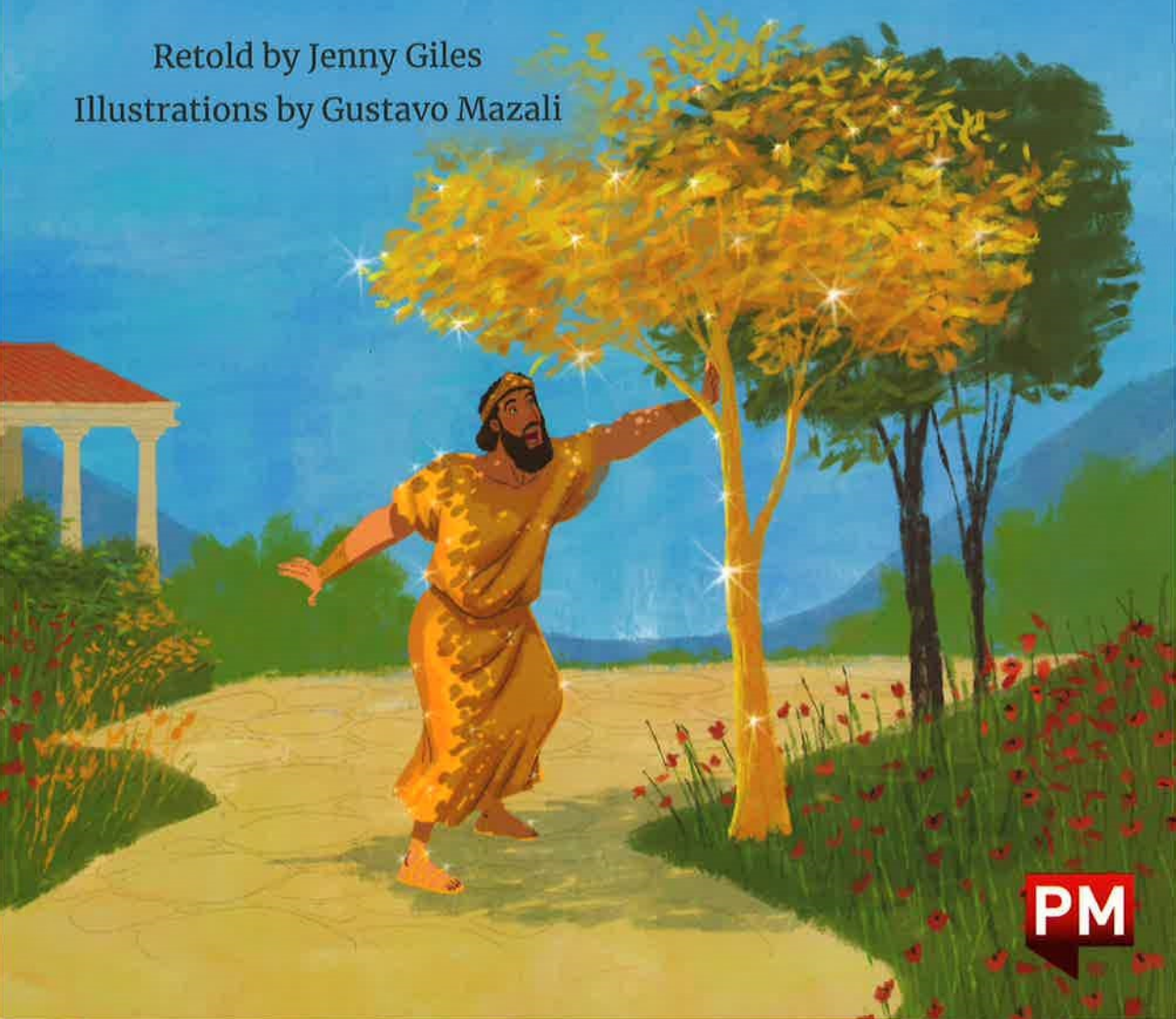


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Level 22

Running Words 605 **Text Type** Narrative

Curriculum Areas English (Literacy, Literature, Language); Humanities (Civics and Citizenship)

Retelling to Encourage Critical Thinking About the Content

Ask each student to retell the story in their own words.

Record the retelling for further discussion and reflection.

Questions to Reinforce Meaning and Stimulate Discussion

Literal

- 1 What did King Midas love most of all at the start of the story?
- 2 What did King Midas think would make him truly happy?
- 3 What happened when King Midas's daughter tried to comfort him?

Inferential

- 4 Why do you think King Midas's daughter brought him marigolds?
- 5 Why did the strange figure give King Midas 'the gift of the Golden Touch'?
- 6 Why did the strange figure ask King Midas, 'Have you learned your lesson'?
- 7 Why was King Midas overjoyed to see his daughter running towards him?
- 8 How had King Midas's feelings for his family changed by the end of the story?

Applied Knowledge

- 9 Why was having lots of gold so important to King Midas?
- 10 Why do you think this story has been told again and again for thousands of years?

Links with Other PM Guided Reading Books

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Level 22	Narrative	<i>Sophia's Big Wedding</i>
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Once upon a time, there was a wealthy king called Midas.
He lived with his wife and daughter in a grand palace.

All around the palace, there were beautiful gardens
with a clear stream flowing through them.



King Midas had all he could wish for,
and he loved his family
more than anything else in the world ...
except for gold.



Every morning, King Midas would go down the stairs that led to his great treasure room. There he would count his bars of gold and gaze at all his shining coins.





But as time went by, gold became much more important than his family to King Midas.

One day, when his daughter brought him marigolds from the garden, he just threw them away.

“These flowers are not made of gold,” he said.

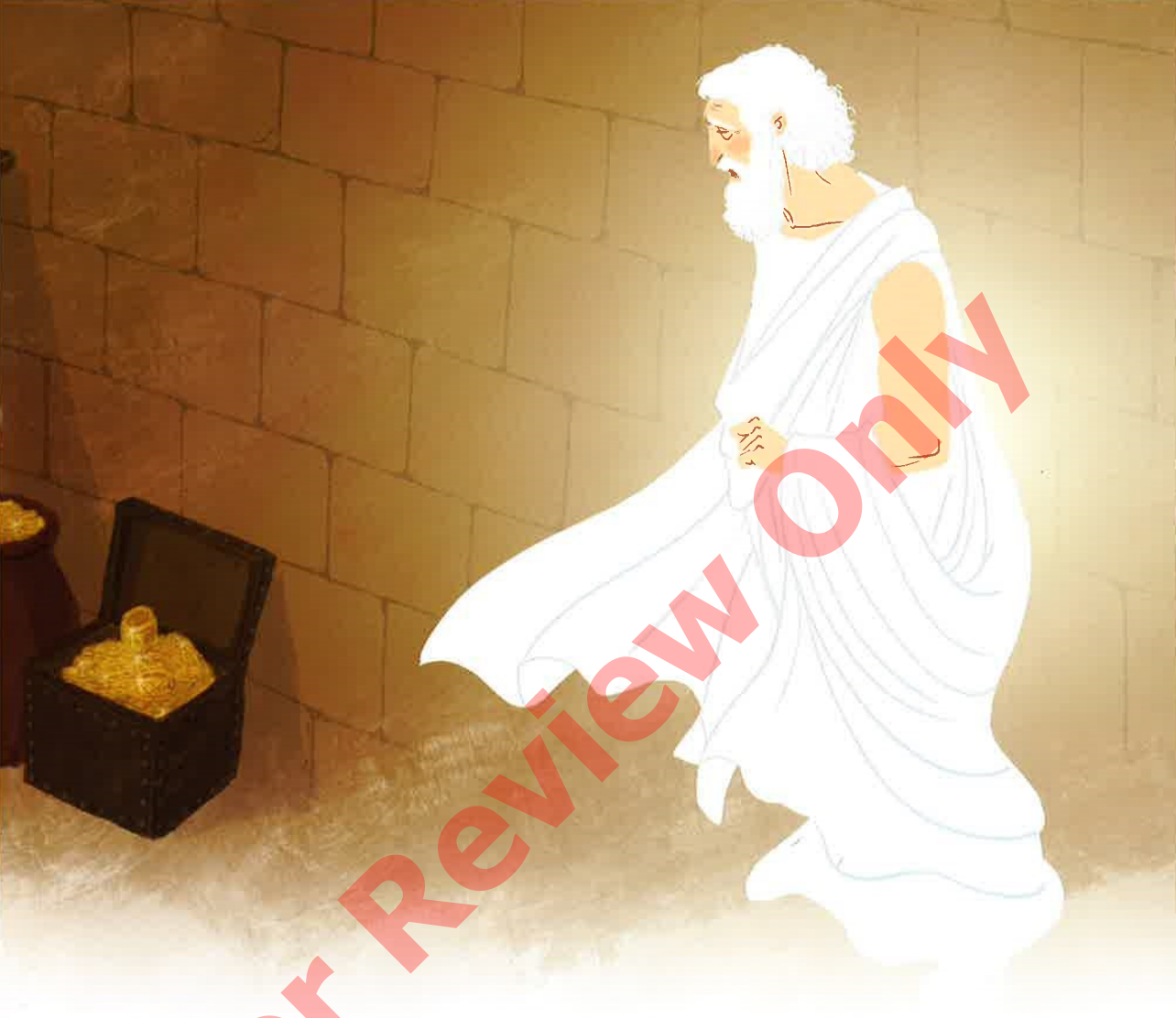
“Only real gold can make me happy.”



One morning, King Midas looked around his treasure room.

“I will *never* have all the gold that I want,”
he said to himself.

“How I wish that everything I touched would turn to gold.
Then I would be truly happy.”



Just as King Midas finished speaking,
a strange figure appeared.

“Your wish can come true, Midas,” he said,
“for I can give you the gift of the Golden Touch.
From now on, everything you touch will turn to gold.”