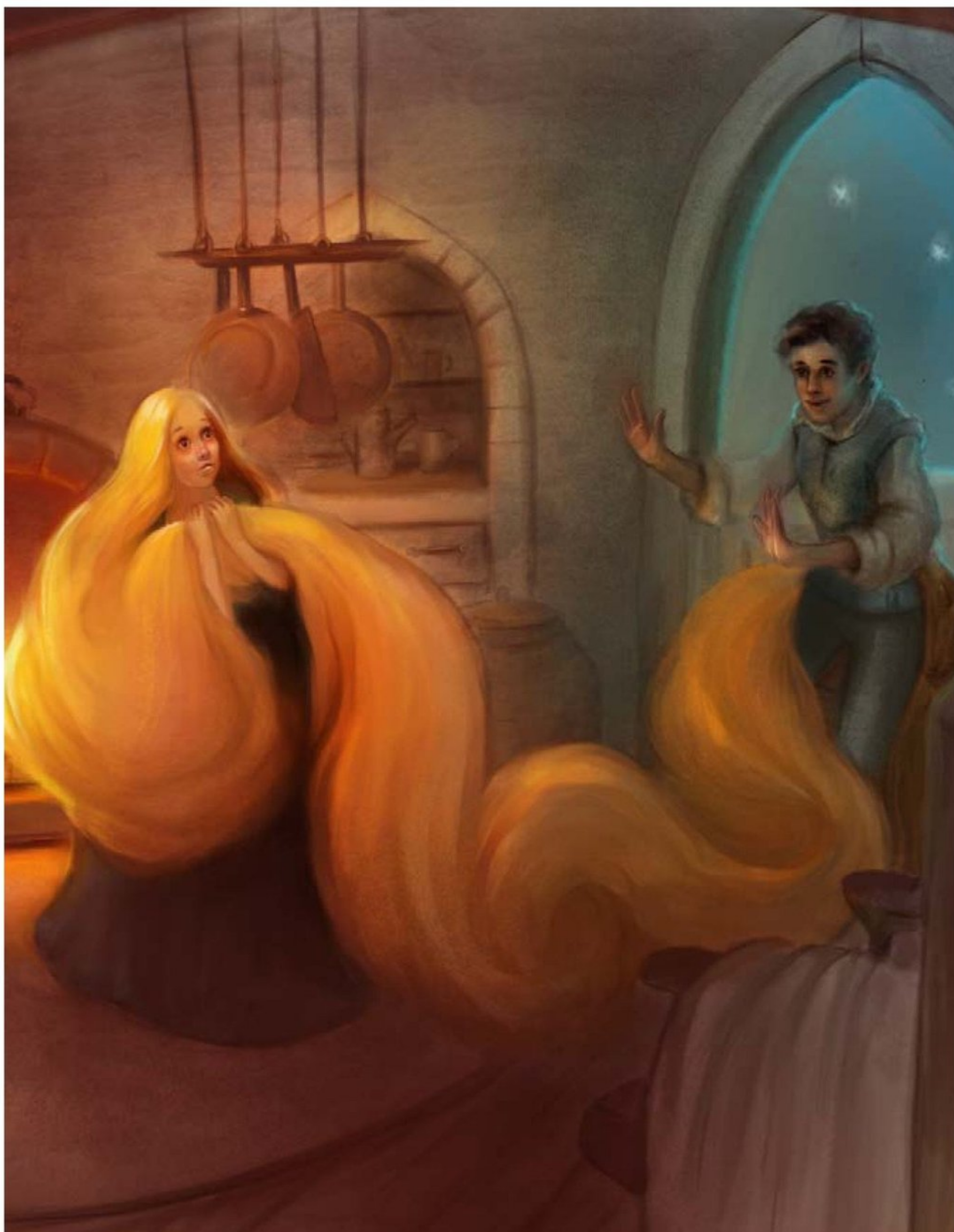




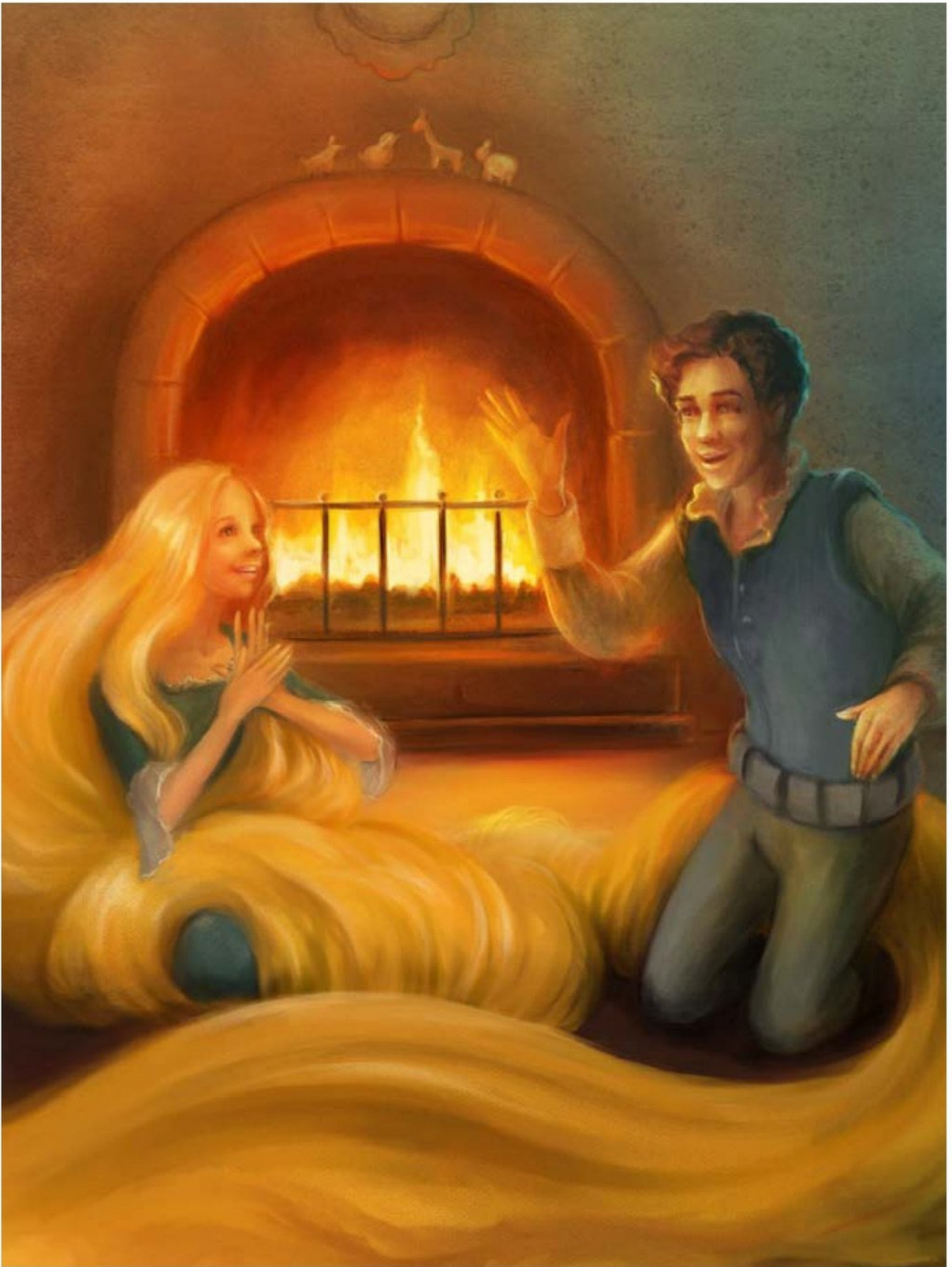
One day, a prince was riding nearby and saw Rapunzel in the tower. Her beauty **enchanted** him. He wanted to meet her, but he could not open the tower door.



Just then, the witch appeared. The prince hid and watched her call to Rapunzel, then climb her hair. When the witch had gone again, he too called, “Rapunzel! Rapunzel! Let down your hair!” and climbed up.



Rapunzel was amazed and frightened when she saw him. But he was kind to her, and soon they were talking like old friends.



After that, the prince visited Rapunzel every evening. Before long, they fell in love.



One night, when Rapunzel was expecting the prince, the witch arrived. She called out, “Rapunzel! Rapunzel! Let down your hair!”

“Hurry, my prince!” Rapunzel called back, not realizing the witch was there instead.

When the witch heard this, she climbed up the tower in a **rage**.

“Wretched girl!” she cried. **“Is this how you thank me for my care?”** She grabbed a pair of scissors and cut off Rapunzel’s hair. **“You will never betray me again!”** she said.





The witch dragged Rapunzel to the bottom of the tower. She blasted the stones away from the door and sent Rapunzel into the dark forest.



When the prince came, the witch let him climb up using Rapunzel's cut hair.

"You tried to steal my precious Rapunzel," the witch said to him. "Now you will never see her again."

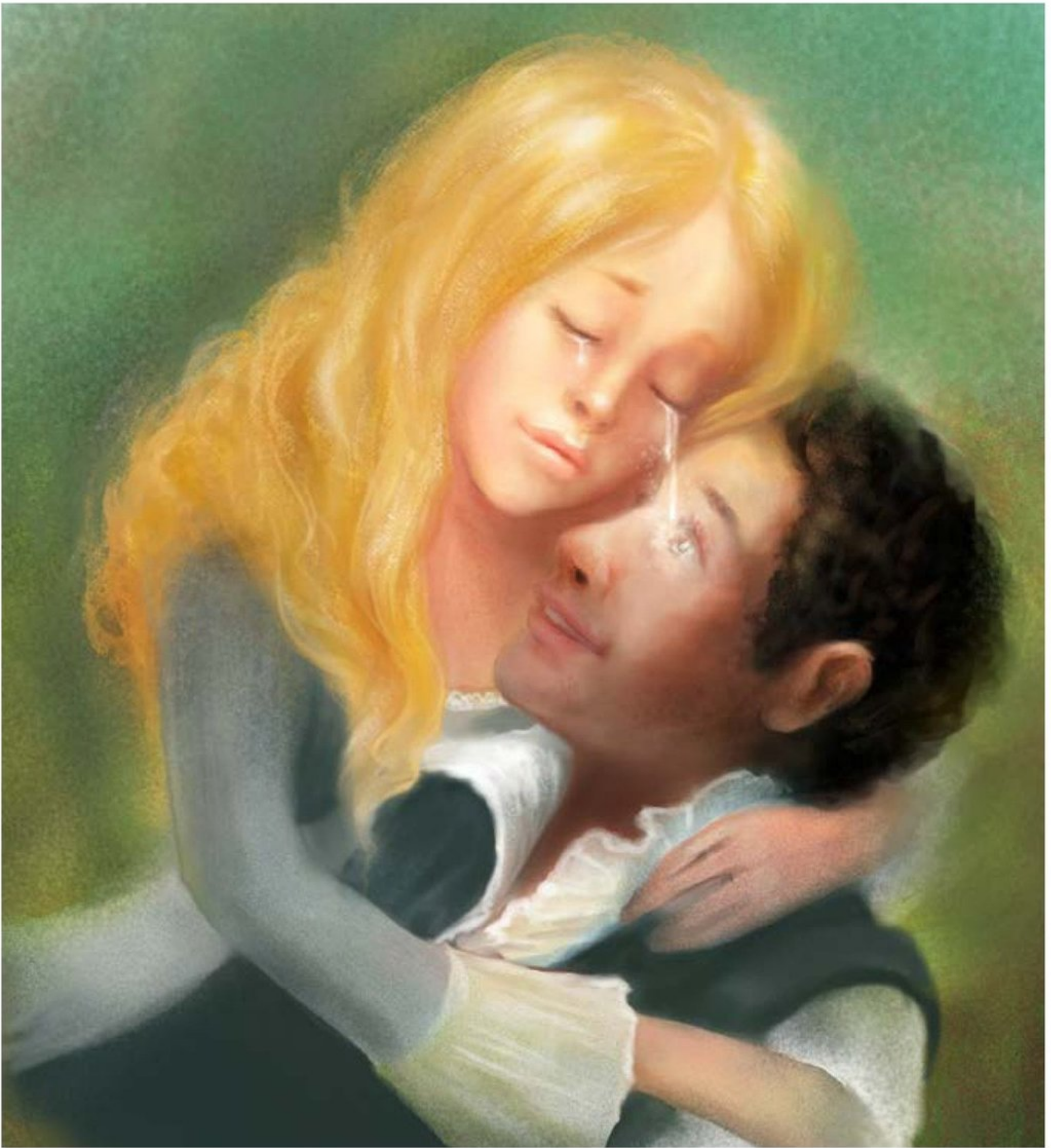
She put a curse on the prince to blind him. Then she sent him into the forest, too.

Blind and heartbroken, the prince
stumbled through the trees for
several days.

On the morning of the third
day, he heard a voice he knew,
singing sadly.

“Rapunzel!” he cried. “Is that you?”





Rapunzel rushed to him, **weeping**.
Her tears fell on his eyes, and his
sight returned.

The prince and Rapunzel went back
to his kingdom. Together, they lived
happily ever after.

Glossary

company (<i>n.</i>)	the state of spending time with other people (p. 3)
enchanted (<i>adj.</i>)	delighted or charmed (p. 6)
happily (<i>adv.</i>)	in a cheerful manner; joyfully (p. 15)
rage (<i>n.</i>)	violent anger that is hard to control (p. 11)
weeping (<i>v.</i>)	crying, often because of a feeling of deep sadness (p. 15)
wretched (<i>adj.</i>)	awful or annoying (p. 11)

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Connections

Writing and Art

What do you think happened to the witch at the end? Use words and pictures to describe what you think happened to the witch.

Social Studies and Art

Make a map of the kingdom.
Include important places in the story.
Add a map key and compass rose.

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