

## Rapunzel from Tangled

*In an attempt to rescue her, Eugene has been stabbed by Mother Gothel (Rapunzel's "mother" who has been keeping her captive her whole life). In this monologue, Rapunzel bargains with Mother Gothel to be able to save Eugene's life.*

No! I won't stop! For every minute of the rest of my life I will fight! I will never stop trying to get away from you. But if you let me save him, I will go with you. I'll never run, I'll never try to escape – just let me heal him, and you and I will be together forever just like you want. Everything will be the way it was. I promise. Just like you want. Just let me heal him. *(beat)* Eugene! Oh, I'm so sorry. Everything is going to be okay, though. I promise, but you have to trust me. Come on, just breathe... I can't let you die.

## **Huck Finn from *Tom Sawyer***

*In this monologue, HUCK FINN tells his best friend, Tom, why he'd rather be an orphan than be adopted by the widow and give up his freedom.*

I've tried it, and it don't work, Tom. It ain't for me. The widow's good to me, and friendly; but I can't stand her ways. She makes me get up at the same time every morning, she makes me wash and comb my hair. She won't let me sleep in the woodshed. I got to wear those darn clothes that just smother me, Tom. They're so nice that I can't sit down, or lay down, or roll around. The widow eats by a bell; she goes to bed by a bell; she gets up by a bell -- everything's so regular I can't stand it. Tom, it doesn't make any difference that everybody does it. I'm not everybody. No, Tom, I won't be rich, and I won't live in those fancy houses. I like the woods, and the river, and I'll stick to 'em.

## Fairytale Character from Shrek

*Shrek, the Ogre, returns to his quiet, private swamp home to find it teeming with new inhabitants, the Fairytale Characters (Pinocchio, the Big Bad Wolf, the Three Little Pigs, the Wicked Witch, Peter Pan, the Ugly Duckling and the Three Bears). The Fairytale Characters have been banished from the kingdom of Duloc by Lord Farquaad because they are too “different.” They are just as unhappy about their banishment as Shrek is to find his once-peaceful home invaded by strangers.*

What are we doing in your swamp? Well gosh, we were forced to come here. Lord Farquaad, he huffed and he puffed and he signed an eviction notice. Maybe you could try talking to him. He'd listen to you! You're big and scary! Um, go back? We can't go back. Farquaad will turn us into bratwurst. The guy's bad news. Look here Ogre, I'm gonna spell it out for ya. We don't want us here any more than you do. But you're the only one tough enough to stand up to that no-good flim-flammer Farquaad!

## **Aladdin from *Aladdin***

*Aladdin notices Princess Jasmine disguised as a peasant in the marketplace. After she unknowingly steals an apple and Aladdin rescues her from being arrested, they share their mutual experience of feeling “trapped”—Aladdin in the slums and Jasmine in the palace. Aladdin, unaware that Jasmine is a princess, is intrigued by her.*

Why would I steal a loaf of bread? Gee, I dunno. Acute hunger pains?

Lightness of the head? Rude growling noises from the stomach? All of

the above? I can see you're not from around here. You're too nice and

too scared. This is Agrabah, hungry and angry. When you're trapped

here, you get used to it. So, you don't want to tell me where you're

from. Fine. But I bet wherever it is, it's – well it's gotta be – beautiful!

## Woody from Toy Story

*Buzz and Woody, toys of Andy's, have been captured by their toy-abusing neighbor, Sid, and Buzz has been strapped to a rocket. Buzz, who has previously been unaware that he is a toy and not a real space ranger, sees a Buzz Lightyear TV ad and sinks into despondency. In this monologue Woody attempts to rally Buzz.*

Why would Andy want you?! Look at you! You're a Buzz Lightyear.

Any other toy would give up his moving parts just to be you. You've

got wings, you glow in the dark, you talk, your helmet does that --

that *whoosh* thing -- you are a COOL toy. As a matter of fact you're too

cool. I mean -- I mean what chance does a toy like me have against a

Buzz Lightyear action figure? All I can do is... (*Woody pulls his own pull-*

*string dejectedly*) Why would Andy ever want to play with me, when

he's got you? I'm the one that should be strapped to that rocket. Listen

Buzz, forget about me. You should get out of here while you can.