

## Witness Statement of Rumpelstiltskin

1 My name is Rumpelstiltskin. I am 1,525 years old. I have a business, and I am my own  
2 boss. I can do something nobody else can do: I can turn straw into gold. However, I am  
3 very lonely. I have lived many years with no family and only a few friends. Because I  
4 can turn straw into gold, many people ask for my help, but what can they pay me with?  
5 Gold? I do not need gold! So I always ask for a different kind of payment. I always try  
6 to be fair and reasonable.

7 I met Anne Miller when she scammed me<sup>1</sup> last summer. The King had wanted to  
8 meet me (kings always want to meet me), so I had gone to see him. When I was there,  
9 I heard a man tell the King his daughter could turn straw into gold and the man  
10 brought his daughter to prove it. I had never known a person who could do what I can  
11 do, so I wanted to meet her! However, soon I heard somebody crying from one of the  
12 King's rooms. I asked her what was wrong. She told me the King was going to kill her  
13 father for lying if she could not turn straw into gold. I felt very bad for this woman,  
14 so I offered to help her if she gave me her ring. But that wasn't enough for the King,  
15 and he wanted her to do it again, so I helped her again, and she gave me her necklace.  
16 After that, the King made her do it again, but this time he said he would marry her if  
17 she did it! At that point, I became suspicious<sup>2</sup>. I think she was working together with  
18 the King to scam me into making a lot of gold for them. She was so rude! I thought  
19 she was only worried that the King would kill her father, but now I see she and the  
20 King were on the same team. After I finished working all night on the second night,  
21 before I left, I remember saying, "Sorry we have not really introduced ourselves yet,  
22 What is your name?" and she just said "Anne." and turned around. Extremely rude.  
23 She never even asked what my name was. Even though I was suspicious, I did not  
24 want her father to die, so I agreed to help her one more time. You have to understand:  
25 I have been alone for so long. To help her before her marriage, I asked her to give me  
26 her and the King's first baby so I could have a family, too. I just want someone to love.

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<sup>1</sup>她骗了我

<sup>2</sup>怀疑

27 So, about one year later, Anne had a baby. I was so happy. I raced<sup>3</sup> to the King's castle  
28 to bring my baby home. I was shocked and outraged when she wanted to pay me in  
29 some other way. She promised me a baby, and I had done everything right, but she  
30 still did not want to pay me. I was heartbroken. I told her, "You never even asked  
31 my name!" and she became very strange. Every day, she asked me if my name was  
32 John, Stanley, Steven, Richard, etc. Every day, I asked her, "Why are you guessing  
33 names?" and every day, I told her "My name is very strange, please stop guessing."  
34 After about a week, I guess she asked my neighbor what my name was because she  
35 screamed "RUMPELSTILTSKIN!!! Now I don't have to give you my baby!"

36 What? That is *NOT* what we agreed! Why would I agree to that? What a stupid thing  
37 to say. She never gave me my child. I have cried myself to sleep every night. I do not  
38 even have the energy to turn straw into gold now. I feel like Anne destroyed my life.  
39 So I paid a lawyer to sue her, and that is why I made wrote this statement.

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<sup>3</sup>went very fast