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Rumpelstiltskin

Once upon a time, in a small village, there lived a poor miller who often boasted about his daughter's remarkable skills. He claimed that she could spin straw into gold. The King, curious about this, summoned the miller and demanded to see this miraculous feat. Fearing for his life, the miller had no choice but to take his daughter, a young girl named Lisa, to the royal palace.

The King led them to a room filled with straw and ordered Lisa to spin it into gold by morning. Tearfully, Lisa began her task, but she had no idea how to spin straw into gold. Just as hope seemed lost, a strange little man appeared in the room. He had a twisted, impish appearance, and he offered to help Lisa. In return, he asked for something precious: her firstborn child once it was born. Desperate to save herself, Lisa agreed.

The mysterious little man then used his magical powers to turn the straw into gold. The next morning, the King was amazed, but his greed grew stronger. He moved Lisa to an even larger room filled with straw and ordered her to do it again, promising her riches and threatening her with death if she failed.

Once again, Lisa found herself in despair, but the little man appeared once more, offering his assistance. Lisa agreed, and he spun the straw into gold once more, taking her promise as payment.

Eventually, Lisa married the King, and they had a child. When the little man returned to claim the baby, Lisa was distraught. She begged him to spare her child and offered him all the riches in the kingdom. The little man, however, was relentless and demanded the baby as agreed.

Lisa wept inconsolably, and the little man took pity on her. He offered her a way out. He told her that if she could guess his name within three days, she could keep her child. Lisa and her servants searched high and low, but it seemed impossible to discover the little man's true name.

On the third day, Lisa's servant overheard the little man singing a strange song in the woods, revealing his name as Rumpelstiltskin. Lisa confronted him with this knowledge, and he was furious. In his anger, he stomped his foot so hard that he created a hole in the ground and disappeared, never to be seen again.

From that day on, Lisa and her family lived happily ever after, and she had learned a valuable lesson about making promises without thinking them through.