

## Extra Yarn

She made jumpers for all the dogs, and all the cats, and for other animals, too. Soon, people thought, soon Annabelle will run out of yarn. But it turned out she didn't. So Annabelle made jumpers for things that didn't even wear jumpers.

Things began to change in that little town.

News spread of this remarkable girl who never ran out of yarn. And people came to visit from around the world, to see all the jumpers and to shake Annabelle's hand.

One day an archduke, who was very fond of clothes, sailed across the sea and demanded to see Annabelle.

"Look girl," said the archduke, "I would like to buy that miraculous box of yarn. And I am willing to offer you one million pounds."

"No, thank you," said Annabelle, who was knitting a jumper for a pickup truck.

The archduke's moustache twitched.

"Two million," he said.

Annabelle shook her head. "No thanks".

"Ten million!" Shouted the archduke. "Take it or leave it!"

"Leave it," said Annabelle. "I won't sell the yarn." And she didn't.

So that night archduke hired three robbers to break into Annabelle's house, and they stole the box and took it to the archduke, who set off across the snow, and sailed over the sea.

The archduke put on his favourite song and sat in his best chair. Then he took out the box, and he lifted its lid, and he looked inside. His moustaches quivered. It shivered. It trembled. The archduke hurled the box out of the window and shouted,

"Little girl, I curse you with my family's curse! You will never be happy again!"

But, it turned out she was.

### Retrieval

1. Why did things start to change in that little town?
2. What happened to the archduke after Annabelle rejected his first offer of 1 million pounds?

### Vocabulary

3. Find a word that means the same as threw.
4. News spread of this remarkable girl who never ran out of yarn.  
What does remarkable mean? Use remarkable in a compound sentence (FANBOYS).

### Inference

5. How did the archduke feel when he opened the box? How do you know this?

# Remarkable



# Unusual

**The pumpkin was a remarkable size!**