

1. CASE NUMBER: 25SBPZ00042

2. CASE NAME: THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF

3. CALIFORNIA VERSUS BIG BAD WOLF, ET

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5. STORYBROOKE, CALIFORNIA. FEBRUARY 10, 2025

6. DEPARTMENT 7. HON. ROBIN HOOD

7. REPORTER: MARION QUILL, CSR NO. 00001

8. TIME: A.M. SESSION

9. APPEARANCES:

10. (THE PEOPLE REPRESENTED BY PROSECUTOR, FAIRY GODMOTHER; DEFENDANT BIG BAD WOLF

11. PRESENT AND REPRESENTED BY COUNSEL, RUMPELSTILTSKIN, ATTORNEY AT LAW;

12. WITNESSES INCLUDING GEPPETTO, LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD, CINDERELLA,

13. MASTER BAKER PINO, GOLDBLOCKS; BAILIFF: SIR PUSS-IN-BOOTS.)

14. VICTIM: GEPPETTO, PROPRIETOR OF THE GLASS OVEN PIZZERIA

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17. THE COURT: COURT CALLS PEOPLE V. BIG BAD WOLF. APPEARANCES, PLEASE.

18. PROSECUTOR: FAIRY GODMOTHER FOR THE PEOPLE.

19. DEFENSE: RUMPELSTILTSKIN FOR THE DEFENSE; THE WOLF IS PRESENT.

20. THE COURT: WE ARE HERE FOR TRIAL DAY 1 – OPENINGS; GEPPETTO; LITTLE RED.

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1. PROSECUTOR: This case is about a promise every villager understands: you do not take the slice
2. cooling on your neighbor's windowsill. You will hear how an enchanted Margherita slice vanished
3. from the Glass Oven Pizzeria, how crumbs and basil oil marked a path, and how the defendant
4. admitted a 'quick nibble' before fleeing into the trees.

5. PROSECUTOR: We will prove that the defendant intended to keep what was taken—by what he did
6. after the taking: hiding the slice on a stump, not returning to the counter, and leaving the
7. victim to discover the loss on the night of a charity tasting.

8. DEFENSE: The evidence will show a moment of weakness, not theft. The Wolf felt faint and
9. panicked. He believed a small bite would prevent a dangerous huff-and-puff spell and intended to
10. pay and replace the slice. That is not intent to steal; that is poor judgment under stress.

11. PROSECUTOR: The People call Geppetto.

12. GEPPETTO: I own the Glass Oven Pizzeria. The slice cooled on the sill for the orphanage
13. fundraiser. It was enchanted to bloom with basil aroma under moonlight. When I came back, only
14. crumbs remained. I followed them to the edge of the trees; the trail ended by a stump.

15. GEPPETTO: That slice was for judging—invited tasters only. No one had permission to take it. We
16. printed handbills; the whole town knew the tasting rules. Losing the slice hurt the event and
17. the apprentices who baked it.

18. DEFENSE: You never saw the Wolf swallow the slice, correct?

19. GEPPETTO: No. I saw crumbs and a pawprint, and later I heard his apology.

20. PROSECUTOR: The People call Little Red Riding Hood.

21. LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD: I passed the sill and smelled basil. I saw a tall shadow with pointed
22. ears. The Wolf looked woozy—like he needed a bench and water. He sniffed the air, glanced
23. around, and hurried off toward the woods. Moments later the slice was gone; crumbs dotted the
24. path.

25. DEFENSE: Your hood can obscure vision at night, can't it?

1. LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD: Sometimes, yes. I still recognized the gait and the scent—basil mixed

2. with fur and flour.

3. THE COURT: Members of the gallery, keep order. We will reconvene tomorrow.

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20. THE COURT: WE ARE HERE FOR TRIAL DAY 2 – PINO; CINDERELLA.

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1. THE COURT: Welcome back. People, you may proceed.

2. PROSECUTOR: The People call Master Baker Pino.

3. PINO: I am a master baker and serve as Storybrooke's flour-and-herb analyst. I examined crumbs

4. collected near the stump and compared them to a control slice from the Glass Oven batch. Under

5. magnification, the basil oil pattern matched the enchanted drizzle we issued that afternoon.

6. PINO: The oregano is a house blend with crushed moonleaf. It leaves a faint sparkle in the oil

7. film. Both the control slice and the trail crumbs shared that signature. In my opinion, the

8. crumbs came from the same pie as the missing slice.

9. DEFENSE: Taste-bud calibration is subjective, isn't it?

10. PINO: I rely on nose, microscope, and recipe logs. The conclusion does not depend on taste

11. alone.

12. PROSECUTOR: The People call Cinderella.

13. CINDERELLA: I was returning a pumpkin carriage near midnight. A cloak fluttered by the sill—a

14. whoosh and a soft thunk, like a box set down. I saw a triangular shadow move toward the grove.

15. When I looked again, basil sparkles were in the air like dust motes.

16. CINDERELLA: I picked up a crumb by the door; it glowed faintly. I turned it over to the town

17. guard. I did not see the Wolf bite, but I saw the triangle and the hurry.

18. THE COURT: Thank you. Defense, call your first witness tomorrow.

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1. THE COURT: Defense, your case.

2. DEFENSE: The defense calls the Big Bad Wolf.

3. DEFENDANT: I felt lightheaded. I smelled basil and followed it like a lifeline. I took a quick

4. nibble and set the slice on a stump to catch my breath. I meant to go back, pay Geppetto, and

5. order two pies for the event.

6. DEFENDANT: When I returned, the slice was gone. I panicked because it looked terrible, and I ran

7. deeper into the trees. I am sorry. I should have asked first and stayed until I found the owner.

8. DEFENSE: The defense calls Goldilocks.

9. GOLDILOCKS: I saw the Wolf after midnight. He looked rattled, not dangerous. He asked for water

10. and a map back to the pizzeria. He said he would make it right and help serve at the fundraiser.

11. PROSECUTOR: Circumstantial evidence and admissions show a taking followed by concealment. He

12. left the scene and did not return the slice. That is intent to deprive.

13. DEFENSE: The law requires proof beyond a reasonable doubt of intent to permanently keep it. A

14. single nibble during a faint spell, coupled with plans to repay, leaves reasonable doubt.

15. THE COURT: The People proved a taking. But intent turns on what followed: a stumble, a set-down

16. on a stump, a stated plan to pay, and a prompt search for water and directions. There is doubt

17. he meant to keep it.

18. THE COURT: Verdict: guilty of misdemeanor tasting; not guilty of theft. Sentence: thirty hours

19. community service at the Glass Oven and restitution of one extra-large pie with public apology.

20. THE COURT: Anything further?

21. PROSECUTOR: Submitted.

22. DEFENSE: Submitted.

23. THE COURT: Court is adjourned.

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