

# Once Upon a Quarantine

Virtual play: Fairy tale characters make the best of their coronavirus quarantine. . . .

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## Characters

SNOW WHITE

CINDERELLA

RAPUNZEL

THE WICKED QUEEN

FAIRY GODMOTHER

**TIME:** *Present day.*

**SETTING:** *Interiors of the various castles, as seen in the boxes of Zoom or other video conferencing platform. Nothing specific is required.*

**AT RISE:** *CINDERELLA, wearing a tiara, appears in her box. She clicks on keyboard, speaks into computer.*

**CINDERELLA:** Hello, Snow! Hello! Snow! (*Sighing*) What are you doing? (*She is distracted by something off right.*) Anastasia, what are you doing with the kitten? No, honey, you can't give him a bath in the sink. Anastasia! Put Fluffy down! I can't help you right now, hon. I'm meeting Aunt Snow White—if

she ever connects! (*SNOW appears from her castle.*) Well, finally!

**SNOW:** Sorry, Cinders, but I'm run ragged.

**CINDERELLA:** Tell me about it! (*Looking right*) No, Anastasia, Fluffy doesn't like chocolate chip cookies!

**SNOW:** How are the girls? Keeping up with their homework?

**CINDERELLA:** We're trying, but I never was good at math. After all, I wasn't the one who got to go to school. I did the floors. Which, I'm sorry to say, I'm doing again!

**SNOW:** Me, too. I thought I left all that behind when Charming woke me up with that wonderful kiss in the forest.

**CINDERELLA:** Yeah. . .so romantic. Almost as romantic as my Prince slipping that glass slipper on my foot.

**SNOW:** I thought it would be all hearts and flowers.

**CINDERELLA:** I sent my entire staff home to their families.

**SNOW:** Me, too! I mean, it was the right thing to do. But then my seven little friends showed up at the door looking for a place to shelter.

**CINDERELLA:** You took them in?

**SNOW** (*Shrugging*): They were wearing masks and brought a case of hand sanitizer.

**CINDERELLA:** Lucky you! How's Charming doing?

**SNOW:** He's been working on a couple of projects he's been putting off for years. Cleaning the garage, organizing his workbench, and redesigning his man cave.

**CINDERELLA:** My prince has hooked up a whole new sound system for our entertainment center. He's got it rigged so we can blast enough decibels to crack the foundation.

**SNOW:** I can't wait to catch our movies at your castle.

**CINDERELLA:** Say, Snow, have you, ah—heard anything from. . .you-know-who?

**SNOW:** No. I hope she's just hunkered down somewhere, not bothering anybody.

**CINDERELLA:** Yeah, it's been so nice and peaceful.

**SNOW** (*Distracted off left*): Hey! Hey, Dopey! Put that pizza back in the freezer! No, that's for dinner! Sit down with your buddies and study your geology.

**CINDERELLA:** I guess you've got your hands full with seven extra appetites.

**SNOW:** Well, I've really got to thank you!

**CINDERELLA:** For what?

**SNOW:** For the bushel of apples, of course. They're beautiful and everybody's loved them.

**CINDERELLA:** Snow, I don't remember sending you any apples. But I really appreciated Fluffy. The girls are mad about him.

**SNOW** (*Puzzled*): Fluffy? Who's Fluffy?

**CINDERELLA:** Our new kitty!

**SNOW:** Cinders, I never sent you a kitten.

**CINDERELLA:** Who could have. . . (*Suddenly*) oh, wait, I invited Rapunzel. (*CINDERELLA clicks her keyboard and RAPUNZEL appears in her window, combing her hair.*)

**RAPUNZEL:** Hi, guys!

**SNOW:** Hi, Rapunzel!

**CINDERELLA:** Is that a new comb, kiddo?

**RAPUNZEL:** As if you didn't know! Thanks sooooo much!

**SNOW:** Where'd you get it?

**RAPUNZEL:** C'mon! One of you sent it!

**CINDERELLA:** Snow, you're just too thoughtful.

**SNOW:** Not that thoughtful! I've got my hands so full, I haven't thought about sending anybody anything. (*Distracted looking left*) Grumpy! Stop hitting Bashful! One of these days he's going to knock you silly, even if he is bashful.

**RAPUNZEL:** You've got a houseful, huh?

**SNOW:** How about you?

**RAPUNZEL:** Just me and Fritz, and he swears he didn't send me a comb.

**SNOW:** Oh, I just had a thought. Maybe your Fairy Godmother sent the apples and kitten and comb, Cinders. She's such a dear!

**CINDERELLA:** I'll send her an invite to the meeting. (*CINDERELLA types on her keyboard.*)

**RAPUNZEL:** You know what's really been a drag? I haven't been able to get my hair done in weeks and weeks!

**SNOW:** Yeah, my roots are showing. (*GODMOTHER appears in her window. She's wearing facial mask and has cucumber slices on her eyes.*)

**GODMOTHER:** Hello? Who's there?

**CINDERELLA:** Fairy Godmother? Is that you?

**GODMOTHER:** Oh, Cinders, honey! Of course it's me! Let me just take these silly things off so I can see you! (*GODMOTHER removes cucumber slices.*) There, that's better! And Snow White, and Rapunzel! How nice to see all of you!

**SNOW:** Godmother, I see you've been giving yourself spa treatments.

**GODMOTHER:** Well, as long as I'm sheltering in place, I thought I'd treat myself like a queen!

**RAPUNZEL:** That's so nice! Do you get out at all?

**GODMOTHER:** I just zip around the property, but that's it.

**CINDERELLA:** Well, we wanted to thank you for the wonderful gifts you sent.

**SNOW:** We all love the bushel of apples.

**RAPUNZEL:** And my comb is beautiful!

**CINDERELLA:** And my girls are crazy about our kitten Fluffy.

**GODMOTHER:** Oh, my dears, I'm afraid I didn't send those things. My credit card is, ah. . .maxed out.

**CINDERELLA:** Snow, there's a request to join the meeting.

**SNOW:** Did you invite anybody else?

**CINDERELLA:** No.

**RAPUNZEL:** Oh, maybe it's Sleeping Beauty. She texted me and said she wanted to have a virtual girls' happy hour soon.

**GODMOTHER:** She's such a dear—as long as she can stay awake.

**CINDERELLA:** That's who it must be. (*CINDERELLA taps on her keyboard. WICKED QUEEN appears in a new window.*)

**QUEEN:** Hello, ladies!

**GODMOTHER:** Oh, goodness!

**QUEEN:** I'm glad you see my positive side, dearie.

**SNOW:** Block her, Cinders.

**RAPUNZEL:** Yeah! If she stays on, I'm going!

**QUEEN:** Come, come, ladies! I'm not here to cause trouble. Really.

**GODMOTHER:** That's a first.

**SNOW:** You're crashing our happy hour!

**CINDERELLA:** We're all trying to stay positive and be helpful. This isn't a time for. . .for tricks and spells and wickedness.

**QUEEN:** Please, you've got me all wrong!

**SNOW:** Excuse me, but you aren't called the Wicked Queen for nothing!

**QUEEN** (*Tearfully*): But. . .but I. . .oh, I can hardly stand it!

**CINDERELLA:** O.K., we'll bite. What's wrong?

**QUEEN:** Well, when all this started, my entire staff abandoned me, and now the castle is so big and cold and empty. . . and. . .I'm so. . .so lonely.

**SNOW:** Well, that's too bad.

**QUEEN:** And the weirdest thing has been happening to me.

**RAPUNZEL:** What?

**QUEEN:** I've been—oh, I don't even know how to say it! It's even more frightening to me than being alone. I've been. . .trying to do nice things.

**GODMOTHER** (*Looking up*): Hm-m-m. . . are pigs flying?

**SNOW:** Oh, my gosh!

**RAPUNZEL** (*Suspiciously*): Like, what kind of nice things have you been doing?

**QUEEN:** Well, I. . .I've been sending little things to people I've not been very nice to.

**CINDERELLA:** Like a kitten?

**RAPUNZEL:** A comb?

**SNOW:** A bushel of apples?

**QUEEN:** I hope you don't think I was too forward.

**CINDERELLA:** No! That's so sweet. . .I think.

**SNOW:** We never guessed it was you.

**RAPUNZEL:** But I do love my new comb.

**QUEEN:** I'm so glad!

**GODMOTHER** (*Looking up*): Yup! They're flying!

**QUEEN:** And do you know something? Doing nice things has made me feel much better than being nasty.

**GODMOTHER:** Can we quote you on that?

**QUEEN:** Of course!

**CINDERELLA** (*Looking off*): Anastasia! Where's your sister? She's doing what with the cat?! Oh, well, thank you so much for the kitten, your highness, but I've got to rescue him from a bubble bath! Let's do this again, O.K.?

**QUEEN:** Do you mean it, really?

**SNOW:** Absolutely!

**QUEEN:** Then the next time I'll send gingerbread. Hansel and Gretel love my recipe!

**ALL:** Bye! (*Exit windows*)

**THE END**

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**PRODUCTION NOTES**  
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**CHARACTERS:** 5 female.

**PLAYING TIME:** 10 minutes.

**COSTUMES:** Since only shoulders and heads will be seen, capes and tiaras for Cinderella and Snow White and a long wig for Rapunzel. Fairy Godmother wears a robe, her hair is covered with a towel, her face is covered with cream,

and she has slices of cucumbers on her eyes. Wicked Queen has dramatic eyebrows, eyeliner, and a tiara.

**PROPERTIES:** A fancy comb.

**SETTING:** Various castles, nothing specific required.

**LIGHTING** and **SOUND:** No special requirements.