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本套读物针对每个故事精心设计了练习：小学阶段的题型和通用少儿英语星级考试接轨；初中阶段的题型和中考题的阅读部分题型匹配；高中阶段的练习分为阅读前、阅读中、阅读后以及阅读拓展训练和与视频材料相关的练习，帮助学生循序渐进地提高独立阅读能力，有效训练应试技巧。

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# THE Golden Touch

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# King of a Large Land

A long, long time ago there lived a king.

His name was King Midas, and he ruled over a large land.

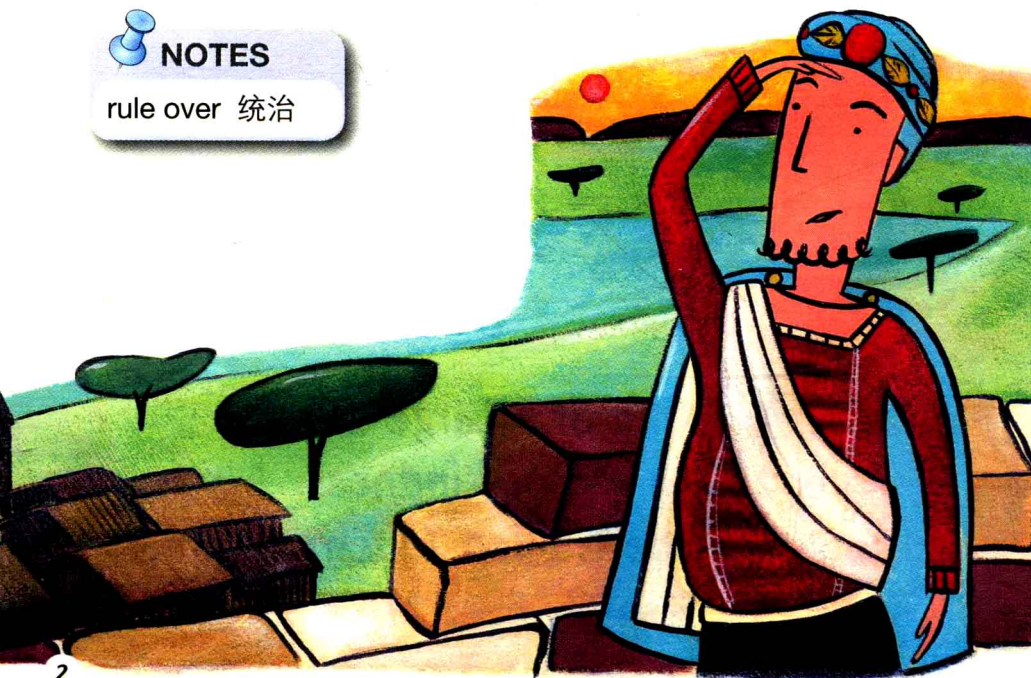
He was a good king, much loved by his people, but he had one downfall ( 垮台的原因 ).

He knew that other kings had far more money than he did, and he wished that he was as rich as them.



## NOTES

rule over 统治





One day, King Midas was walking through his palace garden when he saw a man asleep in a flower bed ( 花坛 ).

King Midas woke the man and asked, "What are you doing here?"

The man got a shock.

He had never met the king before and he knew that he was in big trouble.

"I have no money for food or shelter," the man told the king. "I have nowhere else to go."



#### NOTES

palace *n.* 宫殿

shock *n.* 吃惊

trouble *n.* 麻烦

shelter *n.* 躲避处



# An Act of Kindness

King Midas took pity on the man and took him back to the palace.

There, he made sure that the man had lots of food and drink. He also gave him a warm bed to sleep in, for ten days.

At the end of the ten days, King Midas gave the man some money and sent him on his way.

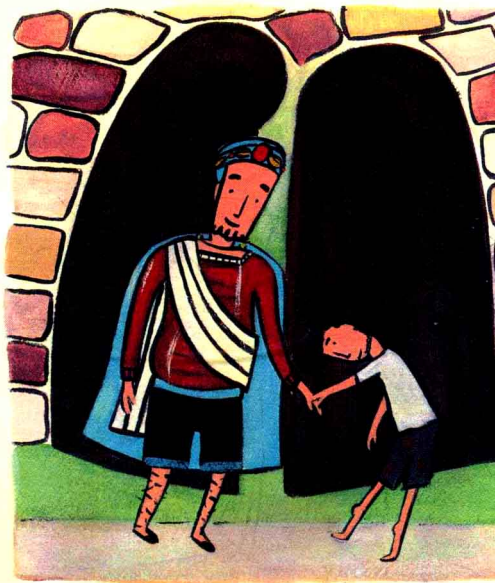
The man was very grateful (感激的).



## NOTES

pity *n.* 同情

make sure 确定





Watching over this act of kindness  
was Dionysus, one of the Gods.

Dionysus appeared before King Midas  
and said, "Your act of kindness  
will be rewarded.

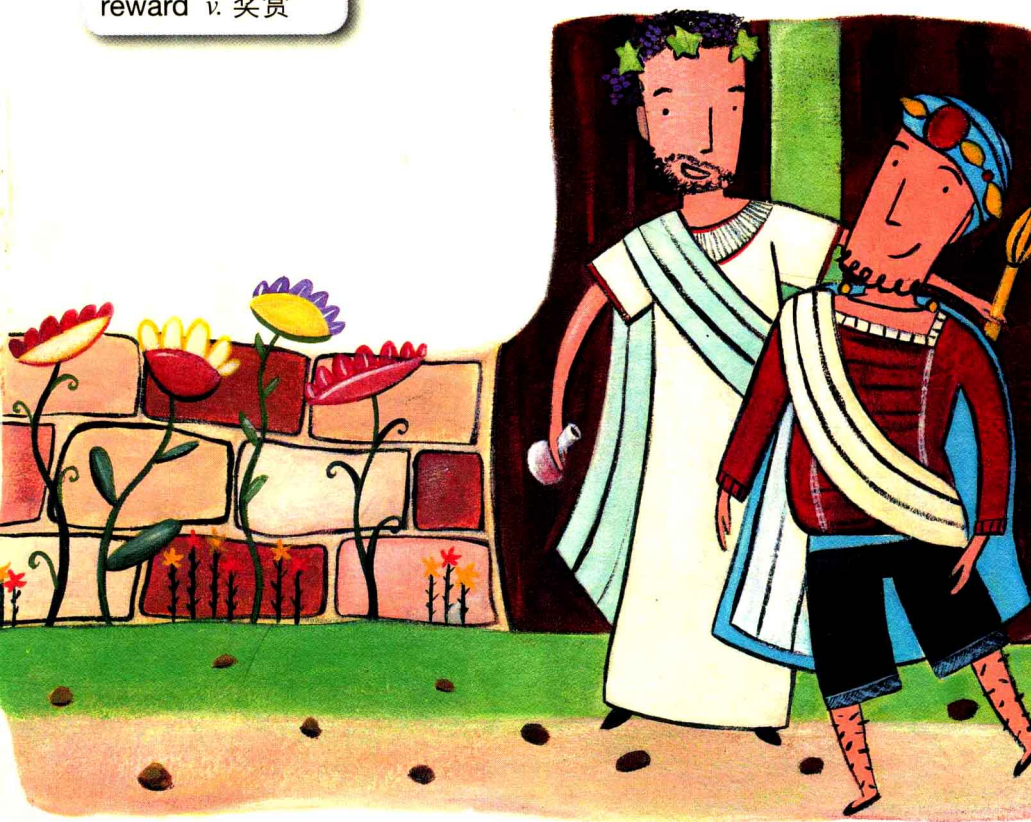
I grant ( 满足 ) you one wish."



### NOTES

appear v. 出现

reward v. 奖赏



King Midas saw that, finally,  
he had a chance to be richer than  
all the other kings he knew.

"I want everything I touch  
to turn to gold," he told Dionysus.

"I'm not sure that's such a good idea,"  
Dionysus said.

"Are you sure you don't want  
something else?"

"No, that's what I want," King Midas said.

So Dionysus granted King Midas  
his wish.



## NOTES

chance *n.* 机会





# The Golden Touch

King Midas decided to try out ( 试验 )  
his new power.

He reached down and picked up a rock.  
It turned to gold.

He picked a flower,  
and it turned to gold, too.

"This is fantastic!"

King Midas said to himself.



## NOTES

decide v. 决定

reach v. 够到, 触及

pick up 捡起

rock n. 石头

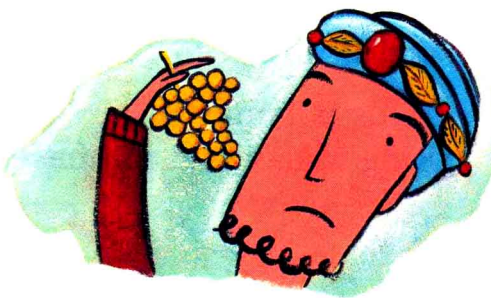
fantastic a. 极好的



At dinner time, King Midas sat in front of a huge feast ( 宴席 ). His excitement had made him very hungry. But as he picked up a chicken leg, it turned to gold. He could not eat it.



Then he grabbed a bunch of grapes and it turned to gold, too.



King Midas called for ( 召唤 ) his daughter. When she arrived, he said, "Please feed me or I will starve ( 饿死 )."



#### NOTES

excitement *n.* 兴奋

grab *v.* 抓起



The king's daughter picked up a fig (无花果)  
and put it in the king's mouth.

As he ate the fig, he touched  
his daughter's hand.

She turned to gold.

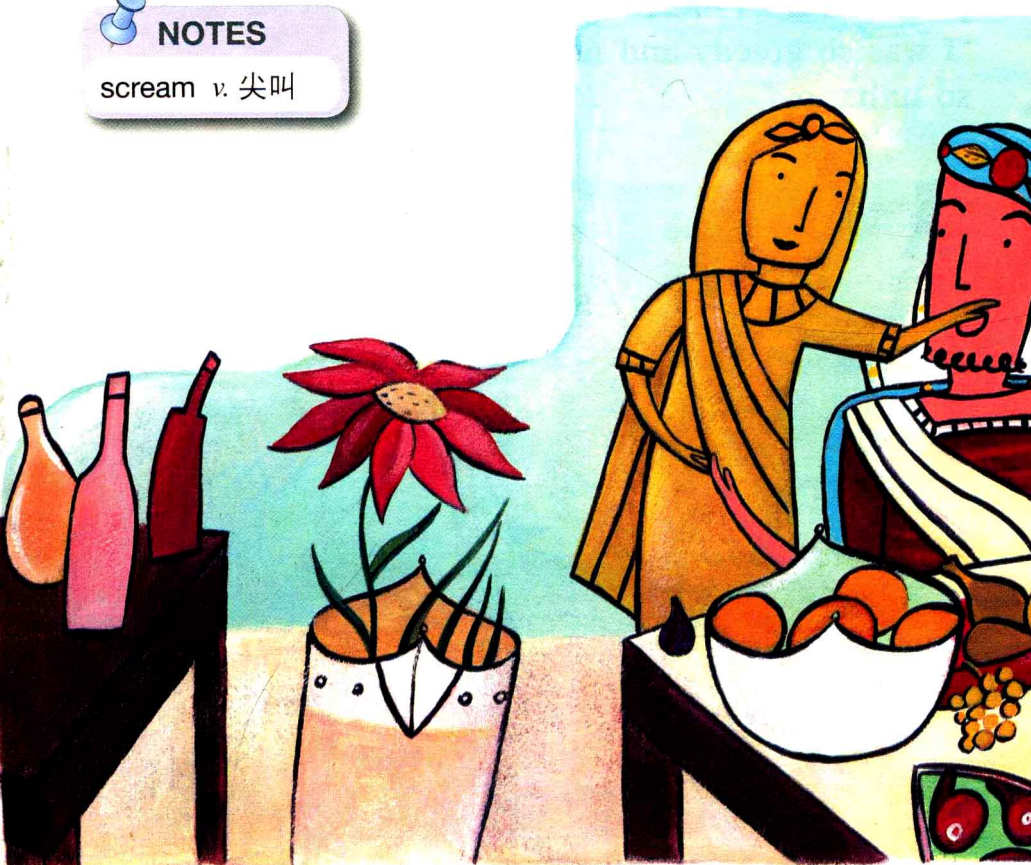
"Oh no!" he screamed.

"What have I done?"



## NOTES

scream v. 尖叫



# Happily Ever After

King Midas called out to Dionysus.  
Dionysus appeared before him again.

"Please remove my wish!"

pleaded ( 请求 ) the King.

"I was so greedy and now I am  
so unhappy."



## NOTES

remove v. 去除

greedy a. 贪婪的



"I can remove your wish,"  
Dionysus told him.  
"But if I do, you will be poorer  
than you were before."  
"That's fine," said King Midas.  
"Please do it now."  
Dionysus removed the wish.

