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Focus Question

How does Rapunzel's life change?

Words to Know	
banish	happily
company	weeping
enchanted	wretched

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Once upon a time, there was a lonely witch. “I would like to have some **company**,” the witch decided.

So, late one night, she crept into a nearby village. She stole a baby who was asleep in her cradle.

“She will be my daughter,” said the witch, “and I will name her Rapunzel.”

Rapunzel grew into a beautiful young woman. Her hair was like spun gold, and her voice was like a bird's. The witch was afraid that Rapunzel would be taken from her.

She hid Rapunzel inside a tall tower and used magic to block the door with heavy stones.

“You are safe here,” the witch said to Rapunzel. “No one will visit you but me.”



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

Rapunzel would let her long hair
fall down the side of the tower.
Then the witch would climb up
and visit her.

Rapunzel was lonely, though,
and bored. She passed the time by
singing to the birds outside.





One day, a prince rode nearby and heard her singing. He followed the sound until he came to the tower and saw Rapunzel sitting at her window. At once, he was **enchanted** by her beauty.

The prince tried to enter the tower, but he could not move the stones from the door. So he stayed below, listening to Rapunzel's song.

At dawn, the witch appeared. She called out, “Rapunzel! Rapunzel! Let down your hair!” and then climbed up to Rapunzel’s window.

The prince watched the tower all day. As the sun began to set, he saw the witch leave. Then he, too, called out, “Rapunzel! Rapunzel! Let down your hair!” and climbed up.





Rapunzel, who knew no one but the witch, was astonished and frightened when she saw the prince. But he was kind to her, and to Rapunzel's surprise, they were soon talking like old friends.

“May I visit you again?” the prince asked Rapunzel.

“Please do,” said Rapunzel.



So he did. Over the next month, the prince came to visit her every day, and soon the two fell in love. Together, they planned Rapunzel's escape.



On the night they planned to flee, a storm blew in. The witch thought the storm would frighten Rapunzel, so she hurried to the tower.

“Rapunzel! Rapunzel! Let down your hair!” she called, her voice barely rising above the storm.

“Hurry, my love!” Rapunzel called back, thinking that her prince, not the witch, was climbing up to her. “We must escape before the witch returns.”

When the witch heard this, she became angry. She climbed to the tower room in a rage, pulling harshly on Rapunzel's hair.

“Wretched girl!” she cried. “Is this how you thank me for caring for you and keeping you from harm all these years?”

She grabbed a pair of scissors and cut off Rapunzel's hair. “Now, you will never betray me again!” she said furiously.





She dragged Rapunzel to the bottom of the tower and blasted the stones away from the door.

“I **banish** you,” she said, and sent Rapunzel into the dark forest.

Then the witch waited for the prince inside the tower. When he came, she let him climb up using the hair she had cut from Rapunzel’s head.



In the tower, the prince came face to face with the witch.

“You tried to steal my most precious treasure,” the witch said to him.

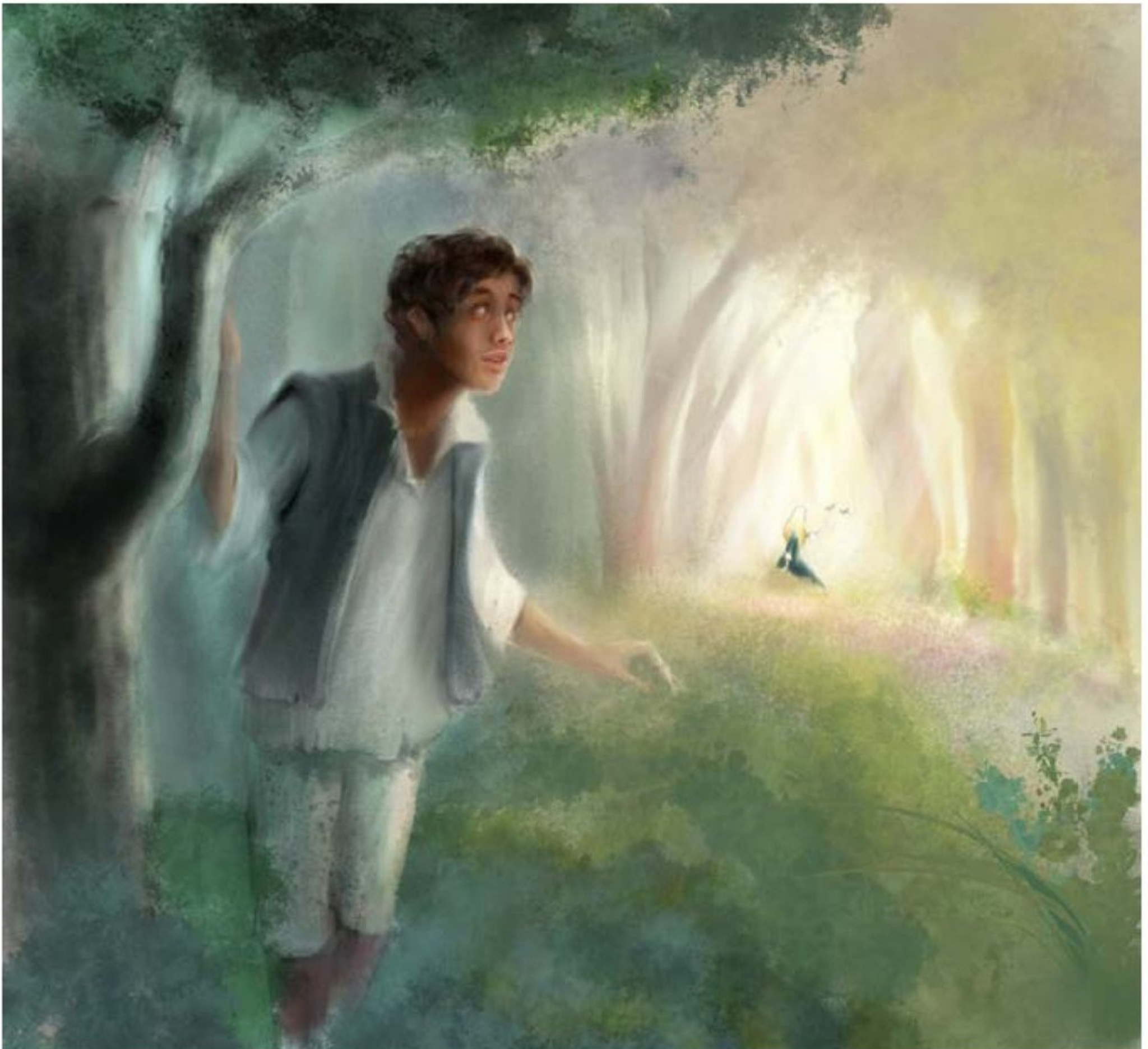
“Now you will never see her again. I curse you to blindness.”

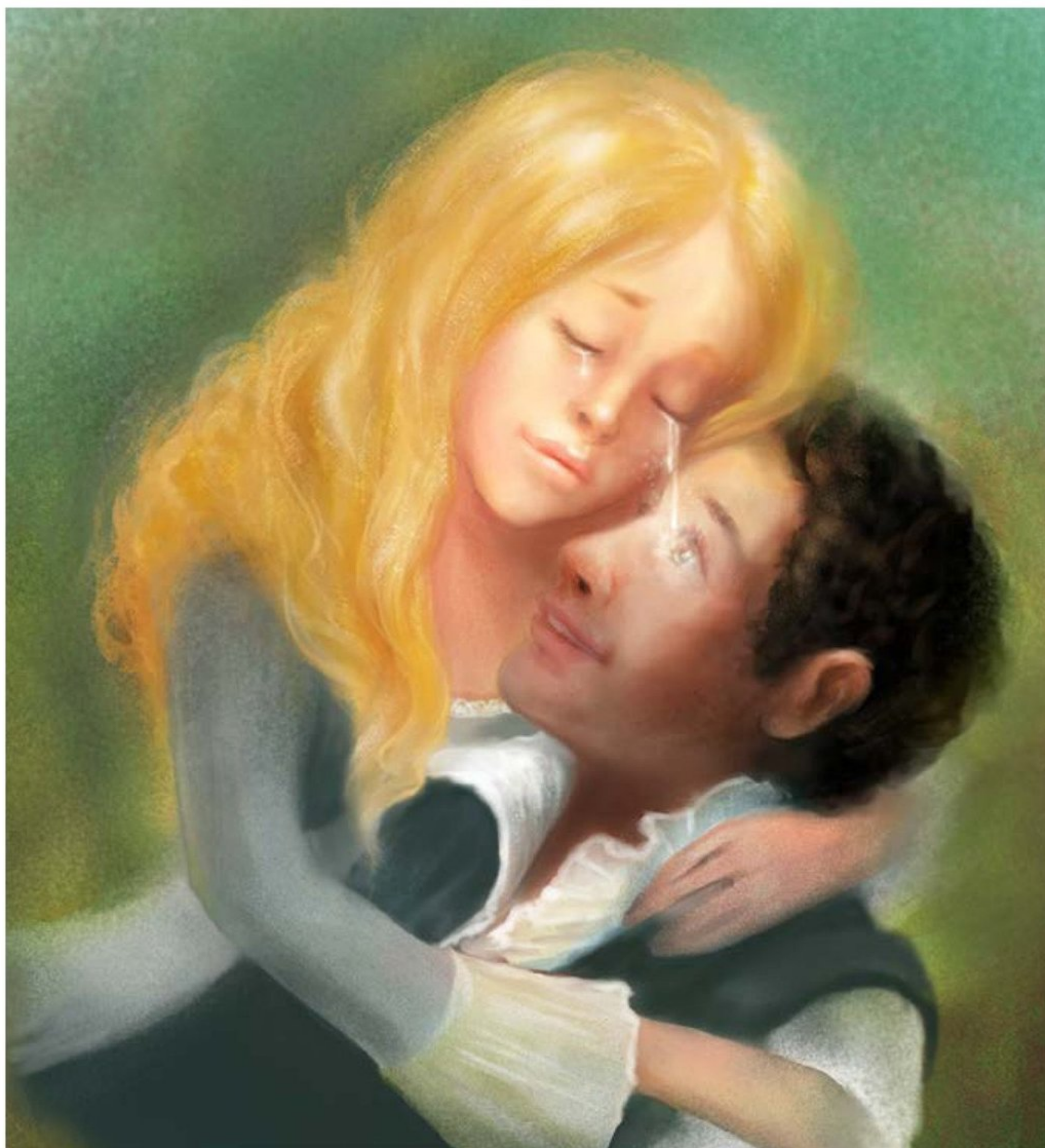
The prince’s sight vanished. She dragged him out of the tower and sent him into the forest. “You will never find her in there, Prince!” she cackled after him.

Heartbroken and unable to see, the prince stumbled through the forest for 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 his side,
weeping. Her tears fell on his eyes,
and his sight returned.

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

Glossary

banish (<i>v.</i>)	to force to leave (p. 12)
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)
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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