

**BAKER**

What tower?

**JACK**

*(Points)*

Over there between those two trees – an old tower.

**LITTLE RED RIDINGHOOD**

Yes, send her to the tower –

**BAKER**

All right. All right. We have to try something. Quick. It will be dark soon.

**CINDERELLA**

Here.

**BAKER**

Thank you.

**LITTLE RED RIDINGHOOD**

I'm excited!

**BAKER**

*(Handing the baby to CINDERELLA)*

Come on.

*(BAKER, LITTLE RED RIDINGHOOD and JACK EXIT. BABY begins to CRY)*

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**Start: - >**

**CINDERELLA**

Oh, no. Now, now. Don't cry, little one. I know. You want your mother.

*(BABY begins to calm down. CINDERELLA'S PRINCE bounds ONSTAGE; HE doesn't recognize CINDERELLA)*

**CINDERELLA'S PRINCE**

Hello.

*(Begins to cross the stage to EXIT)*

**CINDERELLA**

The Giant went in that direction.

**CINDERELLA'S PRINCE**

*(Realizing it is CINDERELLA)*

My darling. I did not recognize you. What are you doing in those old clothes? And with a child? You must go back to the castle at once. There's a Giant on the loose.

**CINDERELLA**

The Giant has been to the castle.

**CINDERELLA'S PRINCE**

No! Are you all right?

*(Moves to her; CINDERELLA nods and walks away)*

My love. Why are you being so cold?

**CINDERELLA**

Maybe because I'm not your only love. Am I?

**CINDERELLA'S PRINCE**

*(Beat)*

I love you. I do.

*(Pause)*

But yes, it's true.

**CINDERELLA**

Why, if you love me, would you have strayed?

**CINDERELLA'S PRINCE**

I thought if you were mine, that I would never wish for more. And part of me is content and as happy as I've ever been. But there remains a part of me that continually needs more.

**CINDERELLA**

I have, on occasion, wanted more. But that doesn't mean I went in search of it. If this is how you behave as a Prince, what kind of King will you be?

**CINDERELLA'S PRINCE**

I was raised to be charming, not sincere. I didn't ask to be born a King, and I am not perfect. I am only human.

**CINDERELLA**

*(Beat)*

I think you should go.

**CINDERELLA'S PRINCE**

Leave? But I *do* love you.

**CINDERELLA**

Consider that I have been lost. A victim of the Giant.

**CINDERELLA'S PRINCE**

Is that what you really wish?

**CINDERELLA**

My father's house was a nightmare. Your house was a dream. Now I want something in between. Please go.

*(CINDERELLA'S PRINCE begins to EXIT)*

**CINDERELLA'S PRINCE**

I shall always love the maiden who ran away.

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**CINDERELLA**

And I, the faraway Prince.

**Stop: ->**

*(CINDERELLA'S PRINCE EXITS. Another moment for CINDERELLA with the BABY. LITTLE RED RIDINGHOOD ENTERS)*

**LITTLE RED RIDINGHOOD**

They're almost finished. You see over there between those two towers? When the Giant comes, we are to send her over there.

**CINDERELLA**

Good.

**LITTLE RED RIDINGHOOD**

I wanted to climb the tower, too.

**CINDERELLA**

I'm glad you're here to help me.

*(LITTLE RED RIDINGHOOD begins to cry)*

What's wrong?

**LITTLE RED RIDINGHOOD**

My granny's gone.

**CINDERELLA**

Oh, no. I'm so sorry.

**LITTLE RED RIDINGHOOD**

I think my granny and my mother would be upset with me.

**CINDERELLA**

Why?