

Affidavit 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 can
4 turn straw into gold, many people ask for my help, but what can they pay me with? Gold?
5 I do not need gold! So I always ask for a different kind of payment. I always try to be fair
6 and reasonable.

7 I met Anne Miller when she scammed me¹ last summer. The King had wanted to meet me
8 (kings always want to meet me), so I had gone to see him. When I was there, I heard a man
9 tell the King his daughter could turn straw into gold and the man brought his daughter to
10 prove it. I had never known a person who could do what I can do, so I wanted to meet her!
11 However, soon I heard somebody crying from one of the King's rooms. I asked her what was
12 wrong. She told me the King was going to kill her father for lying if she could not turn straw
13 into gold. I felt very bad for this woman, so I offered to help her if she gave me her ring. But
14 that wasn't enough for the King, and he wanted her to do it again, so I helped her again,
15 and she gave me her necklace. After that, the King made her do it again, but this time he
16 said he would marry her if she did it! At that point, I became suspicious². I think she was
17 working together with the King to scam me into making a lot of gold for them. She was so
18 rude! I thought she was only worried that the King would kill her father, but now I see she
19 and the King were on the same team. After I finished working all night on the second night,
20 before I left, I remember saying, "Sorry we have not really introduced ourselves yet, What
21 is your name?" and she just said "Anne." and turned around. Extremely rude. She never
22 even asked what my name was. Even though I was suspicious, I did not want her father to
23 die, so I agreed to help her one more time. You have to understand: I have been alone for so
24 long. To help her before her marriage, I asked her to give me her and the King's first baby
25 so I could have a family, too. I just want someone to love.

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26 So, about one year later, Anne had a baby. I was so happy. I raced³ to the King's castle to
27 bring my baby home. I was shocked and outraged when she wanted to pay me in some other
28 way. She promised me a baby, and I had done everything right, but she still did not want to
29 pay me. I was heartbroken. I told her, "You never even asked my name!" and she became
30 very strange. Every day, she asked me if my name was John, Stanley, Steven, Richard, etc.
31 Every day, I asked her, "Why are you guessing names?" and every day, I told her "My name
32 is very strange, please stop guessing." After about a week⁴, I guess she asked my neighbor
33 what my name was because she screamed "RUMPELSTILTSKIN!!! Now I don't have to
34 give you my baby!"

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

³went very fast

⁴ 1 week