The Midas Touch 1



Mr. Minos Midas runs an **electronics** shop / on the island of Crete / with his wife.// He loves to hear / his daughter <u>Ariadne</u> sing / as she stocks the shelves.//

One night, in a **fierce** storm,/ an old man **collapse**s outside his house.// Mr. Midas <u>rushes to</u> him,/ and brings him in.// The man is dried and fed,/ and he asks to stay with the Midas family / until his son can come to get him,/ for he is old and has lost his way.//

So the old man helps out in the garden,/ and tells old tales to little Miss Midas before bed.// Then, at twilight on the tenth day,/ as Mr. Midas is **drifting off** to sleep / while updating his social media,/ a golden circle **beams up** from the floor.// Mr. Midas is face to face with a Daemon:/ Dionysus, golden haired and fresh as the **dawn**,/ 15 ft. tall,/ **crown**ed with a living **laurel** of **vines** / that grow and shift.//

"You have treated my father well,/ and you shall be treated well in turn.//
I will grant you one wish."//

"I want the touch.../

I mean, the **golden** touch.../

to turn what I touch to gold."//

"Very well.// So it shall be."//

ミノス・ミダス氏は電気店を営んでいる / クレタ島で / 彼の妻と// 彼は聴くのが好きだ / 娘のアリアドネが歌うのを / 彼女が棚に筒鉛を並べながら//

ある複のこと、激しい覚の節、/ 一人の老犬が蒙の外で倒れる。// ミダス氏は 急いで駆けつけ、/ 彼を (蒙の) 節に入れる。// 彼 (の体) を乾かし、後事を与え、/ 老 人はミダス索に滞在させてくれるよう賴む、/ 慧子が迎えに来るまで / なぜなら彼は 年老いて鎧に速っていたからだ//

そこで、その老人は庭仕事を手伝い、/ 寝る前にミダス嬢(娘)に書い話をする。// そして、10百自の簧管時(岁暮れ時)に / ミダス氏が眠りに落ちようとしていると / ソーシャルメディアの更新をしながら / 深から黄釜の輪が突如出現する。// ミダス氏は無魔と対節する: / ディオニュソスという名で、釜色の髪で表明けのように生き生きとし / 身長15フィート(約4.5m)/ 被るは生きた月程樹の「蒄」/ 伸び動く鬢の//

「あなたは $\frac{1}{4}$ の $\frac{1}{2}$ によくしてくれた / 今度はあなたがよくされるべきだ//

一つ顔いを叶えてあげよう。」//

「ザ・タッチが欲しい(器用で塡むのない人になりたい)... /

つまり、黄釜のタッチだ(素晴らしい人間になることだ).../

なが触れたものを質益に変えてしまう(荷をしても人から認められる分だ)」//「よろしい。// それでは、そうしよう」

Vocabulary and Phrases

electronics	電気の
fierce	激しい
collapse	とうかい 倒壊する / 崩れ落ちる
drift off	寝落ちする
beam up	(SF 的な) 転送、出現
dawn	夜朝け

TIPS ギリシャ神話における Midas Hand(ミダスの手)Part I 電気店の店主ではなく、ギリシャ神話では<u>ミダス王</u>が登場します。触れたものすべてが 黄金に代わる力を授けられた王様は、果たしてどうなるのか。次回お楽しみに。

今回は、その物語を現代風にアレンジした内容となっています。(とはいえ、そのこと は電気店やソーシャルメディアくらいでしか今のところ分かりません!)

ちなみに、ミダス王はこの「黄金の手」以外でもギリシャ神話に登場しています。 かのち々な『**王様の日は口びの日**』の王様も、このミダス王なのです。

かの有名な『**王様の耳はロバの耳**』の王様も、このミダス王なのです。 <u>続く</u>

Mr. Minos Midas runs an shop on the island of Crete with his wife. He loves to hear his daughter Ariadne sing as she	Question 1: What does Mr Midas love about owning a shop?
One night, in a fierce storm, an old man outside his house. Mr. Midas rushes to him, and brings him in. The man is dried and fed, and he asks to stay with the Midas family until his son can come to get him, for he is old and has So the old man helps out in the garden, and tells old tales to little Miss	Question 2: To whom does the old man tell bedtime stories?
Midas before bed. Then, at on the tenth day, as Mr. Midas is drifting off to sleep while updating his social media, a golden circle up from the floor. Mr. Midas is face to face with a Daemon: Dionysus, golden haired	
and fresh as the dawn, 15 ft tall, crowned with a living laurel of vines that grow and shift. "You have my father well, and you shall be treated well in turn. I will you one wish."	Question 3: What does Mr Midas wish for?
"I want the I mean, the golden touch to turn what I touch to gold." " be."	
Summarize:	

*Background knowledge:

The tale of Midas is a Greek myth.

*Q&A Sample Answer

Q1: He loves to hear his daughter sing.

Q2: The old man tells stories to Ariadne, or Miss Midas.

Q3: Mr Midas wishes to turn all he touches into gold.

Summary:

(short)

Mr Midas takes in a stranger, and is rewarded by Dionysius with the gift of turning all that he touches into gold.

(50-80 words)

Mr Midas runs a small business, and loves that his daughter helps. After helping a lost old man for ten days, Mr Midas is visited by Dionysus, and offered a gift. He asks for the golden touch, or the ability to turn all he touches into gold. The wish is granted.