

Interestingly enough, the secondary character Vinnie in the movie *Searching for Bobby Fischer* is essentially same character as Flynn Rider from the Disney-Pixar animated movie *Tangled*. Vinnie is fundamentally Flynn Rider for three reasons. First, he is immediately associated with a negative impression once introduced in the movie. Secondly, he enjoys taking risks in life. Lastly, Vinnie ultimately had the major influence on the main character of the movie that is Josh, just as how Flynn had the biggest impact on Rapunzel's life.

Vinnie and Flynn Rider are alike because they are both first associated with a disadvantageous connotation but were able to grow out of that. Commonly, Vinnie is immediately seen as someone who is good because he took Josh under his wings and spent a lot of time in befriending with Josh. Despite that, Vinnie was actually introduced with a bad reputation and had to build onto the audience's heart, as he was first known as a drug addict at the park. This is shown in Josh's mother's hesitance towards Josh's first game of chess with him, as well as the forced restraint from playing at the park. Vinnie had to work on building his relationship with Josh through a lot of encouragement and motivation in order to get onto the good side. This is parallel to Flynn Rider's character, as he first appeared in the movie *Tangled* as a bandit running away from the authorities and had to gradually mold his personality into one of kindness and love as he ventured the forest with Rapunzel.

Similar to Flynn Rider, Vinnie relishes adventures and encourages taking risks in all things. Most people think that Vinnie is the opposite and would actually rather live a life of routines, especially since he does the same thing every day. However, the advice Vinnie gives to Josh in chess demonstrates that he actually enjoys doing things that bring him to the edge. For example, at the chess finals, Vinnie implores Josh to bring out his queen early instead of keeping it safe. In addition to that, during the games of timed chess with Josh, Vinnie advises Josh to rely on his gut instinct and to play tactics. This is just like Flynn Rider, as Flynn loves to do things that are dangerous and also encouraged Rapunzel to leave the safety of her tower against her evil mother's strict restrictions.

These two characters, Vinnie and Flynn Rider, are comparable because they are both people who are the main characters' biggest influence. Many people argue that the strongest influence Josh had throughout the movie is Bruce Pandolfini, his chess teacher. Contrary to that common idea, Vinnie actually had a much bigger impact on Josh. This is established in the fact that Josh began to enjoy chess again only after playing with Vinnie, as well as the fact that Josh ultimately pulled out his queen early in the chess finals. This corresponds to Flynn Rider's nature because he has the prime influence over Rapunzel, an influence that is even greater than that of Rapunzel's mother; this is shown through both his effective persuasion that ended up convincing Rapunzel to leave her tower and Rapunzel's heartbroken tears at the sight of his death.

Vinnie, from the movie *Searching for Bobby Fischer*, is first known as someone of bad influence and bad circumstance, is someone who loves to be bold and daring, and is the person who has the strongest impact on Josh, the main character. All these characteristics prove that Vinnie is fundamentally the same character as Flynn Rider from the movie *Tangled*.