

The Dreams of a Poor Man

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There once was a man who was poor. He earned a living through trade. People called him a man who liked to eat a lot. One day, while he was walking, he felt tired, so he put down what he was carrying to take a short rest. As he fell asleep, he began to dream.

In his dream, he returned to his life. He worked without taking time off to rest or to eat. Sometime later, he approached a young man, and the young man said, "I see that you are very unhappy. Therefore, you may ask me to do something for you." The man answered him without thinking and said, "My lord, I would like to ask you to make everything I touch turn into gold."

The young man answered him, "I thought you were going to ask me for something more interesting, but this is what you ask me? But since it is what you want, I will give it to you."

After saying this, the young man disappeared. The poor man wanted to see if what the young man had just told him was true, so he

touched his heavy load and it turned into gold. When he saw the gold, he was pleased with his wish and started to turn all the things he carried into gold. He felt very happy and thought to himself that now he could eat whatever he wanted. He would be able to drink a lot of beer and never have to drink water again.

After a while, he continued on his journey and took out the sweet potatoes he had brought to eat. However, when he touched them, they turned to gold. When he went to drink water, he saw that it also became gold. The man didn't know what to do. He told himself, "How can a man live by eating stones?"

After a long time without eating, he was going to die of hunger and said, "I wish I could change my fate. I wish I could return to my poverty." After that thought, he became poor like he formerly was. And he said to himself, "I will not wish for what I don't have. I will like what I have."

Don't want what isn't yours.