

14 Town Street

Glockenheim

14th July 1912

Dear Karl

I am writing to beg you not to take Sir Ironsoul from Dr Kalmenius. I think it is in the interest of the whole community for you to decline the offer from Dr Kalmeius (who is simply a stranger to you and I) and think of an alternative plan. There are a few reasons why this will be the best case scenario, and I will share them with you now.

Firstly, as I mentioned above, you do not know who Dr Kalmenius is. He appears to be a strange character who unexpectedly arrived in the White Horse Tavern one evening and offered you a tin figurine to place in the clock tower tomorrow. I understand that by taking the figure you will have solved all your problems, but how can you possibly trust someone unknown to you? For all you know, he could be trying to trick you. You must think carefully about whether you really can trust this unusual character or not.

Secondly, as you have already seen, Sir Ironsoul appears to be rather dangerous. He may be small, but it is certain that he has the ability to hurt someone. He has already threatened you on two occasions and you have come very close to death. Imagine what would happen if a member of the audience were to say the same word during the celebrations tomorrow. Or worse – imagine if it were a child who set him going and the figurine charged after a poor defenceless infant. Sir Ironsoul has the potential to wreak havoc on the whole town and I'm sure you don't want to be the reason for this. After all, it is supposed to be a time of celebration and wonder.

In addition, I feel that you need to take some responsibility for your own actions. You need to own up to the fact that you have not completed your final task as an apprentice (and you only have yourself to blame for this). In this situation I feel that there should be a punishment for you, as you are the one who failed to create a figurine. Surely you agree? It's unfair on the townsfolk and therefore they should not be punished by having this dangerous knight living in their clock tower.

Undoubtedly, there are a number of arguments why you should not take Sir Ironsoul from Dr Kalmenius and I beg you – on behalf of the whole town – to really consider your decision carefully. You have a lot of responsibility resting on your shoulders right now.

Without a doubt, placing this dangerous tin monster in the clock tower is the wrong decision.

Yours worryingly,

Freda Schmitz