

*The Pied Piper of Hamelin* playscript

The following playscript is based on the Pied Piper's first visit to the town hall.

*A knock at the door can be heard.*

**Councillors:** Who could that be?

**Mayor:** Enter!

*The Pied Piper enters.*

**Pied Piper:** *(In a strange voice)* Your town is full of rats. I can get rid of them for you.

**Mayor:** How can you do that?

**Pied Piper:** I cannot tell you how but I have rid many towns of their vermin including gnats and bats.

**Mayor:** *(gratefully)* We would be so glad if you could rid us of our rats as soon as possible.

**Pied Piper:** I will charge one thousand guilders.

**Mayor: *(surprised)*** One thousand? I will give you fifty thousand!

**Councillors:** Yes. Please get rid of our rats.

**Pied Piper:** One thousand is enough. I will go now and return when every rat has left the village.

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