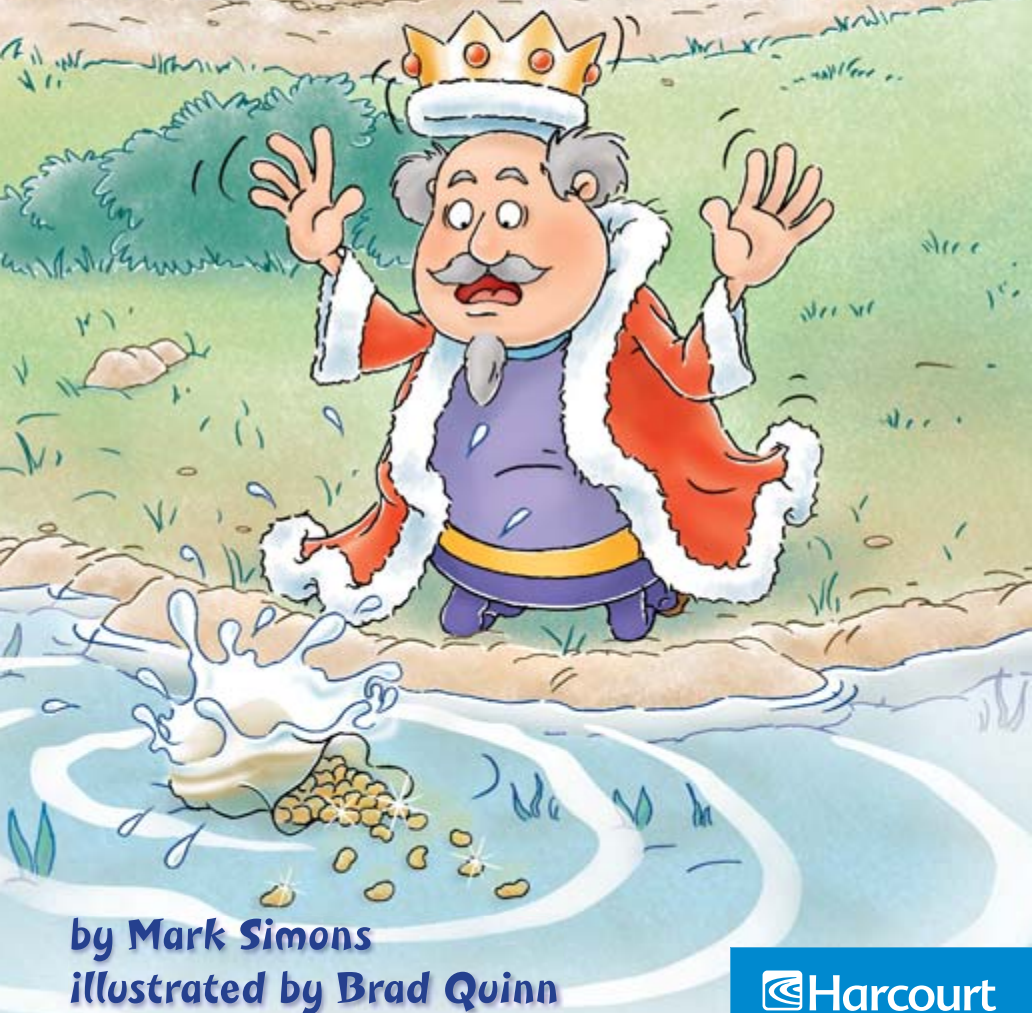




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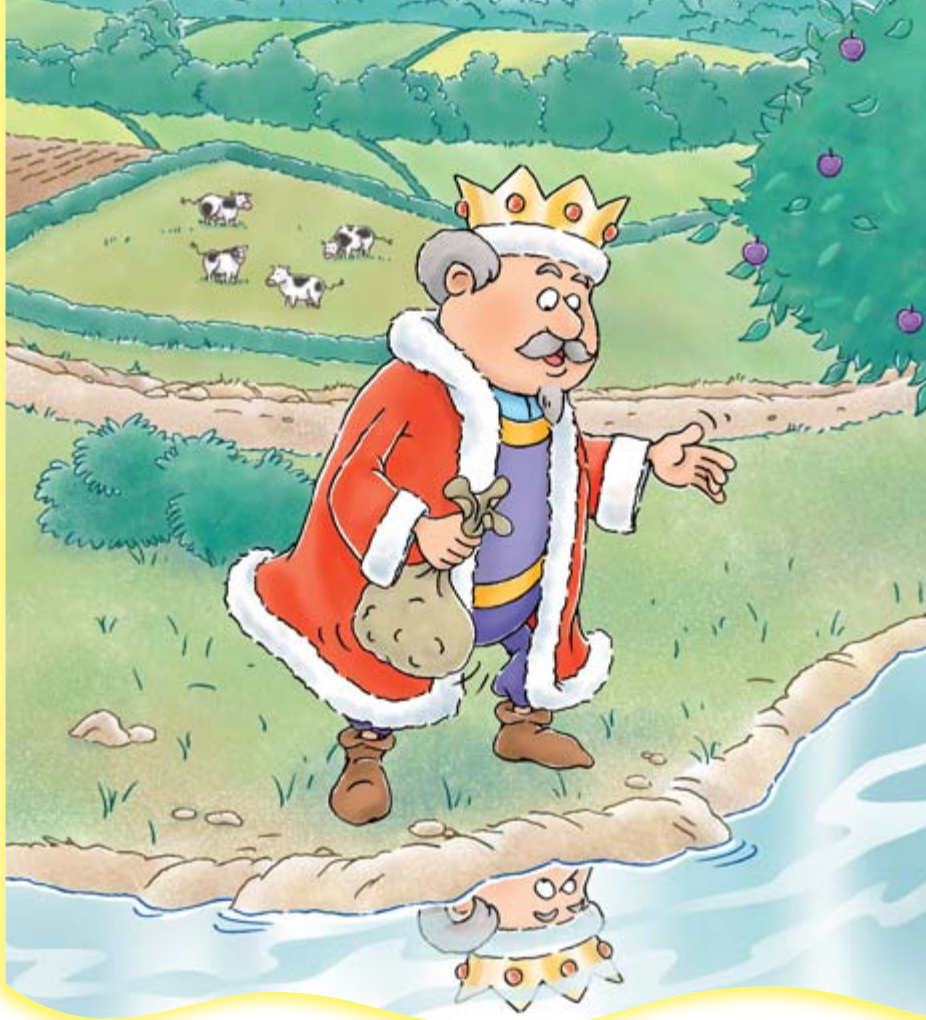
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▶ A king had a bag of gold. It made him happy.

“I’ll rush home with my gold,” said the king.



He came to some water. The king looked in the water.



▶ He saw a water king.
He had a very big
bag of gold.
“I wish I could have
that gold,” he said.



- ▶ The king saw a plum.
“I’ll give you a plum
for your gold,” he said.
The water king did
not give him the gold.



🔊 “Give me that gold!”
said the king.
He went for the bag
of gold.



- ▶ The king's gold fell in the water.
The water king's gold was lost, too.



▶ The king was not happy. Now it was night, and he had no gold. The king went home.

Think Critically

- 1. What made the king happy at the beginning of the story?
- 2. What happened at the end of the story?
- 3. What words would you use to tell about the king?
- 4. How were the king and the water king alike? How were they different?
- 5. Would you change the end of the story? How?



Social Studies

Write Sentences In the story, the king wanted more gold. Write three sentences about why you think some people long ago wanted to have gold?



School-Home Connection Talk about the story with a family member. Then talk about how you would have acted if you were the king.