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What a day! Today I started work just as usual by handing King Midas his daily glass of water. But something felt different today, because when Lord Midas snatched the glass right from my bare hands, he turned the water into liquidized gold.

Soon he was turning everything around him into pure, solid gold from the chairs to the throne and the food to the entire palace. Everything around me was covered entirely of hard, pure gold. But he was getting annoyed, when my colleague gave him some food. He had turned it into gold, so he tried it with water. Once again, nothing but gold.

It turns out that his greed had finally gotten the better of him. You see, yesterday he found a satyr in the garden. The satyr was in a bit of a bad way, so King Midas took care of him: dressing him in rich silken clothes and feeding him his finest caviar. Huh! He never feeds me anything like that!

Once the satyr was feeling better, King Midas took him home. Can you believe that the satyr lived with the god Dionysus? Dionysus was so grateful to King Midas that he gave him the opportunity to ask for whatever he wished. Naturally, the greedy King wished for whatever he touched to turn into gold, so that's why we're in this mess now!

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This morning, when I woke up, he was crying. For once, he was feeling upset and he actually started to regret his greed; he had turned his beloved daughter into gold. First it was his friends,

then his food, even his water but now it was his poor, innocent, little girl.

After about an hour had passed, the King screamed that he had an idea: he was going to go up to the Dionysus' mountain where he first got this immense power and beg to be rid of the curse. So according to my mate – who is the horse and carriage driver and witnessed it all - he did so. He clambered up the steep hill once again and as he reached the temple, he begged and begged until the god felt pitiful and told him to go bathe in the lake outside of his house. His clothes started to turn back into cloth and silk so like that, he began to take bucket loads of the water and wash it over everything he had touched. It worked! First the trees went back to normal, then the food, then the servants and finally his daughter.

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Today has been a good day. Everything is back to normal. And to think - all this commotion because Lord Midas got too greedy. Very greedy. Don't tell anyone I said that about him or he'll make me cut his toenails. So, everything is now back to normal after but hopefully the king has learnt a valuable lesson.