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*(CINDERELLA'S PRINCE and RAPUNZEL'S PRINCE exit.)*

**BAKER'S WIFE**

Two princes, each more handsome than the other.  
*(BAKER'S WIFE begins to follow CINDERELLA'S PRINCE and RAPUNZEL'S PRINCE; she stops.)*

No! Get the hair!

*(BAKER'S WIFE heads in the other direction frantically.)*

*(JACK'S MOTHER enters.)*

**JACK'S MOTHER**

Excuse me, young woman. Have you encountered a boy answering to the name of Jack?

**BAKER'S WIFE**

Not the one partial to a white cow?

**JACK'S MOTHER**

He's the one.

**BAKER'S WIFE**

Have you seen the cow?

**JACK'S MOTHER**

No, and I don't care to ever again.

**BAKER'S WIFE**

I've not seen your son today.

**JACK'S MOTHER**

*(annoyed)*

I hope he didn't go up that beanstalk again.

*(JACK'S MOTHER begins to exit.)*

Jack...! Jack...!

*(BAKER'S WIFE, after a moment's pause, exits in the other direction; BAKER enters, looking for MILKY-WHITE.)*

**BAKER**

*(forlorn)*  
Moo... Moo...

*(MYSTERIOUS MAN appears from nowhere.)*

**MYSTERIOUS MAN**

Moo! Looking for your cow?

*(MYSTERIOUS MAN signals offstage, and MILKY-WHITE enters.)*

**BAKER**

Where did you find her?

*(MYSTERIOUS MAN ducks back behind a tree as BAKER goes to MILKY-WHITE. BAKER turns and sees the old man is gone.)*

Hello?

*(BAKER takes MILKY-WHITE and exits. MYSTERIOUS MAN reappears and watches after BAKER. WITCH surprises MYSTERIOUS MAN and touches him with her cane. He falls to the ground, groveling.)*

**WITCH**

What are you doing?

**MYSTERIOUS MAN**

I am here to make amends.

**WITCH**

I want you to stay out of this, old man!

**MYSTERIOUS MAN**

I am here to see your wish is granted.

**WITCH**

You've caused enough trouble! Keep out of my path!

*(WITCH zaps him; MYSTERIOUS MAN runs off. She follows him.)*

*(#23 - **RAPUNZEL'S REPRISE** begins. BAKER'S WIFE enters, pulling a long strand of hair that stretches into the wings.)*