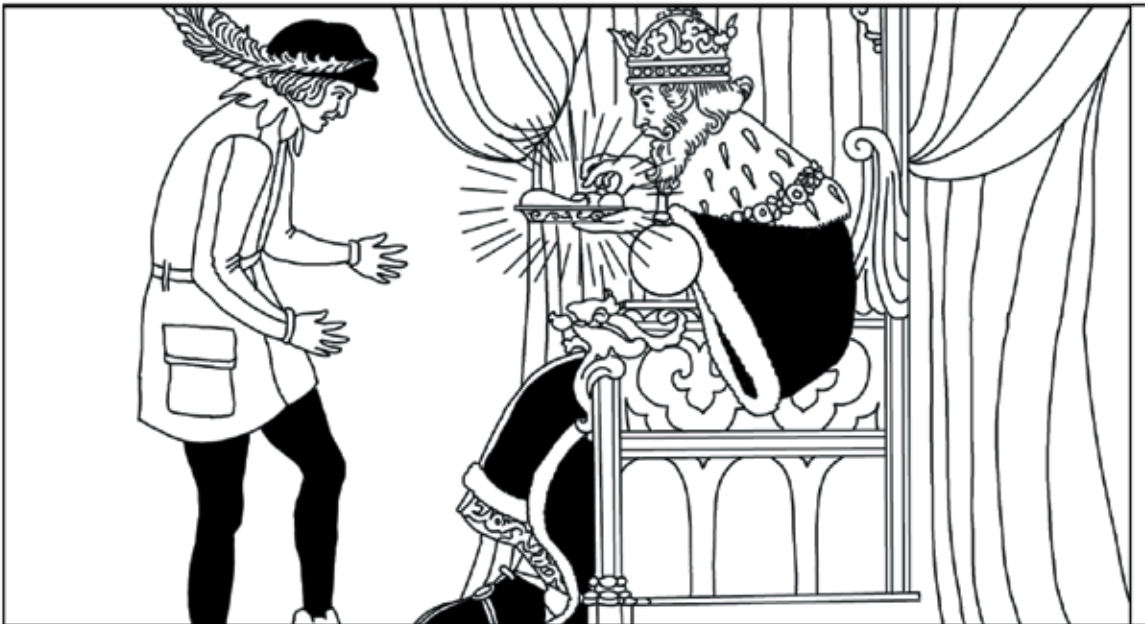


King Midas

(Greek Myth)

Tricky Words

palace	garden	parched	beautiful
servant	believe	plunged	starved
strayed			



King Midas loved roses. He planted a lot of rose gardens near his palace. He spent many hours there. Each spring he would wait for the first pink buds. One day he walked into the garden. A strange old man was sleeping near a rose bush. Midas woke him up.

"What is your name?" he asked the old man.

"Silenus," the old man answered.

Midas took him back to the palace. He was a guest there for ten days. Then Midas learned that Silenus had strayed from a train on which Bacchus rode. Bacchus was the god of the vine. He was a merry god. All the people liked him. So Midas took the old man back

Pygmalion

(Greek Myth)



Pygmalion was a fine sculptor. He lived on the island of Cyprus. Men came from near and far to see his splendid statues. But no women! Pygmalion did not like women. He was sure he would never marry. The girls in town tried to change him. They used many tricks to catch his eye. No luck! All he wished to do was work.

One day he got hold of a fine piece of ivory. What to do with it? After much thought he made up his mind. For the first time he would carve a statue of a woman. As he worked, he grew more and more excited. This would be his masterpiece!

Often he worked all through the night. Sometimes he even forgot to eat. At last the statue was finished. Pygmalion stood back and looked at it. He was thrilled! It looked almost as if it were alive. For a long time he could not bear to leave it. Then one day he walked to the shops in town. He bought clothes and jewels for his statue. Now it looked even more beautiful. I should give my statue a name, he thought. The name Galatea seemed just right.

As days passed Galatea seemed more and more real to Pygmalion. He talked to her. He told her of his dreams. Then one