

Rapunzel's Reprise

RAPUNZEL: (offstage)

Andantino 2

mp Ah...

poco rit.

BAKER'S WIFE

Excuse me for this.

*(BAKER'S WIFE yanks the hair three times. RAPUNZEL screams more loudly with each pull. On the third yank, some hair falls into BAKER'S WIFE's hands. #24 - **UNDERSCORE BEFORE IT TAKES TWO** begins.)*

(BAKER'S WIFE runs away to another part of the Woods.)

(CINDERELLA enters, as if pursued. CINDERELLA falls at the feet of BAKER'S WIFE, losing one slipper.)

CINDERELLA

(recognizing BAKER'S WIFE)

Hello. It's these slippers.

BAKER'S WIFE

I'd say those slippers were as pure as gold.

CINDERELLA

Yes. They are all you could wish for in beauty.

(CINDERELLA takes the slipper back.)

BAKER'S WIFE

What I wouldn't give for just one.

CINDERELLA

One is not likely to do you much good. I must run.

(BAKER'S WIFE grabs a shoe.)

BAKER'S WIFE

And I must have your shoe.

CINDERELLA

Stop that!

(The two engage in a tug-of-war over the shoe, and the dialogue overlaps.)

BAKER'S WIFE

I need it to have a baby!

CINDERELLA

(through clenched teeth)

And I need it to get out of here!

(CINDERELLA wins the battle over the shoe and desperately runs offstage; BAKER'S WIFE is embarrassed by her own behavior. BAKER'S WIFE straightens herself up as CINDERELLA'S PRINCE with STEWARD bound onstage, only to curtsy deeply again.)

CINDERELLA'S PRINCE

Where did she go?

BAKER'S WIFE

Who?

STEWARD

Don't play the fool, woman.

BAKER'S WIFE

Oh! You mean the beautiful young maiden in the ball gown? She went in that direction. I was trying to hold her here for you...

CINDERELLA'S PRINCE

I can capture my own damsel, thank you.

(CINDERELLA'S PRINCE and STEWARD dash offstage.)

(BAKER runs onstage with MILKY-WHITE. They are both out of breath.)

BAKER'S WIFE

You've the cow!