

Excerpt from...

**“PRINCE CHARMING’S COMPLAINT”
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Time: The Present

Place: Here and Now

(Over the P.A. System we hear the sixties recording "Rescue Me." If you don't have access to the record, then have Prince Charming sing the opening lyrics as he enters: "Rescue me. Take me in your arms. Rescue me. I want your tender charms. Cause I'm lonely and I'm blue." If you do not have the record then pick up the dialogue with the line "Rescue Me.")

PRINCE CHARMING: "Rescue Me". Great song. Fontella Bass... 1965. A golden oldie. Well, to most people it's a golden oldie. To the women I married. it's the national anthem. Maybe it's the white charger... Maybe it's the suit of armor... But, for some reason the only kind of women I seem to attract are women with a desperate need to be rescued. If only I'll save them, they're convinced life will be wonderful. There have been a lot of women in my life... I don't deny

it. I love women. I don't trust any man who doesn't love women. My mistake is in marrying them. I'll give you an example. My first wife... Rapunzel... Great name, isn't it? Rapunzel. You don't run into many girls these days named Rapunzel. A lot of Brittany's and Taylor's but no Rapunzels. I used to love just saying her name... Rapunzel. When I first met her she'd been locked in a tower by her mother. That should've been my first clue. You have to wonder about a woman whose been locked away in a tower by her own mother. But she begged me to rescue her. She said she would love me forever, if only I'd free her from that tower. Something told me not to get involved and I told her that. Straight out. Up front. I didn't want to lie. I am Prince Charming, after all. That's when Rapunzel let down her hair. Guys, am I right? There is nothing sexier than a woman who, at just the right moment, gives her head a shake and unleashes cascades of long, flowing hair? And with Rapunzel, that moment happened in spades. She shook her head and that thick, gorgeous hair started cascading and it never stopped. All I could think about was how that hair was going to look spread out on a pillow. So what's the first thing she does right after the "I do's"? She cuts her hair. "It's too long"... "It's not practical"... "It interferes with my back hand"... "I thought you cared about me"... "You only care about my hair"... "My mother was right about you." Before the marriage even got going, it was over... That's when I met Snow White. I went for a ride in the woods to get away, clear my head and there she was. Snow White... If ever a woman was mis-named, it was my second wife. The woman lived with seven guys who worked in a mine for God sakes. Trust me, cooking and cleaning wasn't the only service she provided. There's a good reason they whistled while they worked. Before she showed up, Happy was just called Phil.

(The monologue continues...)

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