



## Sleeping Cutie

Dear Mr. Sleeping Cutie,

It has come to our attention that you have failed to pay your council tax on your property at 1 Palace Boulevard for the past 150 years. As a direct result, you now owe three-thousand and seventy-six gold pieces. We trust that you will understand just how important these taxes are. They go towards paying for your personal guard protection; the cleaning out of the horses and royal dogs; the emptying of the royal bins and, not least, the royal budget for lost-slipper-relocation.

While we take on board the argument put forward by your solicitor, we do not accept that being asleep for these 150 years is a valid excuse. After all, you have still been living in the property. Similarly, it isn't anybody else's fault that you chose to prick your finger on a poisoned spinning wheel. Did it not seem suspicious that a strange wheel had appeared in your tower?

In light of this evidence, however, we have made contact with the Wicked Queen. She has denied all involvement in the scheme and simply wishes to be left alone. It is apparent that she is an odious creature, but without any evidence, we are unable to pursue this avenue of investigation. She deeply regrets threatening to cast a curse on you when you were born and hopes you can make amends moving forward.

Your solicitor has made it clear that the sleeping curse isn't permanent. He also made the point that you intend to pay tax as soon as you are woken from your slumber. Unfortunately, the council doesn't have the luxury of waiting for a strapping young princess to come and wake you with love's first kiss. Quite frankly, it sounds like a load of nonsense and simply an excuse to get out of paying these taxes. There is no known scientific reason why a kiss of any kind would remove such a curse.

We do know that the sheriff is looking into the situation. He has promised to update us with any news. If found guilty, it is likely the Evil Queen will be forced to bathe in a tub of vipers. Hopefully, that might lift the curse.

Moving forward, we hope that you and your solicitor will understand the difficult situation we are in. Your circumstances are unfortunate, but we cannot afford to ignore such substantial debt. We trust that you will both make every effort to resolve this issue as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

The Councillors of Make Believe



## RETRIEVAL

1. Where does Sleeping Cutie live?
2. What do the taxes contribute towards?
3. How long had Sleeping Cutie been asleep?
4. Is there any scientific evidence that a kiss could wake the prince?
5. Who wrote the letter?

## VIPERS QUESTIONS

- E** Explain which features help you to recognise this as a letter.
- V** What does the word “odious” tell us about the Wicked Queen?
- I** How do the councillors feel about the idea of waiting for love’s first kiss?
- P** If you could write a letter back from Sleeping Cutie, what would be your main argument?
- I** Why do you think the Wicked Queen wants to be left alone?

Answers:

1. 1 Palace Boulevard

2. Personal guard protection; the cleaning out of the horses and royal dogs; the emptying of the royal bins and the royal budget for lost-slipper-relocation.

3. 150 years

4. No

5. The Councillors of Make Believe

E: The recipient's name at the top. The voice is directed towards the recipient. Signed off.

V: She is a vile/nasty person

I: Dismissive - they think it is an excuse

P: Any suitable argument against paying

I: She is nervous she might be found out / she doesn't want anybody to know what happened